Beyond camps and forced labour. Current international research on survivors of Nazi persecution. Sixth international multidisciplinary conference

Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 10 Jan 2018

09.00 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 11.30 Opening Session

Welcome:
David Feldman (Pears Institute for the study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London)
Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton)
Suzanne Bardgett (Imperial War Museums, London)

Keynote: Tim Cole (University of Bristol), ‘Please mind the gap’: Integrated histories and geographies of the Holocaust and Holocaust memory

Chair: Christine Schmidt (Wiener Library)

11.30 – 13.00 Lunch Break

13.00 – 15.00 PANELS

Panel 1 (Room 1)

Shifting priorities in the resettlement of Jewish displaced persons after World War II

Robin Judd, Ohio State University, USA
“We must re-liberate unsung Jewish heroines.” War fiancées, AEF soldiers, and the politics of immigration

Patricia Kollander, Florida Atlantic University, USA
Liberation of the concentration camps, processing of displaced persons, and the denazification process from the perspective of German and Austrian emigres in the U.S. Army

Laura Almagor, Center for Jewish History, New York, USA
Displaced persons and geopolitics. Jewish DPs in Austria (1943-1955)

Panel 2 (Room 2)

Trials and justice

Hilly Moodrick-Even Khen, The Academic Center of Law and Science, Hod Hasharon, Israel
Silence at the Nuremberg Trials. The International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and sexual crimes against women in the Holocaust
Katarzyna Nowak, University of Manchester, UK
“Through no fault of his own he lost his sense of proper behavior.” Trials of Polish displaced persons in allied military courts in post-war Germany

Robert Sherwood, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
A comprehensive study into the UK war crimes investigation units after WW2

Lauren Willmott, Imperial War Museums, UK
Gilly Carr, University of Cambridge, UK
A right to compensation after persecution? Examining the testimonies of British victims of Nazism

Panel 3 (Room 3)

Survivors in post-war Germany
Maximilian Becker, Munich, Germany
Resistance fighters in the debate on limitation 1965

Udo Grashoff, University College London, UK
Outwitting the Gestapo as a survival strategy? German communists between anti-Nazi resistance and collaboration

Evelyn Price, University of Wolverhampton, UK
“Decency over patriotism.” A case study of German Quaker resistance

Rainer Schulze, University of Essex, UK
No freedom from persecution, discrimination and stigmatisation. Gay men in Germany after liberation from Nazi incarceration

Panel 4 (Room 4)

Testimonies. Holocaust and forced labour
Peter Davies, University of Edinburgh, UK
“Wherever I go, I see him.” Filip Müller's testimony to the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial

Frank Grelka, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany
Rural spaces of ghettoization. Personal accounts of genocidal water works camps in the Lublin district, 1940-1942

Lukasz Krzyzanowski, Free University Berlin, Germany
Occupation on trial. Social realities and post-war justice in provincial Poland

Miriam Schulz, Columbia University, USA
“Shadows of the Warsaw Ghetto.” The Warsaw Ghetto uprising in Soviet Yiddish literature and journalism
Panel 5 (Room 5)

Memory and remembrance

Eliyana R. Adler, Pennsylvania State University, USA
Mapping a lost world. Postwar Jews and recreating the past in Memorial Books

Marta Gruszecka, University of Warsaw, Poland
Memory and non-memory in an urban landscape. A case study of the discursive representations of former concentration and forced labour camps in Poznań, Poland

Angelika Laumer, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, Germany
Compensating difference. Belonging and work ethic among National socialist forced laborers’ descendants in rural Germany

Rachel Pistol, University of Exeter, UK
Remembering the internment of ‘enemy aliens’ during the Second World War on the Isle of Man, Australia, and Canada

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee / Tea Break

15.30 – 17.00

Panel 6 (Room 1)

Poland-Iran-DP camps. Trajectories of flight, displacement, and survival

Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union, New York City, USA
Persian Gulf Command. Jewish refugees in wartime Iran

Kathrin Haurand, Clark University, USA
Child refugees in Teheran during World War II and their resettlement in Mandate Palestine

Susanne Urban, ShUM-Cities, Germany
These children had their lives devastated.” Care and rehabilitation for infiltree children after 1946

Panel 7 (Room 2)

