

BEYOND CAMPS AND FORCED LABOUR

Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution

Fourth International Multidisciplinary Conference at the Imperial War Museum, London

4-6 January 2012

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 4 January 2012

9.30-10.30 **Registration and Coffee**

10.30-12.30 **Opening Session (Cinema)**

Welcome

Suzanne Bardgett (Imperial War Museum)

Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton)

Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck College)

David Cesarani (Royal Holloway)

Keynote:

**Paul A. Shapiro (Director of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies,
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum / USA)**

**Opening the archives of the International Tracing Service: A gold mine
and a warning**

12.30-14.00 **Lunch Break** (Conference Room)

14.00-16.00 **PANELS**

PANEL 1 (Room 1)

Memory and identity

Chair: Hanna Ulatowska (University of Texas at Dallas)

Melanie Dejnega (University of Bielefeld, Germany)

Post-war immigrants in Austria: identity and belonging in life story interviews

Diane Garst (University of Texas at Dallas, USA)

Forced marches of World War II: exploring Europe and the Philippines through the lenses of survivors

Holly Gilbert (London, UK)

Mapping Berlin: memories in the present moment

Malin Thor (Malmo University College, Sweden)

Narratives about identities and communities in the shadow of the Holocaust: the archive 'Jewish memories' at the National Museum of Cultural History in Sweden

PANEL 2 (Room 2)

Refugees and survivors in the UK

Chair: Robert Eaglestone (Royal Holloway)

Phylomena Badsey (University of Wolverhampton, UK)

The Channel Islands: survival and life after the experience of occupation

Anthony Grenville (Association of Jewish Refugees, UK)

'Britain's new citizens': the settlement of the Jews from Germany and Austria in Britain after 1945

Maggie Fraser Kirsh (University of Wisconsin, USA)

Controlling the narratives of disaster and recovery: representations of the child survivor in Britain

Astrid Zajdband (University of Sussex, UK)

Faith in exile: The German rabbinate's refuge in Great Britain

PANEL 3 (Room 3)

DPs in post-war Europe (I)

Chair: Mike Dennis (University of Wolverhampton)

Laura Greaves (University of Waterloo, Canada)

Forbidden to wed: Displaced Persons, Control Council Law No. 16 and the politics of marriage in post-war Germany

Miriam Intrator (City University of New York, USA)

Books and libraries for survivors in post-war Europe

Robin Judd (Ohio State University, USA)

"But they promised to behave": American Jewish chaplains and romantic entanglements in post-war Germany, 1945-1950

Gregory Weeks (Webster University, Vienna, Austria)
The destruction and rebirth of the family: the Rothschild Hospital D.P. Camp
in Vienna, 1945-1949

PANEL 4 (Room 4)
Testimonies (I)

Chair: Gabriel Finder (University of Virginia)

Boaz Cohen (Western Galilee College Akko and Shaanan College Haifa,
Israel)

The ideology, methodology and practice of Holocaust testimonies, 1945-1955

Kinga Frojimovics (Yad Vashem, Israel)

Holocaust survivor self-interviews, 1940s and 1950s

Zeev Mankowitz (Yad Vashem, Israel)

Israel Kaplan's early ethnographic study of Jewish speech patterns and folklore
in Nazi ghettos and concentration camps

Beate Müller (University of Newcastle, UK)

The school of nightmares: child Holocaust testimonies from the Hebrew school
in Polish Bytom

16.00-16.30 **Tea Break** (Conference Room)

16.30-18.30 **PANELS**

PANEL 5 (Room 1)

**Roundtable discussion: Displacement, evacuation, and deportation in the
Soviet Union: rethinking and remapping Jewish survival during World
War II and the Holocaust**

Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union, USA)

Natalie Belsky (University of Chicago, USA)

Eliyana Adler (USHMM Washington D.C., USA)

Olga Gershenson (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA)

PANEL 6 (Room 2)

Testimonies (II)

Chair: Boaz Cohen (Western Galilee College / Shaanan College)

Paula Martos Ardid (Spanish National Research Council, Madrid, Spain)

Women's testimony from Argentina: oral and narrative representations from
survival experience

