

Scaling up, scaling down: Exploring new venues into the history of hiding

All across the map of Nazi-occupied Europe, Jews and other civilians went into hiding to avoid persecution, capture or deportation. Yet despite the European wide dimension, the scholarship mostly concerns the micro-level, focusing on strategies of survival in which Jews engaged, their experiences during their time in hiding, and their often complicated relations with their 'rescuers'. The benefits of this micro-perspective are evident, yet at the same time it remains often unaddressed if and how these microstudies relate to the 'macro-context' of national and European histories of the Holocaust. The panel aims to explore new venues into the study of hiding. It brings together scholars conducting cutting-edge research in this sub-field of Holocaust studies. Each using a different scale, the three panelists seek to connect small-scale research to broader contexts, both in time and space. Dienke Hondius presents the first results of her comparative research project on mapping hiding stories in Europe, including parts of Poland, France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Greece and the Netherlands. Concentrating on Jewish hiding in Greece, Iason Chandrinou provides an overview of Jewish hiding through mapping hiding places in a national context. Geraldien von Frijtag focuses on individual stories of hiding and relations of the actors that span over a wide range of time.