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Reexamining Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders

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The Holocaust Educational Foundation

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Thursday, October 30, 2008

4:00-5:45 PM
Welcome from the Holocaust Educational Foundation and Northwestern University
Provost Dan Linzer, Northwestern University
Earl Abramson, Holocaust Educational Foundation

Opening Roundtable:
Why We Do What We Do: Child Survivors and the Study of the Holocaust
Chair: Déborah Dwork, Clark University

Panelists:
Robert Krell, University of British Columbia
Dori Laub, Yale University
Robert Melson, Purdue University
Theodore Zev Weiss, Holocaust Educational Foundation

6:45 PM, Dinner
Welcome: Theodore Zev Weiss

8:00 PM, Keynote Address
Chair: Alan E. Steinweis, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Speaker: Nechama Tec, University of Connecticut,
Resistance in Comparative Perspective

Friday, October 31, 2008

7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30-10:30 AM Panels

Panel 1
The Holocaust in Southern and Southeastern Europe
Chair: Beth Griech-Polelle, Bowling Green State University

The Italian Case, Franklin Hugh Adler, Macalester College

Police Force under Occupation: Serbian State Guard and Volunteer Corps in the Holocaust, Ana Antić, Columbia University
Intertwined Genocides: Local Dynamics of the Holocaust in Croatia and Bosnia, 1941/42, Alexander Korb, Humboldt-Universität Berlin

Defending the Nation: Anti-Islamic and Antisemitic Legislation and Bulgaria’s Holocaust, James Frusetta, College of William and Mary

Panel 2
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Camp Life: Work and Culture
Chair: Geoffrey Giles, University of Florida

A Prelude to Deportation: The Jewish Work Camps of the Occupied Netherlands, Jennifer L. Foray, Purdue University

Beyond Silence: Reading Camp Poetry in German Studies, Sandra Alfors, Dickinson College

“When I Go Back Home Again”: Romani Song, Historical Experience, and the Labors of Commemoration in the Czech Republic, Krista Hegburg, Rutgers University

A “Decent Guy”: Writing a Play about the Sachsenhausen SS, Joan L. Piorkowski, University of St. Thomas

Panel 3
The Legacy of the Holocaust in the Federal Republic of Germany
Chair: Wolf Gruner, University of Southern California

Testimony as Rehabilitation: Hans Globke at Nuremberg, 1945-1948, Daniel E. Rogers, University of South Alabama

Auditioning for Post-War: Walter Schellenberg, the Allies, and Attempts to Fashion a Usable Past, Katrin Paehler, Illinois State University

Sending Ex-Nazis to the Apartheid State: West German Ambassadors in South Africa, Susanna Schrafstetter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Dangerous Criminals” or Decent People: Terrorists and Nazis in the Media in 1970s West Germany, Rebecca Wittmann, University of Toronto

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:45 Panels

Panel 4
Victimhood, Identity, Practice: New Studies of Jewish Survivors, Germans, and Allied Officials in Occupied Germany
Chair: Francis R. Nicosia, University of Vermont

Political Upheaval and Shifting Identities: Holocaust Survivors in the Soviet Occupied Zone, Cora Granata, California State University, Fullerton


On the Wrong Side? Blaming Jewish Women for Collaboration, Beate Meyer, Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg
Comment: Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union

Panel 5
The Nature of Evil
Chair: Kevin Spicer, Stonehill College and University of Notre Dame

Auschwitz’s Grey Zones and Diabolical Evil, Claudia Card, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Where Have All the Perpetrators Gone? Evil Acts and Ordinary Men, Lissa Skitolsky, Luther College

The Problem of Evil and the Question of Guilt: Leibniz, Jaspers, and the Collapse of the Enlightenment, Peter Böhm, Canisius College
Panel 6
Murder of the Disabled: Origins of Nazi Genocide, Victims, and Consequences
Chair: Alan Beychok, Ohio State University

Human Heredity and Eugenics during the Third Reich: A Theoretical Discussion, Sheila Faith Weiss, Clarkson University

Putting a Face to Faceless Victims: Profiles of Nazi “Euthanasia” Victims from Kaufbeuren, Patricia Heberer, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Unlearning Eugenics: Disability Rights in Switzerland and Germany, Dagmar Herzog, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Comment: Henry Friedlander, Brooklyn College

1:00-2:00, Lunch

2:00-3:30 PM, Workshops

Workshop 1
Holocaust Theatre
Alvin Goldfarb, Western Illinois University
Charlene Gould, Avila University
Jeffrey Myers, Avila University

Workshop 2
The Churches: Wartime Responses and Postwar Controversies
On the Catholic Church, Richard Crane, Greensboro College
On the Protestant Churches, Matthew Hockenos, Skidmore College and Christopher Probst, Royal Holloway, University of London

Workshop 3
Mapping Holocaust Geographies: The Employment of Experiences
Tim Cole, University of Bristol
Alberto Giordano, Texas State University, San Marcos
Anne Knowles, Middlebury College

Workshop 4
Holocaust Source Editions: Two Approaches
Susanne Heim, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Berlin
Jurgen Matthäus, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM

Workshop 5
Teaching Classic Works in Holocaust Studies
Jonathan Druker, Illinois State University, on Primo Levi, The Drowned and the Saved
Balisheva Ben-Amos, University of Pennsylvania, on Saul Friedländer, Nazi Germany and the Jews
Sander Lee, Keene State College, on Hannah Arendt, Eichmann in Jerusalem
Mark Mengerink, Lamar University, on Alexander Donat, Holocaust Kingdom

Workshop 6
Integrating Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Donald Bloxham, University of Edinburgh
Anton Weiss-Wendt, Center for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities, Oslo

3:30-3:45 PM, Coffee Break

3:45-5:45 PM, Plenary Session
Hitler’s Role in the Holocaust Reassessed
Chair: Carole Fink, Ohio State University
Speaker: Gerhard L. Weinberg, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Responses: Wendy Lower, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Richard Breitman, American University
Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland

6:00 PM, Reception

7:00 PM, Dinner
Chair: Zez Weiss
Remarks: President Henry Bienen, Northwestern University
Presentation of Awards
Saturday, November 1, 2008

7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30-10:30 AM Panels

Panel 7
Female Identities, Motherhood, and Sexual Violence  
Chair: Therkel Straede, University of Southern Denmark at Odense

Born in the Mauthausen Concentration Camp: The Narratives of a Mother and Her Daughter, Helga Amesberger, Institut für Konfliktforschung, Vienna

"Here Mothers are No Longer Mothers to their Children": Mother-Daughter Relations in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Na'ama Shik, Yad Vashem and Tel Aviv University

Only Pretty Women Were Raped: The Role of Rape and Fear of Rape in Reinforcing Women's Gender Identities in Concentration Camps, Monika Flaschka, Kent State University

"We were brought up that certain things you don't talk about": The Rape of Jewish Women during the Holocaust, Helene Sinnreich, Youngstown State University

Panel 8
Nazi Perpetrators before Postwar German Courts  
Chair: Michael Marrus, University of Toronto

The Punishment of Crimes against Jews in West Germany, 1945-1950, Edith Raim, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich

"The Use of Legal Forms for Illegal Killing": Denouncers as Perpetrators in Postwar German Nazi Trials, 1945-1950, Devin O. Pendas, Boston College

Beliefs and Convictions: Nazi Perpetrators in West German Courts, Mark Roseman, Indiana University

Panel 9
Inside the Minds of Victims, Survivors, and Perpetrators: Psychological and Literary Approaches  
Chair: Michael R. Steele, Pacific University

Innocent Monsters: The Kindertransport, Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University

False Witness: Controversial Holocaust Literature, Eric J. Sundquist, University of California, Los Angeles

Representing the Mind of the Perpetrator in Recent Holocaust Literature, Erin McGlothlin, Washington University in St. Louis

Psychoanalytical Responses to the Holocaust? New Directions and Old Omissions, Tomasz Łysak, Warsaw University

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:45 Panels

Panel 10
Communication in and about the Ghettos  
Chair: Lynn Rapaport, Pomona College

Sex and Soccer in a Nazi Ghetto: Young Czech Men as a Dominant Social Elite in Terezín, Anna Hájková, University of Toronto

Knowledge about Annihilation in the Łódź Ghetto, Andrea Löw, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Berlin

Sealed Off from the Outside World: How the Polish Police Acted as Perpetrators and Enablers of Communication in the Ghettos, Sylwia Szymańska-Smolkin, University of Toronto

Betrayers or Defenders of the Jews? The Cinematic Politics of Portraying Jews Who Worked with the Nazis, Lawrence Baron, San Diego State University
Panel 11
Understanding Perpetrators’ Behavior and Motives
Chair: Ronald Smelser, University of Utah

Perpetrator Motives: The Case of Arthur Greiser, Catherine Epstein, Amherst College

The Blockführer of Sachsenhausen, Andrea Riedle, Freie Universität Berlin

Male Bonding and the Holocaust, Thomas Kühne, Clark University

Exceptional or Banal? Constructing and Deconstructing Perpetrator “Behavior Types” in the Nuremberg Courtroom, Hilary Earl, Nipissing University

Panel 12
The Holocaust, Genocide, and their Aftermaths
Chair: Myrna Goldenberg, Montgomery College

Comparing Papal Responses to Genocides and Atrocities: Pius XII and his Predecessors, Pius XI and Benedict XV, Jacques Kornberg, University of Toronto

From Nuremberg to Kigali: The Growing Centrality of Victim/Survivor Testimony in Post-Genocide Trials, Valerie Hébert, York University

Left Behind: Rape Babies, Carol Rittner, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

“Every Woman Will Deliver Red”: The Rape Crisis in Darfur, Elizabeth Baer, Gustavus Adolphus College

1:00-2:00, Lunch

2:00-3:30 PM, Workshops

Workshop 1
The Artist, the Holocaust, and the Student
Co-Sponsors, Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art
Jeffry Diefendorf, University of New Hampshire
Matthew Girson, DePaul University
Paul Jaskot, DePaul University
Carol Salus, Kent State University