Wolfgang Bialas (TU Dresden, Germany)

Memory politics and the ethics of survival

Sharon Kangisser Cohen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

Early and later survivor testimonies: an exploration in memory and meaning
making

Anna-Leena Perämäki (University of Turku, Finland)
The mentality of survival: the coping strategies of young Jewish female diarists and to-be-survivors of the Holocaust

PANEL 7 (Room 3)

Reparation, restitution, compensation (I)

Chair: David Cesarani (Royal Holloway)

Jean-Marc Dreyfus (University of Manchester, UK)
French diplomats (and others) in the aftermath of the Holocaust, 1945-2001

Dieter Nelles and Heinz Sünker (University of Wuppertal, Germany)
Compensation as a 'second discrimination': The 'Children of the Resistance' and their lives after 1945

Jeff Porter (Birkbeck College, UK)
Laws but no justice? An examination of the causes, responsibility and solutions to the delays in restitution for Germans robbed by the Nazis, 1948-1952

PANEL 8 (Room 4)

DPs in post-war Europe (II)

Chair: Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck College)

Jan-Hinnerk Antons (University of Hamburg, Germany)
Ukrainian DPs in post-war Germany: covering up conflicting roles during the war by constructing a national victim identity

Adam R. Seipp (Texas A&M University, USA)
The seigneurs of Wildflecken: refugees, occupiers, and a German town, 1945-1952

Janusz Wróbel (Institute of National Remembrance, Poland)
Life with beaten enemies: Polish DPs in post-war Germany

19.00-20.30 Reception (Main Atrium)

Thursday, 5 January 2012

10.00-10.30 **Coffee** (Conference Room)

10.30-12.30 **PANELS**

PANEL 9 (Room 1)

Reparation, restitution, compensation (II)

Chair: Suzanne Bardgett (Imperial War Museum)

Elisabeth Gallas (University of Leipzig, Germany)

In the 'mortuary of books': Lucy Dawidowicz and the salvage of looted Jewish books and archives after the Holocaust

Stefan Ionescu (Clark University, USA)

Reversing aryanisation in Bucharest: restitution of Jewish properties in the aftermath of the Antonescu regime, 1944-1945

Julia Landau (Ruhr-University in Bochum, Germany)

Forced labour, restitution and remembrance in Ukraine and Moldova

Suzanne D. Rutland (University of Sydney, Australia)

Battles over representation: Australian Jewry and the Claims Conference

PANEL 10 (Room 2)

Survivors in Eastern Europe

Chair: Imke Hansen (University of Hamburg)

Michael Fleming (Academy of Humanities and Economics in Łódź, Poland)

Time out of joint? Communist ascendancy in post-war Poland and enemies of the state

Christopher Lash (Lazarski University Warsaw, Poland)

First the Nazis, then the Soviets: survivors of Nazi persecution in Poland's 'recovered lands', 1945-48 – the case of Zielona Góra

Paul McNamara (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland)

Polish survivors of Nazi persecution as settlers in the Baltic 'recovered territories', 1945-1956

Ewa Wiatr (University of Łódź, Poland)

Jewish cultural life in Łódź, 1945-1950

PANEL 11 (Room 3)

Reception and resettlement (I)

Chair: John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

Froukje Demant (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Ambivalence and doubt: the social resettlement of Jewish survivors in the Dutch-German border region after World War II

Alice Freifeld (University of Florida, USA)

The seemier side of things: Jews and black marketeers in Hungary

Anna Koch (New York University, USA)

Liberation and then what? The experiences of Italian and German Jews at the end of WWII

Dalia Ofer (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
Israel in the eyes of Holocaust survivors, 1948-1967

PANEL 12 (Room 4)
Remembrance and memorials(I)

Chair: Christopher Dillon (Birkbeck College)

Richard Boffey (University of Leeds, UK)
Contesting memory and negotiating the past at the Gedenkstätte und Museum Sachsenhausen since German reunification

Manfred Deselaers (Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oswiecim, Poland)
Remembrance and memorials: the significance of perspectives for a theology after Auschwitz