The literary afterlives of Dutch child survivors of Bergen-Belsen’s Sternlager

Evelien Gans, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Ischa Meijer’s Letter to my Mother

Bettine Siertsema, Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, Netherlands
The rescue of the children of the Diamond group by “the Angel of Bergen-Belsen”

Dawn Skorczewski, Brandeis University, USA
Trauma in the poetry of child survivor Frank Diamand
Panel 8 (Room 3)
Challenges of displaying persecution, forced labor and genocide. The new Austrian exhibition at the memorial and museum Auschwitz-Birkenau
Hannes Sulzenbacher, Freelance exhibition curator, Vienna, Austria
The curatorial approach to the new Austrian exhibition
Barbara Staudinger, Freelance curator, Vienna, Austria
Remembering Auschwitz. The concentration camp and the construction of identity
Albert Lichtblau, University of Salzburg, Austria
Limits, silence and expectances. What are we looking for at a former extermination site?

Panel 9 (Room 4)
What constitutes Holocaust testimony and the limits of narration?
Alexandra Garbarini, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, USA
“Unprecedented.” Concepts and narratives about mass Violence and the Holocaust
Judith Gerson, Rutgers University, USA
Emphasized or erased. German Jewish refugees’ affective accounts of displacement and loss
Anna Hájková, University of Warwick, UK
Holocaust, transgressive sexuality, and boundaries of the narratable

Panel 10 (Room 5)
The Nazis and The Purple Triangles
Jonny Lewis, Documentary filmmaker, UK
The schoolgirl. The Nazis and the purple triangles
Max Woernhard, University of Bern, Switzerland
“Standing out, standing up.” Battling the tide of intolerance

18.00 Reception: Wiener Library, 29 Russell Square
Panel 1 (Room 1)

Witnesses of mass atrocities and the Holocaust in Austria. Survivors’ testimonies in research and education

Chair: Michaela Raggam-Blesch, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria
Philipp Rohrbach, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Austria
Spaces of coercion, movement, and freedom. Memories of Hungarian-Jewish forced labour in Vienna
Christoph Lind, Institute for Jewish History in Austria, St. Pölten, Austria
Remembering the Hungarian-Jewish forced labourers massacred at Hofamt-Priel in 1945
Philipp Mettauer, Institute for Jewish History in Austria, St. Pölten, Austria
Survivors and victims of the Lower-Austrian psychiatric hospital Mauer-Öhling during the time of National Socialism
Wolfgang Gasser, Institute for Jewish History in Austria, St. Pölten, Austria
The use of historical sources in school projects

Panel 2 (Room 2)

Testimonies and memory

Sharon Kangisser Cohen, Central Archives for the History of the Jewish people, Israel
The survivor and their story
Kateřina Králová, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
Memories of oppression. Post-war Greece in Jewish partisan testimonies
Giovanni Miglianti, Yale University, USA
Beyond shame and guilt. On testimonial writing as stripping oneself naked
Paul Weindling, Oxford Brookes University, UK
Mengele at Auschwitz. Reconstructing the twins

Panel 3 (Room 3)

Child survivors. Repatriation and resettlement

Rebecca Clifford, Swansea University, UK
Family reunion after the Holocaust. Searching for the child’s perspective
Eliana Hadjisavvas, University of Birmingham, UK
“Tracing the displaced.” Youth Aliyah and the Cyprus camps, 1946-49
Katherine Rossy, Queen Mary University of London, UK
On the move. Stolen and hidden children under French & British occupation in postwar Germany (1945-1949)
Kamila Uzarczyk, University of Wroclaw, Poland
“The long way home.” Displaced children from Poland in postwar Austria

Panel 14 (Room 4)

Literary representation
Judith Lindenberg, Écoles des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France
Literary representations of survival in the Yiddish series “Dos Poylishe Yidntum” (Polish Jewry), 1946-1966
Sarah Phillips Casteel, Carleton University, Canada
Black Holocaust fiction. The literary afterlives of black victims of the Nazis
Ariane Santerre, Université de Montréal and University of Western Ontario, Canada
“Dante n’avait pas prévu cela.” The use of intertextuality in French and Italian survivor testimonies of the Nazi camps (1945-1947)
Hanna K. Ulatowska, University of Texas at Dallas, USA
Literary representation of friendship and solidarity of writer survivors of Auschwitz

