LESSONS & LEGACIES VIII

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST:
"FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION"

BROWN UNIVERSITY,
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The Office of the President
and the Department of Judaic Studies
Thursday, November 4:
Roundtable A. Testimony
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Marriott Room TBA

Omer Bartov, Welcoming Remarks

*Moderator:* Robert Melson (Purdue University)

Christopher Browning (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Joan Ringelheim (US Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Rebecca Wittmann (University of Toronto)
Dori Laub (Yale University)
Naama Shik-Eytan (Tel Aviv University)

Opening Reception and Dinner
Given by the John Mills Family

Reception 6:15 P.M to 7:00 P.M at the Marriott Hotel in Honor of the Retirees

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Zev Weiss, Welcoming Remarks

*Introduction:* Dagmar Herzog

Ruth Kluger, Keynote Address
Friday, Nov 5:

Breakfast
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM  Marriott Hotel

Panel 1. Nazism as Political Religion
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM  Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)
 "From the Cross to the Swastika"
Christina von Braun (Humboldt University)
 “Theorizing Religion and Politics, and the Idea of Political Religion”
Stanley Kent Stowers (Brown University)
 “Politics As Religion / Religion As Politics: Assessing The Nazi-German Protestant Nexus”
Robert P. Erickson (Pacific Lutheran University)

Panel 2. Generational Aesthetics: The Legacy of the Holocaust for Postwar Art and Architecture
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM  Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: James Young (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
 “Perpetrators and Bystanders: The Generational Question in West German Art of the 1960s”
Paul B. Jaskot (DePaul University)
 “Between Modern and Postmodern: ‘Jewish Architecture’ and the Memory of the Holocaust”
Gavriel Rosenfeld (Fairfield University)
 “From the Sublime to the Scotoma”
Matthew Girson (DePaul University)

Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Panel 3. Evolving Explanations of Nazi Anti-Jewish and Annihilation Policies: A Retrospective Assessment of Changes over Time
11:00 AM - 12:50 PM  Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Sarah Harasym (Duquesne University)
 "Holocaust Research and Generational Change: The Impact of New Regional and Local Studies Since the End of the Cold War”
Martin Dean (US Holocaust Memorial Museum)
 "The Jewish War against Germany”
Berel Lang (Trinity College)
 "Monsters, Functionaries or Ideologues? Reappraising the Historiography of the Perpetrator”
Mark Roseman (Indiana University)
Commentator: Michael R. Marrus (University of Toronto)

Panel 4. Moving from Memory to Postmemory in the Literature of the Holocaust
11:00 AM - 12:50 PM  Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Henry Greenspan (University of Michigan)
 "Gender and Generations: Rereading Women’s Holocaust Memoirs”
Elizabeth R. Baer (Gustavus Adolphus College)
 “And Thou Shalt Tell Thy Child Naught in This Day: A Psychoanalytic Analysis of Post-Holocaust Father-Son Relations in Four Novels by Elie Wiesel”
Simon Sibelman (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh)
 "Vicarious Witnesses? On Second Generation and Secondary Witnessing”
Pascale Bos (University of Texas, Austin)
 "Postmemorial Lexica and Atlases: Bibliographies of the Missing in Patrick Modiano’s Dora Bruder and Katja Behrens Arthur Mayer or The Silence”
Erin McGlothlin (Washington University, St. Louis)
 "Christ Says Kaddish: The Role of Jews in the Holocaust Fiction of Jorge Semprun”
Elizabeth Scheiber (Rider University)

Transport to Brown 1:00 P.M.

Lunch
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM  room TBA
Workshops: Session I
2:30 PM - 4 PM rooms TBA

1. Non-Jewish Victims of the Third Reich
   Facilitators: Doris Bergen (Notre Dame University)
                 Jolene Chu (Watch Tower Public Affairs Department)

2. Ravensbrück: A Model for Teaching about Women and Gender
   Facilitator: Rochelle Saidel (Remember the Women Institute, New York, and University of Sao Paulo)

3. Literary Representation of the Holocaust: Teaching Ida Fink’s Stories
   Facilitators: Myrna Goldenberg (Montgomery College)
                 Beth Greenbaum (Seaholm and Groves High Schools)