Jens-Christian Hansen (Odense M University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)
Not a place for tourists: the difficult history of the Husum-Schwesing Concentration Camp Memorial

Jody Russell Manning (Clark University, USA)
Post-war societies and memorials: tension between local and global memory in Dachau and Oświęcim

12.30-14.00 **Lunch Break** (Conference Room)

14.00-16.00 **PANELS**

PANEL 13 (Room 1)
The International Tracing Service archive: first research results

Chair: Paul A. Shapiro (USHMM, Washington DC, USA)

Suzanne Brown-Fleming (USHMM, Washington DC, USA)
“Wiedervereinigung Ersehend”: the Holocaust fate of the Müller and Gittler families

Eric C. Steinhart (USHMM, Washington DC, USA)
Displaced by war and conquest: new findings on DPs from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union

Jennifer L. Rodgers (University of Pennsylvania, USA)
Strictly neutral? The International Tracing Service and the victims of National Socialism in the cold war

Susanne Urban (ITS, Bad Arolsen, Germany)
ITS' Questionnaires sent out to DPs – early testimonies

PANEL 14 (Room 2)
Refugees and émigrés in the reconstruction process

Chair: Helga Embacher (University of Salzburg)

Patricia Kollander (Florida Atlantic University, USA)
Refugees from Hitler transformed: German émigrés in the U.S. army during World War II

Benjamin Lapp (Montclair State University, USA)
The newspaper *Aufbau* and the politics of German-Jewish identity, 1939-1955

Michaela Raggam-Blesch (University of Graz, Austria)
“If the woman fails, often the whole family is lost”: the ‘new beginnings’ of Jewish refugee families from Nazi Germany and Austria in American exile

Andrea Strutz (University of Graz, Austria)
A long and winding road to Canada: Austrian Jewish refugees and their impact on Canadian modernization

PANEL 15 (Room 3)
Reception and resettlement (II)

Chair: Judith Burnett (University of Wolverhampton)

Dieter Bacher (Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung, Graz, Austria)
Integration of former foreign forced labourers in Austria after 1945: motives – socialisation – administration

Julia Maspero (Paris I University, France)
Consequences of Ukrainian and Baltic DPs presence in French Zones in Germany and Austria, 1945-1955

Tatsiana Vaitulevich (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany)
Coming to terms with the past: forced labourers, collective and individual memories in Dutch and Belarusian post-war societies

Machteld Venken (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium / Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna, Austria) and Piotr Filipkowski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)
Making meaning of war experiences: Polish ex-combatants settled in Belgium and in Poland

PANEL 16 (Room 4)
Remembrance and memorials (II)

Chair: Rachel Donnelly (Imperial War Museum)

Benito Bermejo (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid, Spain)
The Spanish ex-deportees after 1945: a memory which remained in exile for decades

Tim Grady (University of Chester, UK)
The survivors of the Holocaust and the complexities of the German-Jewish past

Andrea Hepworth (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)
Aspects of silencing and memory transmission in post-dictatorship Germany and Spain

Ursula Mindler (Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary)
Jewish survivors from Burgenland: collective and individual memories

PANEL 17 (Cinema)

Film

Chair: Beate Müller (University of Newcastle)

Anastasia G. Kostetskaya (Ohio State University, USA)

“A Russian and a German will lie down together; for example at Stalingrad”: attempts at truth and reconciliation 60 years later in Russian and German documentary film

Yvonne Kozlovsky Golan (University of Haifa, Israel)

Left out of the frame: Eastern Jewry has no room on the screen

Fran Pheasant-Kelly (University of Wolverhampton, UK)

The stillness of the image and the emotional rhetoric of cinema: comparative emotional analysis of *Schindler's List*, *The Pianist*, and documentary photographs of Holocaust survivors

Catherine Portuges (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA)

Central European émigré filmmakers as WWII refugees and exiles

16.00-16.30 **Tea Break** (Conference Room)

16.30-18.00 **PANELS**

PANEL 18 (Room 1)

After the war: Jews and gentiles in immediate post-war Europe

Chair: Jan Gross (Princeton University, USA)

Commentator: Deborah Dwork (Clark University, USA)

