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Back to the Sources:

Reexamining Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders

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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: Deborah 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-Poelle, 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. Pionkowski, 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*

Remaking the Self after the Holocaust: Germans of Jewish Ancestry and the Practices of Granting Victim-of-Fascism Status in Berlin, 1945-48, *Thomas Pegelow Kaplan, Davidson College*

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 Beyerchen, 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

Atvin 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

Jürgen 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

Batsheva 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: Zev 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 Lysak, 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*

Lów, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Berlin

Sealed Off from the Outside World: How the Polish Police

Acted as Perpetrators and Enablers of Communication in the

Ghettos, *Sylvia Szymańska-Smolkin, University of Toronto*

Betrayers or Defenders of the Jews? The Cinematic Politics of

Portraying Jews Who Worked with the Nazis, *Laurence 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 Jeffrey Diefendorf, University of New Hampshire Matthew Girson, DePaul University Paul Jaskot, DePaul University Carol Sahus, Kent State University*

Workshop 2

Survivor Testimony/Memory
Brigitte Halbmayr, 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

The Crime of My Very Existence: Nazism and the Myth of Jewish Criminality (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007). *Michael Berkowitz, University College London*

Robbing the Jews: The Confiscation of Jewish Property in the Holocaust, 1933-1945 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2008). *Martin Dean, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM*

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
Suzanne Brown-Fleming, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM

Eric Steinhart, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Joseph White, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM
Lisa Yarnai, 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 Sharfman, 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 Aleksium, 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, *Gershon 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 Hobian, 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