Workshop 2
Survivor Testimony/Memory
Brigitte Halbmayer, Institut für Konfliktforschung, Vienna
Rachel Iskov, Clark University
Uta Larkey, Goucher College
Michael Meng, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Workshop 3
Author Meets Critic, Nazi Crimes and Criminals
Chair: Donald Schilling, Denison University


Tales from Spandau: Nazi Criminals and the Cold War (Cambridge University Press, 2007). Norman Goda, Ohio University

Workshop 4
Concentration Camps in Nazi Germany, 1933-1939
Christian Goeschel, Birkbeck College, University of London
Nicholas Wachsmann, Birkbeck College, University of London
Workshop 5
The International Tracing Service Documents and Holocaust Scholarship in the 21st Century
Susanne Brown-Fleming, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM
Eric Steinhardt, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Joseph White, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM
Lisa Yavnav, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM

Workshop 6
Teaching a Course on Women and the Holocaust
Sarah Cushman, Clark University
Helen Frink, Keene State College
Susan Herman, University of Alaska

3:30-3:45 PM, Coffee Break

3:45-5:45 PM Panels

Panel 13
Radical Rethinking about Survivor Testimony: Toward a New Empiricism in Engaging Survivors' Accounts
Chair: Jaye A. Houston, Claremont Graduate University

Testimony's Backstage: How Some Survivors' Stories Become Iconic, Henry Greenspan, University of Michigan

Wartime Stories of Survival: Notes on Reading Memoirs of Survivors, Joanna B. Michlic, Lehigh University

My Elie Wiesel Problem-and Ours, Gary Weissman, University of Cincinnati

The Primacy of Dialogue: New "Listening Ears," Sidney Bolkosky, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Panel 14
The Scholarly Legacy of Richard Rubenstein
Chair: Carole J. Lambert, Azusa Pacific University
Speakers: Glenn Sharpman, Manchester College
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
John Roth, Claremont McKenna College
Response: Richard Rubenstein, University of Bridgeport

Panel 15
The United States and the Holocaust
Chair: Philipp Gassert, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

Witnessing the Third Reich: Americans inside Hitler's Germany, Edward B. Westermann, U.S. Air Force Academy

Debates on Nazism: Lessons for American Foreign Policy, Michaela Hoenicke Moore, University of Iowa

America and the Holocaust: What's Wrong with this Picture? Reflections on Ken Burns, Jean Edward Smith, and Saul Friedländer, with the Posthumous Participation of Peter Bergson, Pierre Sauvage, Varian Fry Institute

Shoah-Remembrance and Restitution, Jan Surmann, University of Hamburg

6:30 PM, Dinner

8:00 PM, Keynote Address

Chair: Doris L. Bergen, University of Toronto

Christopher R. Browning, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
A Tale of Two Cities: Cracow and New York

Sunday, November 2, 2008

7:00-8:15 AM Breakfast

8:15-10:15 AM, Panels

Panel 16
Kristallnacht and Issues of Emigration/Immigration in 1938-1939
Chair: Gregory Weeks: Webster University, Vienna

The Zbaszyn Deportation and Internment: Forgotten Victims of Nazi Brutality, Bonnie M. Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara
Protests and Petitions: American and Canadian Protestant Responses to the Kristallnacht Pogrom, Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose University College

The St. Louis, Other Ships, Wagner-Rogers, and the Threat of War, C. Paul Vincent, Keene State College

“Hard-boiled or Brokenhearted”: American Consuls and Jewish Visa Applicants in Vienna, 1938-1941, Melissa Jane Taylor, U.S. Department of State

Panel 17
Transatlantic Antisemitism on the Eve of the Holocaust
Chair: Nathan Stoltzfus, Florida State University

Segregating Beyond Death: Antisemitism, Corpses, and the Training of Medical Doctors in Poland in the 1930s, Natalia Aleksiun, Touro College

The Talmud and Talmudism as a Central Target of Antisemitic “Enlightenment,” Horst Junginger, University of Tübingen

The 1941 American-Jewish Debate over Antisemitism, Joseph W. Bendersky, Virginia Commonwealth University

Commentator: Richard S. Levy, University of Illinois at Chicago

Panel 18
Early Sources of Interpretation
Chair: Gavriel Rosenfeld, Fairfield University

Jewish Mystical Religious Thought through the Holocaust, Gerson Greenberg, American University

War Crimes Investigators at Mauthausen: Perceptions of Nazi Criminality in the Wake of the Liberation, Tomaz Jardim, University of Toronto

DP City: The Space and Place of Displaced Persons, Anna Holian, Arizona State University

The Emergence and Disappearance of Early Holocaust Historiography, Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee Academic College

10:15-12:15 Closing Roundtable

Current Trends and Future Directions in Holocaust Studies
Chair: Benjamin Frommer, Northwestern University
Panelists:
Alexandra Garbarini, Williams College
Renée Poznanski, Ben-Gurion University of Negev
Michael Geyer, University of Chicago
Sara Horowitz, York University
David Cesarani, Royal Holloway, University of London