Elizabeth Anthony (Clark University, USA)

Jewish Communist return to post-war Austria: expectation and reality

Regina Fritz (University of Vienna, Austria)

Dealing with the Holocaust in post-war Hungary 1945/46

Imke Hansen (University of Hamburg, Germany)

Polish post-war discourse on victimhood and victory

PANEL 19 (Room 2)

Remembrance and memorials (III)

Chair: Rachel Donnelly (Imperial War Museum)

Gerald Lamprecht (University of Graz, Austria)

Jewish cemeteries in Austria: deprivation, devastation, oblivion, and memory

Martina Staats (Gedenkstätte Bergen-Belsen, Germany)

“To embellish the site by a suitable garden“: history of the Memorial Bergen-Belsen

Caroline Sturdy Colls (University of Staffordshire, UK)

Landscapes of memory: recording the archaeological remains of the Holocaust

PANEL 20 (Room 3)
Testimonies (III)

Chair: Roderick Bailey (Imperial War Museum)

Silvia Goldbaum Tarabini Fracapane (TU Berlin, Germany)
How changes in language influences survivor narratives: a study of Danish Theresienstadt testimonies

Erika Lorenzon (Institute for the History of Resistance and Contemporary Society in Treviso, Italy)
Witnesses in spite of themselves: Italian Military Internees as extraordinary witnesses of the Holocaust

Alexander Prenninger (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Historical Social Research, Salzburg/Vienna, Austria)
“Laboratories of modernity“? A re-evaluation of early concentration camp analysis from the 1940s and 1950s

PANEL 21 (Room 4)
Memory and violence

Chair: Suzanne Rutland (University of Sydney)

Annabelle Baldwin (Monash University, Australia)
German perpetrators of sexual violence against Jewish women in the Nazi camp system

Adelina Syms (University College Cork, Ireland)
War and sex: gendering suffering in the Nazi period

Christoph Thonfeld (Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan)
Forced labourers’ experiences with German as a (foreign) language during World War II and in the life after

PANEL 22 (Cinema)
The Belsen trial at Lüneburg (September–November 1945): the forgotten war crimes trial

Chair: Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck College)

Rainer Schulze (University of Essex, UK)
A re-appraisal of the British Belsen trial at Lüneburg

Toby Haggith (Imperial War Museum London, UK)
The use of film during the Belsen trial

James Waller (Keene State College, NH, USA)
Becoming evil: the impact of psychological explanations of perpetrator behavior on survivors’ perception of justice

19.00

Evening event

Austrian Cultural Forum (28 Rutland Gate – cf. location plan)

Reception

Friday, 6 January 2012

10.00-10.30 **Coffee** (Conference Room)

10.30-12.30 **PANELS**

PANEL 23 (Room 1)

Photographs, arts and artists

Chair: David Feldman (Pears Institute, Birkbeck College)

Rachel Dickson (Ben Uri Gallery / The London Jewish Museum of Art, UK)
The Ben Uri Art Society and the legacy of émigré artists, 1934-1959

Emily Fuggle (Imperial War Museum, London, UK)

Framing pre-war Jewish life: the use of photographs in the life before the Nazis section (the entrance cone) of the Imperial War Museum's Holocaust Exhibition

Sarah MacDougall (Ben Uri Gallery / The London Jewish Museum of Art, UK)

Four émigré sculptors: public and private artistic responses to remembrance in the reconstruction process

Ulrike Smalley (Imperial War Museum, London, UK)

'Human wreckage': the aftermath of the relief of Bergen-Belsen

PANEL 24 (Room 2)

Trials and justice (I)

Chair: Suzanne Bardgett (Imperial War Museum)

Wolfgang Form (University of Marburg, Germany)

Charging crimes against humanity in post-war Germany

Svea Luise Herrmann (Leibniz University of Hanover, Germany)

Forced sterilization and the politics of reparation: framing and problematizing Nazi injustice in post-war Germany

Peter Pirker (University of Vienna, Austria)

Rehabilitation after 65 years: Wehrmacht deserters and other victims of Nazi military justice in Austria

Simona Tobia (University of Reading, UK)