Panel 15 (Room 5)

Education
Shirli Gilbert, University of Southampton, UK
Teaching the Nazi past in apartheid and post-apartheid South Africa
Esilda Luku, Aleksandër Moisi University, Durrës, Albania
The status of the Holocaust education in Albania
Simon Perego, University of Poitiers, France
“Come honor our martyrs, bring your children along.” Holocaust education and/through commemoration among Parisian Jews, from France’s liberation to the end of the sixties
Nina Valbousquet, Center for Jewish History, New York, USA
Surviving the Holocaust through interfaith dialogue. Jules Isaac and the revision of the Christian teaching on the Jews (1940-1971)

11.30 – 13.00 Lunch Break

13.00 – 15.00 PANELS
Panel 16 (Room 1)
Performing the Jewish Archiv
Lisa Peschel, University of York, UK
Reconstructing a musical revue from the Terezín/Theresienstadt Ghetto
Simo Muir, University of Leeds, UK
Cultural reactions to the Holocaust in Finland

Joseph Toltz, University of Sydney, Australia
A precarious thread. Revitalising the song sessions of David Boder

Teryl Dobbs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
Josima Feldschuh, “The Prodigy of the Ghetto”. Musiciking in extremis and a critical pedagogy of music in Holocaust education

Panel 17 (Room 2)
Testimonies and visual representation
Katalin Ambrus, Freelance filmmaker, Berlin, Germany
Webdocumentary “The sand mine”

Nava T. Barazani, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Child’s play. Libyan-Jewish children’s games during WWII and Holocaust

Sasha Colby, Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada
“To re-activate and re-embody.” The ethics and aesthetics of research-creation in working with stories of survivors of forced labour

Liat Steir-Livny, Sapir Academic College, Israel
Relief and rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors in Israeli cinema. Changing representations

Panel 18 (Room 3)
Reception and resettlement
Antoine Burgard, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France, and Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada / University of Manchester, UK
Leaving Europe at any cost. Imposed and contested identities of Holocaust child survivors

Beth B. Cohen, California State University, USA
“War orphans find home.” Reception and adoption of child survivors by US families

Richard A. Hawkins, University of Wolverhampton, UK
A new life in Britain? A case study of the experiences of Jewish refugee children in mid-twentieth century Britain

Yael Siman, Iberoamericana University, Mexico City, Mexico
Nancy Nicholls, Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile
Experiences of survival, trajectories of mobility and narratives of integration by Holocaust survivors in Chile and Mexico
Panel 19 (Room 4)
Surviving and survivors in Eastern Europe
Ruth Leiserowitz, German Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland
Jews and their informal space in Klaipėda, 1945-1960
Anna P. Ronell, Independent scholar, USA
Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution in the Soviet Union. New materials from Israel
David M. Rosen, Fairleigh Dickinson University, USA
Bread breaks iron. Jewish child partisans in the landscape of violence in Eastern Europe
Naama Seri-Levi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
The Jewish returnees from the Soviet Union and their unique character in the DP camps

Panel 20 (Room 5)
Legacies
Morwenna Blewett, Birkbeck College, UK / Hamilton Kerr Institute, University of Cambridge, UK
Kenneth Clark, The National Gallery and the rescue of men ‘of education and good taste’
Herwig Czech, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
After the shock. Austrian psychiatry and survivors of Nazi persecution
Mila Ganeva, Miami University in Ohio, USA
Charlotte Glückstein and the post-Holocaust revival of the fashion industry in Berlin, 1945-1953
Steven Schouten, University of Amsterdam, Netherland
Samuel Pisar and the legacy of the Holocaust in post-war international affairs

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee / Tea Break

15.30 – 17.00 PANELS
Panel 21 (Room 1)
Jews and justice
Svenja Bethke, University of Leicester, UK
“The Ghetto environment served as a brake on crime.” Jewish postwar reflections on criminality and morality in ghettos
Gabriel N. Finder, University of Virginia, USA
Jews, Poles, and justice in the aftermath of the Holocaust
Yvonne Kozlovsky Golan, University of Haifa, Israel
From our own people. A discussion of the Kapo’s role in the camps through Israeli cinema
Panel 22 (Room 2)