4. Learning to Love Subtitles: Screening Foreign Films for Students
   Facilitator: Froma Zeitlin (Princeton University)

5. Holocaust or Genocide? Considering Alternative Approaches
   Facilitators: Susannah Heschel (Dartmouth College)
                 Ben Valentino (Dartmouth College)

Panel 5. Retrospective on Raul Hilberg
4:15 PM - 6:15 PM room TBA

Moderator: Jacques Kornberg (University of Toronto)
“Spanning a Career: Three Editions of The Destruction of the European Jews”
Christopher Browning (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
“Raul Hilberg - Holocaust Ethicist”
John Roth (Claremont-McKenna College)
“The Jewish Councils in German-Occupied Poland: Sixty Years Later”
Sarah Bender (Haifa University)

Panel 6. The Afterlife of Holocaust Photographs
4:15 PM - 6:15 PM room TBA

Moderator: Lynn Rapaport (Pomona College)
“Lodz Ghetto Photography - Representation and Self-Representation of Holocaust Victims”
Thomas Weber (University of Glasgow)
“The Way of Pictures: Continuities and Transformations in Photographic Memories of Nazi Crimes”
Cornelia Brink (Freiburg University)
“Whose Image Is It? Uses and Abuses of Documentary Photographs in Contemporary Holocaust Art”
Stephen Feinstein (University of Minnesota)
“Reframing the Look: Contemporary Photographers Confront Holocaust Images”
Marianne Hirsch (Columbia University) and Leo Spitzer (Columbia University)

4:15 PM - 6:15 PM room TBA

Moderator and commentator: István Déák (Columbia University)
“Violence at the End of the Great War: An Unacknowledged Laboratory for World War II”
Annette Becker (Paris-X, Nanterre)
“Jews in 1944 France: The Impact of Antisemitism when Violence Peaks”
Renée Poznanski (Ben Gurion University)
“Foreseeable Massacre? The German Population and Concentration Camp Inmates, April 1945”
Daniel Blatman (Hebrew University)

President’s Reception and Dinner
Introduction: Omer Bartov
President Ruth Simmons, Welcoming Remarks
6:45 PM Sayles Hall
Honoring the Retirees
8:30 PM Sayles Hall

Transport to Marriott
9:00 PM
Social evening with the Cari Peno Jazztet at the Marriott
Panel 10. From History to Memory: Jewish Wartime Testimony
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM room TBA

Moderator: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)
"Rescuing Memory, Constructing History: The Central Jewish Historical Commission in Poland, 1944-1947"
Natalia Aleksiun (New York University)
"They Are Worse than the Germans: Testimony from the People’s Court of the Central Committee of Polish Jews, 1946-1949"
Gabriel N. Finder (University of Virginia)
"Encounters with the Unrepresentable in Holocaust Diaries"
Alexandra Garbarini (Williams College)
"History and Catastrophe: The Wartime Writings of Emanuel Ringelblum"
Samuel Kassow (Trinity College)

Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 11 AM Watson Institute lobby

Panel 11. Revenge, Justice and Identity, Zionism and Everyday Life: Jewish Survivors in Occupied Germany
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM room TBA

Moderator: Rebecca Boehling (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
"German-Jewish Émigrés in the Occupation Years: Reckoning and Identity in Postwar Germany"
Steve Remy (Brooklyn College)
"DPs and Returnees in Postwar West Germany: Between Frankfurt and Tel Aviv"
Cilly Kugelmann (Jewish Museum in Berlin)
"Refugees in Post-War Relief Policies and Human Rights Debate"
Daniel Cohen (Rice University)

Commentator: Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)
Panel 12. Interethnic Relations and the Holocaust
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM room TBA

Moderator: Wendy Lower (Towson University in Maryland)
“The Holocaust from Below: Buczacz as Interethnic Community”
Omer Bartov (Brown University)
“Inventories: How Progressive Soviet Nationality Policies Abetted the Nazi ‘Final Solution’ in Right Bank Ukraine”
Kathryn Brown (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
“Between Hungary and Romania: The Diplomacy ofRevision and the Jews of Cluj-Kolozsvár, 1940-1944”
Holly Case (Cornell University)

Panel 13. Changing Interpretations of Austria’s National Socialist Past
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM room TBA

