

Conference Venue

Florence and Chafetz Hillel House, 4th floor
at Boston University, 213 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Keynote Address

- Welcome

Consul General **Rolf Schütte** (German Consulate, Boston)
Michael Zank (Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies, BU)
Hartmut Berghoff (German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.)
- Introduction

Jonathan Zatlin (Boston University)
- Keynote Address

Christoph Kreutzmüller (Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin),
“Kristallnacht and the Destruction of Jewish Commercial Activity in Germany”

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Economic Background

- Albrecht Ritschl** (London School of Economics),
"Financial Destruction. Confiscatory Taxation of Jewish Property and Income in Nazi Germany"
- Jonathan Wiesen** (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale),
“A Jew-Free Marketplace: The Ideologies and Economics of Thievery”
- Jonathan Zatlin** (Boston University), Chair

The German-Jewish Commercial Presence

- Dorothea Hauser** (Warburg Archiv, Hamburg),
“Too Involved and Too Engaged: The Warburg Bank’s Late Surrender”
- Stefanie Mahrer** (Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem),
“Fighting the Thieves. Salman Schocken’s Strategies to Save His Possessions”
- Pamela Swett** (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario),
“Salesmen, Salesmanship, and Dispossession in the Retail Context”
- Eugene Sheppard** (Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts), Chair

Bureaucracy and Dispossession I

- Ingo Loose** (Institut für Zeitgeschichte, München-Berlin),
“The Reich Ministry of Economy and Its Role in the Institutional Competition of Plundering European Jews”
- Johannes Beermann** (University of Bremen),
“Taking Advantage: German Freight Forwarders and the Theft of Jewish Property, 1938-1945”
- Christine Schoenmakers** (Carl von Ossietzky University, Oldenburg), “The ‘Legal’ Theft of Jewish Assets: A Closer Look at the Key Actors and Mechanisms of Expropriation between 1933 and 1945”
- Hartmut Berghoff** (German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.), Chair

Bureaucracy and Dispossession II

- Jonathan Zatlin** (Boston University),
“‘Retiring’ to Theresienstadt: The Heimeinkaufsverträge and the Dispossession of the Elderly”
- Stefan Hördler** (German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.),
“Administered Plundering: Gefangenen-Eigentums-Verwaltungen in the Nazi Camp System”
- Alfred C. Mierzejewski** (University of North Texas, Denton), “Taking from the Weak, Giving to the Strong”
- Devin Pendas** (Boston College), Chair

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The German “Model” in European Context

- Tal Bruttman** (City of Grenoble/Memorial de la Shoa, Paris), “Identifying ‘Jewish Assets’ in Vichy France”
- David Crowe** (Elon University, Elon, North Carolina),
“Plunder and Theft of Jewish Property in the General Government”
- Mirna Zakić** (Ohio University, Athens),
“Volksdeutsche, Aryanization, and the Holocaust: The Case of the Serbian Banat”
- Jeffrey Diefendorf** (University of New Hampshire, Durham), Chair

Art and Visual Representation

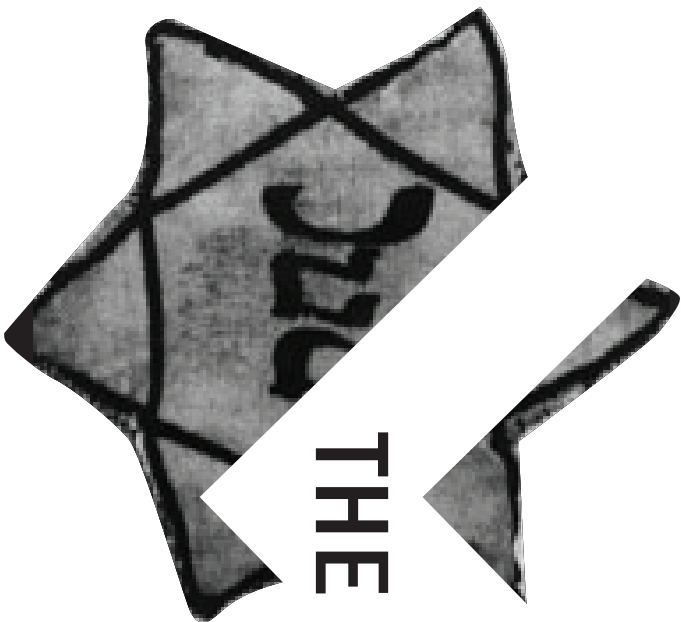
- Michael Berkowitz** (University of London),
“Coming to Terms with a Lost Cohort: Recalling and Restoring the Legacy of Jews and Photography”
- Charles Dellheim** (Boston University), “Traffic in Significant Symbols: The Meaning of Looted Art”
- Jonathan Petropoulos** (Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California),
“Art Dealers in Nazi Germany: Trafficking in Looted Art Before and After 1945”
- Susannah Heschel** (Dartmouth, Hanover, New Hampshire), Chair

Restitution

- Eva Balz** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum),
“The Politics of Property in the Cold War. The Restitution of Jewish Assets in Berlin”
- Benno Nietzel** (University of Bielefeld),
“Restitution, Memory, and Denial: Assessing the Legacy of ‘Aryanization’ in Postwar Germany”
- Lisa Silverman** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), “Repossession and Return: Madame d’Ora and the Restitution of Jewish Property in Austria after the Holocaust”
- Anna Rubin** (Department of Financial Services, New York State), “The Nazi Regime and Legal Spoliation”
- Abigail Gilman** (Boston University), Chair

Conclusions

- Laura Meier-Ewert** (La Commission d’indemnisation des victimes de spoliations intervenues du fait des législations antisémites en vigueur pendant l’Occupation, French Embassy, Berlin)
- Christoph Kreutzmüller** (Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin)
- Albrecht Ritschl** (London School of Economics)
- Jonathan Wiesen** (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)
- Jonathan Zatlin** (Boston University)



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THE PLUNDERING OF GERMAN JEWRY
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