The Image of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Imagination, expectation and reception of a historical site and memorial place

Regina Fritz, University of Bern, Switzerland
“This place is Hungary’s largest cemetery.” Imaginations and narratives of Auschwitz in Hungary

Imogen Dalziel, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
Auschwitz in the imagination. Representations of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum on social media

Imke Hansen, Hamburg University, Germany
“What Auschwitz should be.” Expectation and experience between silence and thrill

Panel 23 (Room 3)

Memory and memorials

Anne-Lise Bobeldijk, NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Netherlands
The memory of the forgotten concentration camp Maly Trostenec

Stephanie Hesz-Wood, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
Dislocation in Drancy. Architecture, appropriation and memorialisation

Paula Oppermann, University of Glasgow, UK
The history of the Rumbula memorial. A case of Holocaust commemoration in Soviet Latvia

Panel 24 (Room 4)

Work with children after the Holocaust and its relevance to children in conflict today

Maggie Fraser Kirsh, College of William and Mary, USA
Publicity, privacy, and protection. The ethics of ‘advertising’ child survivors

Verena Buser, Alice Salomon University for Applied Sciences Berlin, Germany
Child survivors’ reactions to genocide, war, and loss

Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel
Lena Kuchler and her ‘100 children’. A micro history of child survivor care after the Holocaust

Panel 25 (Room 5)

Jewish DPs in Italy

Helga Embacher and Grazia Prontera, University of Salzburg, Austria
The ‘open’ displaced persons camps of Salento
Elena Mazzini, University of Florence, Italy
The presence of the Jewish DPs in Florence. A case study (1945-1948)

Chiara Renzo, Universities of Florence and Siena, Italy
Shaping a new identity in transit. The Jewish displaced persons in Italy, 1943-1948

| 19.00 (tbc) | Reception: Austrian Embassy, Belgrave Square |
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09.30 – 11.30 PANELS

Panel 26 (Room 1)

Postwar voices of female survivors
Natalia Aleksiun, Touro College, New York City, USA
Afterlife of war-time relationships
Ewa Kożmińska-Frejlak, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland
Female survivors and the rebuilding of Jewish life in immediate postwar Poland
Katarzyna Person, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland
Gender and postwar censorship of documents from the Underground Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto
Sonja M. Hedgepeth, Middle Tennessee State University, USA
Dispensing with one lingering taboo. Sexual violence against Jewish women during the Holocaust

Panel 27 (Room 2)

Liberation and early testimonies
Toby Haggith, Imperial War Museums, London, UK
Spoken accounts of the Nazi terror. 1945 sound recordings of interviews with survivors, perpetrators and liberators
Rita Horvath, Yad Vashem, Israel
Children’s memory. The experiences of Hungarian Jewish child forced laborers in Vienna and its vicinity in 1944-1945
Daniel Schuch, Europäisches Kolleg Jena, Germany
The transformation of testimony. From David P. Boder’s interviews with displaced persons to the institutionalized Holocaust testimonies
Barry Trachtenberg, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, USA
Removing the star. Memoirs of liberation

Panel 28 (Room 3)

Diaries and memoirs
Diana Henry, Independent researcher, USA
Prefaces, conclusions and dedications. Rationales and perspectives of survivor memoirs of the Konzentrationslager KLNa
Tamas Kisantal, University of Pécs, Hungary
Ethical, political and literary questions in the reception of Miklós Nyiszli’s Holocaust memoir
Gergely Kunt, University of Miskolc, Hungary
The political and national identity of a Jewish Holocaust survivor in Hungary during the immediate postwar years
Dalia Ofer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Sara Rosen, Yad Vashem, Israel
An account from Transnistria. Lipman Kunstadt diary. A social critic from within

Panel 29 (Room 4)
Hidden children and their rescuers
Emunah Nacmany Gafny, Academic College of Education, Oranim, Israel
The attitude of rescued Jewish children to removal from their rescuers in Poland
Joanna Beata Michlic, University of Bristol, UK
Rescuers in the eyes of Jewish child survivors. The early post-war voices, 1945-1948
Kitty Millet, San Francisco State University, USA
Excluded from witness. Hidden children finding narrative voices
Eliot Nidam Orvieto, Yad Vashem, Israel
The return and retrieval of hidden children. The case of the male religious of Our Lady of Sion. Sources and documentation