'Loyal aliens': languages, identity and effectiveness in the process of denazification, 1945-1948

PANEL 25 (Room 3)

Child survivors (I)

Chair: Joanna Michlic (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute)

Beth Cohen (Chapman University, USA)

The youngest remnant: child Holocaust survivors in the United States

Sonja Grabowsky (University of Wuppertal, Germany)

"And suddenly I was half!" Jewish-Christian children and youths in Nazi Germany: ambivalence as an aftermath of a racialised classificatory regime

Tchiya Nedivi-Horovitz (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)
The episode of the 'Teheran Children' as a milestone in the educational-political path of the Mizrachi

Monica Tempian (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)
War's displaced geographies: child refugees and the 'life after' in New Zealand

PANEL 26 (Room 4)
Remembrance and memorials (IV)

Chair: John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

Sara Valentina Di Palma (University of Siena, Italy) and Philip Spencer (Kingston University, UK)

Memory or amnesia? Reflection on the use and abuse of Holocaust Memorial Day in two European states

Steven Schouten (Scientific Council for Government Policy, Netherlands)
Samuel Pizar and the legacy of the Holocaust in post-war international affairs

Marek Sroka (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA)
Telling the story of survival to America: Polish American narrative and perspective

Monika Stromberger (University of Graz, Austria)
Ideas of 'Europe' and the evolution of the revolution: discourses in post-war Slovenia

12.30-14.00 **Lunch Break** (Conference Room)

14.00-16.00 **PANELS**

PANEL 27 (Room 1)
Testimonies (IV)

Chair: Gerhard Botz (University of Vienna)

Gueorgui Chepelev (University of Paris, France)
The Nazi occupation (1941-1944) in the testimonies of Soviet peasants collected in the last years

Gabriel Finder (University of Virginia, USA)
Testimony from Communist Poland about the rescue of Jews: Władysław Bartoszewski and *He is from My Homeland (Ten jest z ojczyzny mojej)*

Sonja M. Hedgepeth (Middle Tennessee State University, USA)
Snatched from the reach of Nazi persecutors: Margit Bartfeld-Feller's narratives of deportation to Siberia

Hanna K. Ulatowska (University of Texas at Dallas, USA)
The story of the first Holocaust opera: Auschwitz revisited

PANEL 28 (Room 2)
Trials and justice (II)

Chair: David Cesarani (Royal Holloway)

Laura Jockusch (Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)

A matter of honour: prosecuting Nazi collaborators at Jewish courts in post-war Germany

Claudia Kuretsidis-Haider (Austrian Research Centre for Post-war Trials, Austria)

Majdanek on trial: Polish, German and Austrian judiciary and the prosecution of crimes at the Lublin-Majdanek concentration camp

Andrei Muraru (US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC, USA)
Transnistria survivors and reshaping the memories during the Romanian war criminal trials

PANEL 29 (Room 3)
Child survivors (II)

Chair: Helga Embacher (University of Salzburg)

Rose Lerer Cohen (Jerusalem, Israel)

Case study of forced child labor in the ghettos of Lithuania, 1941-1944

Rita Horvath (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)

Somewhere in Europe: child Holocaust testimonies and film projects in the immediate aftermath of World War II

Joanna Beata Michlic (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, USA)

The future of testimony: voices of child survivors

Dana Mihăilescu (University of Bucharest, Rumania)

Being without pleasurable memories: on the predicament of Shoah's child survivors in Norman Manea's *Proust's Tea*

PANEL 30 (Room 4)
Remembrance and memorials (V)

Chair: Mike Dennis (University of Wolverhampton)

Ruth Barnett (London, UK)

Roma/Gypsy/Travellers and Jews: the legacy of Nazi persecution

Slawomir Kapralski (Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Poland)

Post-Holocaust Roma/Gypsy identities

Régis Schlagdenhauffen (Free University of Berlin, Germany)

The recognition and commemoration of homosexual as victims of Nazism in Western Europe

Sophie Wagenhofer (Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, Germany)

Forgotten victims: Arab survivors of Nazi persecution

16.00-17.00 **Tea & Closing Session** (Conference Room)