Autonomous Histories and Studies of the Holocaust

Sunday 3.11.2013 | Tel Aviv University
The Wiener Library – Wiener-Gruss Building

16:30-19:00 Opening session
Chair Roni Stauber, Tel Aviv University
Greetings Eyal Zisser, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities Tel Aviv University
Werner Puschra, Director of Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Israel
Keynote Dan Diner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Address Conspicuous Entanglements: Reflecting the Continental and Colonial in WWII-Memory

Monday 4.11.2013 | Tel Aviv University
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09:30 Gathering

10:00-11:30 Parallel Narratives – The Persecutors and the Persecuted
Chair Jose Brunner, Tel Aviv University
Speakers David Engel, New York University
"Jewish History under Nazi Impact: The Past and the Potential of a Historical Object"
Andrea Löw, Institute of Contemporary History, Munich
"Where the Two Trends Come Together: A New Document Collection as a Basis for Future Research"
Moshe Zimmermann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"Where Does Shoah Study Belong To? A German Dilemma"

Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 The Policy of Destruction in the East
Chair Havi Dreifuss, Tel Aviv University
Speakers Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan
"Bringing the Jews Back In: A By-Product of the New Belarusian National Myth"
David Silberklang, Yad Vashem
"The Lublin District in the "Final Solution": German, Jewish, and Integrated Perspectives"
Kiril Feferman, Russian Holocaust Center, Moscow
"Omissions, Distortions and Contradictions: Jewish Testimonies vs. Perpetrators’ Reports in Analyzing the Holocaust in the Soviet Union"

Lunch

14:30-16:00 Jurisprudence, Literature and History
Chair Galili Shahar, Tel Aviv University
Leora Bilsky, Tel Aviv University
"The Eichmann Trial: Toward a Jurisprudence of Eyewitness Testimonies of Atrocity?"
Laura Jockusch, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"Traitors to the Jewish Nation? Trials of Nazi Collaborators in Jewish Courts in Postwar Germany"
Uri S. Cohen, Tel Aviv University
"On the Muselmänner – Primo Levi, Katzetnik and Jean Amery"

Coffee Break

16:30-18:30 Persecution Policy – an Integrated History
Chair Dalia Ofer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers Steven Katz, Boston University
"Some Thoughts on Method"
Susanne Heim, The Albert Ludwig University, Freiburg
"Deportations of Jews from Germany: Three Perspectives, One History"
Amos Goldberg, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"The Jewish Badge: The Semiotics of Persecution"
Christoph Dieckmann, Keele University
"Researching and Writing an Integrated History of the Shoah in Lithuania. Challenges and Experiences"

Tuesday 5.11.2013 | Bar Ilan University
The Nanotechnology Building, Natural Sciences Area 206
9:30 Welcome at Bar-Ilan University
Chair Dan Michman, Bar-Ilan University and Yad Vashem
Greetings Ellyahu Asis, Dean of the Faculty of Jewish Studies, Bar Ilan University

09:45-12:00 Memory and Commemoration
Chair Auner Shalev, Yad Vashem
Speakers Dana Arieli Horowitz, Holon Institute of Technology
"The Nazi Phantom: A Journey Following the Relics of the Third Reich"
Orna Keren-Carmel, Tel Aviv University
"The Rescue of Danish Jews (October 1943) in the Israeli Culture of Memory: Survivors’ Testimonies vs. Popular Representations"
Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs, Jagiellonian University, Cracow
"The Gap between New Historiography and Education about the Holocaust in Poland and Elsewhere"
Daniel Feldman, Bar Ilan University
"The View from Nowhere: Multi-perspective Memory in Shoah Literature"

Coffee Break

12:30-14:00 Collaborator and Victim Narratives
Chair Doron Avraham, Bar Ilan University
Speakers Rafi Vago, Tel Aviv University
"The Holocaust as a Hungarian Tragedy: Autonomous or Converging Discourses since 1989?"
Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe, Free University of Berlin
"Survivor Testimonies and the Explanation of the Holocaust in Vohlynia and Eastern Galicia"
Adrian Cioflănescă, A.D. Xenopol Institute of History, Iași
"The Micropolitics of Violence": Ordinary Perpetrators and Victims of the 1941 Massacres in Romania and the Romanian-Occupied Territories

Lunch

15:00-17:00 Ideology and Utilitarian Considerations
Chair Gershon Bacon, Bar Ilan University
Idit Gil, The Open University of Israel
"German Enslavers and Jewish Slave Laborers: The “Radom Transport” as a Case Study of Nazi Jewish Labor Policy"
Yaron Pasher, Yad Vashem
"Objectives and Ideology": The Influence of the “Final Solution” on Germany’s War Effort, 1941-1944
Daniel Uziel, Yad Vashem
"Holocaust Survivor Testimonies and the Story of Slave Labor in the German Aviation Industry"

Coffee Break

17:30 The Future of Holocaust Studies
Chair Dina Porat, Tel Aviv University and Yad Vashem
Speakers Shulamit Volkov, Tel Aviv University
"Holocaust as a Hungarian Tragedy: Autonomous or Converging Discourses since 1989?"
Roni Stauber, Tel Aviv University
"Some Thoughts on Method"

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