Panel 30 (Room 5)
Archives and record-building
Aliki Arouh, Historical Archives of the Jewish Community of Salonica, Greece
They all have names. Recording victims and survivors of the Holocaust in the archives of the Jewish Community of Salonica
Henning Borggräfe, ITS in Bad Arolsen, Germany
Reconstructing pathways of (forced) migration, resettlement structures and DP agency. Document holdings and research potentials of the ITS digital archives
Anatolii Pogorielov, V.O. Sukhomlynsky Mykolaiv National University, Ukraine
The unknown photos and letters of the Ukrainian Ostarbeiters as a source of research of the forced labor of the Mykolaiv region’s population in Germany and Austria during the Second World War
Kristin Wagrell, Linköping University, Sweden
Planning for the future: How survivor narratives are shaped by archival ambition

11.30 – 13.00  Lunch Break
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Panel 31 (Room 1)
Roundtable: Comparing early Holocaust testimony. Problems and methods in a digital age
Michal Frankl, Masaryk Institute, Czech Republic
Elizabeth Anthony, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA
Laszlo Csosz, Hungarian National Archives/Hungarian Jewish Archives, Hungary
Sharon Kangisser-Cohn, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Panel 32 (Room 2)
‘Asocials’ during National Socialism and the continuity of stigmatisation in the post-war period
Brigitte Halbmayr, Institute of Conflict Research in Vienna, Austria
The persecution of as “asocial” stigmatised women during National Socialism. From designation as “aliens to the community” to surviving conditions in the concentration camp of Ravensbrück
Helga Amesberger, Institute of Conflict Research in Vienna, Austria
Austrian post-war authorities’ dealing with former “asocial” inmates of the Ravensbrück concentration camp
Alexander Prenninger, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Historical Social Science, Vienna-Salzburg, Austria
The infamous prisoners. Exclusion and stigmatisation of “asocial” inmates in the camp society of Mauthausen
Commentary by Christa Schikorra, Flossenbürg Memorial, Germany
The stigma of being “asocial”

Panel 33 (Room 3)
Gender, motherhood and family
Ruth Balint, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
The politics of the displaced family in postwar Europe
Helena Duffy, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
Motherhood after the Holocaust. A comparative study of Soazig Aaron’s Le Non de Klara and Cynthia Ozick’s short stories The Shawl and Rosa
Denisa Nešťáková, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
Women and men in the labor camp Sereď, Slovakia
Malin Thor Tureby, Linköping University, Sweden
Swedish Jewish women and Jewish refugees. Gendered and local perspectives on the Jewish engagement with refugees and survivors in Sweden ca 1933–1946
Panel 34 (Room 4)

Repatriation and resettlement
Ildiko Barna, University of Budapest, Hungary
Hungarian Jewish displaced persons in the IRO care and maintenance program
Sara Halpern, Ohio State University, USA
“Ex-enemy nationals” or unrepatriables? Interpreting the status of Nazi Jewish victims in liberated China
Monika Kokalj Kočevar, Museum of Contemporary History of Slovenia, Slovenia
Slovenian CC inmates and their coming home
Andrea Strutz, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for History of Society and Culture, Austria
“Operation Flying Dragon”. Last-minute rescue mission of Jewish refugees from Shanghai to Canada in 1949

Panel 35 (Room 5)

Reception and perception
Viorel Achim, Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Bucharest, Rumania
The survival effort as appeared in documents from the years 1942-1944 from the Roma deported to Transnistria
Angel Chorapchiev, University of Haifa / Yad Vashem, Israel
Vasilis Ritzaleos, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
Post-war Greek and Bulgarian Jewish testimonies of forced labor camps in Bulgarian-controlled territories. A comparative study
Tomislav Dulić, Uppsala University, Sweden
Yugoslav prisoners in Norway. History and memory
Caroline Mezger, Center for Holocaust Studies, Munich, Germany
The 1944 Crvenka massacre and the potentials of postwar testimony

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee / Tea Break

15.30 – 16.00 Closing: Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck, University of London) and Dan Stone (Royal Holloway, University of London)