Moderator: Evan Bukey (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)
“The Transformation in Austrian Confrontation with the Nazi Past: Public Discourse and Cultural Memory”
Heidemarie Uhl (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna)
“A Second Postwar Generation: When and How to Distinguish It”
J. Robert Weis (University of Notre Dame)
“Gender, History, and National Socialism: Discourses on Identity in Austria”
Johanna Gehmacher (Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Vienna)

Commentator: Oliver Rathkolb (University of Vienna)

Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM room TBA

Workshops: Session II
2:30 PM - 4 PM rooms TBA

1. Screened Memories: Using the Feature Film in Holocaust Courses
   Facilitators: David Brenner (Kent State University)
               Tony & Lynn Frederick (The University of Reading)

2. The Holocaust through the Gaze of its Perpetrators
   Facilitators: Susan Crane (University of Arizona)
               Gregory Weeks (The International University in Vienna, Austria)

3. Jewish Writing, Film, and Identity in Hungary Before and After the Holocaust
   Facilitators: Susan Rubin Suleiman (Harvard University)
               Ivan Sanders (Columbia University)

4. Theory and the Holocaust: Pedagogical Issues
   Facilitators: Neil Levi (University of Sydney/Drew University)
               Michael Rothenberg (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
               Gary Weissman (East Carolina University)

Roundtable B: Holocaust History and Legal Memory
4:15 PM - 6:15 PM room TBA

Moderator: Doris Bergen (University of Notre Dame)
Nicolas Werth (Institut du Temps Présent, Paris)
Lawrence Douglas (Amherst College)
Michael J. Bazyler (Whittier Law School)
Michael Marrus (University of Toronto)

Brown University
Welcoming Remarks: Provost Robert Zimmer
6:30 PM Sayles Hall

Introduction: Carolyn Dean
Geoffrey Hartman, Keynote Address
8:30 PM Salomon Center

Transport to Marriott
10:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 7:

Breakfast
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM Marriott Hotel

Panel 14. Scandinavia during the Holocaust
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Leo Goldberger (New York University)

"Myth Versus Reality: Revealing the History of the Norwegian Holocaust"
Berit Reisel (Norwegian Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Religious Minorities)

"The Mixed Legacy of the Holocaust in Sweden Today"
Pål Levine (Uppsala University)

"In the Shadow of a Legend: The Legacy of the Holocaust in Denmark from October 1943 to the Present"
Therkel Straede (University of Southern Denmark, Odense)

Panel 15. Old Debates and New Sources: Nazi Ideology and Jewish Policy before the Final Solution
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Jeffrey Diefendorf (University of New Hampshire)

"The Third Reich Launches its Jewish Policy: 1933 Reconsidered"
Karl Schleunes (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

"The Jewish Question' in Popular Racial Science, as Illustrated in the Periodical Neues Volk"
Claudia Koonz (Duke University)

"Jewish Farmers in Nazi Germany: Zionist Occupational Retraining and Nazi Jewish Policy in the 1930s"
Francis R. Nicosia (Saint Michael's College)

"Pre-Stages of the Holocaust: The Interrelation between National and Local Policies Against Jews in Germany, 1933-1941"
Wolf Gruner (Berlin)

Panel 16. The Wehrmacht: Wartime Reality and Postwar Mythology
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Donald M. McKale (Clemson University)

"A Perfect Marriage of Convenience: The Ordnungspolizei and the Wehrmacht"
Edward Westermann (School of Advanced Air and Space Studies)

"Wehrmacht and Holocaust in the Ukraine, Summer 1941"
Bernd Boll (Hamburg)

"The Mist of Memory: the German Generals and their Recollections"
Geoffrey Magargee (US Holocaust Memorial Museum)

"The Myth of the 'Clean' Wehrmacht in Cold War America."
Ronald Smelser (University of Utah)

Commentator: Geoffrey Giles (University of Florida, Gainesville)

Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 11 AM

Roundtable C. The Holocaust, Antisemitism, Radicalism, and Violence in Europe and the Middle East
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marriott Room TBA

Moderator: Suzanne Brown-Fleming (US Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Vicki Caron (Cornell University)
Jeffrey Herf (University of Maryland, College park)
Genevieve Zubrzycki (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Matthias Künzelt (Hamburg)
Dina Porath (Tel Aviv University)

Lunch and Closing Remarks
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Marriott Room TBA