

The Holocaust and Migration: Beyond Flight und Displacement

PROGRAM

Seminar-Nr. 2101 May, 21st – May, 23rd 2023
Schloss Aspenstein, Georg-von-Vollmar-Akademie e.V.
Am Aspensteinbichl 9-11, 82431 Kochel am See

arrival on Sunday, May, 21st 2023
Check In, 1:00 pm

Sunday

2:00 pm:

**Welcome by the management of Georg-von-Vollmar-Akademie
Opening Remarks of Organizers Prof. Dr. Cornelia Wilhelm and Dr.
Sebastian Musch and the Special Envoy Against Anti-Semitism in the
State of Bavaria, Dr. Ludwig Spaenle**

Welcome-Reception with Coffee and Cake

**Leisurely walk to Kochelsee and opportunity to visit the Franz-Marc-
Museum (<https://franz-marc-museum.de/en/>)**

*[If interested in the works of "The Blue Rider" reserve time to also visit:
<https://schlossmuseum-murnau.de/de/nkvm-der-blaue-reiter/and>
<https://www.lenbachhaus.de/en/visit/exhibitions/details/the-blue-rider>]*

5 pm – 7 pm:

The Holocaust, Forced Migrations and Global Reactions

- "'...to prevent the accumulation of undeportable aliens':
International Reactions to the Refugee Crisis of the 1930ies"
*Susanne Heim
(Institut für Zeitgeschichte München-Berlin)*
- "Polish Plans of Forced Jewish Emigration on the Eve of World
War II"
*Zofia Trębacz
(Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw)*
- "The Bermuda Conference as a Display of Power Structures in
the Holocaust Migration Regime"
*Annika Heyen
(Universität Osnabrück)*

7 pm: **Dinner**

Monday

09 am – 12.30 pm:

The Impact of the Nazi's Racial Plans to Forced Settlement, Labor and Displacement

- "Germanization and Forced Migration in the 'Mustergau Wartheland'"

*Jonathan Huener
(University of Vermont)*

- "Völkish Policy and Population Displacement"

*Alexa Stiller
(Universität Zürich)*

- "Foreign Laborers and Prisoners of War in the German War Economy. A New Look at Forced Labor and the Aftermath of the Holocaust in Post-war Germany and Europe"

*Edith Raim
(Universität Augsburg)*

- "Nazi Ghettoization: Displacement and Concentration of Jews as a Genocidal Strategy"

*Wendy Lower
(Claremont Mc Kenna College)*

12:30 pm:

Lunch

2 pm – 5.30 pm:

Escape: The Holocaust, the Journey to Destruction and Opportunities to Escape, Hide, or Find Support

- "Escaping the Lemberg Ghetto: Flight and Survival on the Lwów- Dniprópetróvsk Rescue Trail"

*Ayelet E. Herbst
(LMU München)*

- "Who Got Out and Who Didn't? The Mechanics of Migration and the Victims of the Holocaust in Small-Town Lithuania"

*Eric Goldstein
(Emory University)*

- "To the East! Polish Jews in the Soviet Union (1939–1946)"

*Markus Nesselrodt
(Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder)*

6 pm:

Dinner

Tuesday

08.30 am – 10.30 am:

Reorganization and Displacement - *PARTIALLY DIGITAL PANEL*

- "From Mauritius to Rwanda via the Kindertransport. Remembering and Forgetting Forced Migration" *digital*

Tony Kushner

(University of Southampton)

- "Finding Refuge in Statelessness? Discussions on Citizenship and Displacement of Jews in Post-war Germany"

*Miriam Rürup
(MMZ/Universität Potsdam)*

- "Points of Departure, Points of Reference: Refugees and Inter-governmental Organisations in the Aftermath of the Second World War" **digital**

*Peter Gatrell
(University of Manchester)*

11 am – 1 pm:

Re-organization, Internment and Memory

- "Lockdown Empire: Detention, Displacement and Britain's Colonial Camps for Jewish refugees"

*Eliana Haddjisavvas
(Birkbeck College, University of London)*

- "Building a Future for the Past: German Refugee Rabbis in the United States after 1933"

*Cornelia Wilhelm
(LMU München)*

1 pm:

Lunch

2:30 pm:

Roundtable Discussion

Moderated by *Andreas Brämer (Institut für die Geschichte der Deutschen Juden, Hamburg)*

Michael Brenner (LMU München)

Christoph Rass (Universität Osnabrück)

Gaelle Fisher (Center for Holocaust Studies, IfZ München)

Susanne Heim (IfZ München-Berlin)

5 pm:

Departure

Organization:

Prof. Dr. Cornelia Wilhelm (LMU München)

Dr. Sebastian Musch (Universität Osnabrück)

Contact Georg-von-Vollmar-Akademie:

Julia Davis, Head of the Georg von Vollmar Academy, Department of Political Education

Participation fee: 160€

reduced participation fee: 80€

one-day participation fee: 40€

digital participation fee: 15€

reduced digital

participation fee: 0€

Description:

The proposed Conference (21 - 23 May 2023) sits at the crossroads of Holocaust and Migration Studies and intends to bring together new scholarship on both topics.

The conference seeks to examine how flight, migration, removal, resettlement, displacement and other varieties of “migration” have been part of the preparation, organization and execution of the Holocaust and its aftermath. It will explore how population movement and displacement were an essential part of the Holocaust experience and will try to identify how fresh research in both fields can speak to each other and may open up a new venue to understand the Holocaust.

While the event will have a focus on Jewish History, it intends to look beyond the persecution, collection and forced flight of Jews alone. After all, the racially motivated removal, destruction and murder of Jews is connected with displacement, the destruction of leadership and community, the loss of social networks in the larger community. Jewish persecution and removal was part of a larger racial design, that also required massive settlement and population exchanges of non-Jews and doomed East Europeans (including POWs) to slave-labor in Germany.

Such a comprehensive analysis of the intersection between the Holocaust and phenomena of migration during this period is currently missing in historiography. Therefore, we would like to address larger questions such as: How can research on migration during the Holocaust illuminate the latter and vice-versa? How did displacement increase the vulnerability and complicity of populations? Were there opportunities for escape and flight from the Holocaust and under what circumstances? What roles played citizenship, gender and race in the intersection of migration and the Holocaust? Did the destruction by the Holocaust also destroy the memory of those uprooted?

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