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International Conference

Europe in the Concentration Camps The Expanded Camp System 1944

February 2-5
2025

Program

Sunday, February 2

9:30–18:00

Excursion to Memorial and Museum Lieberose in Jamlitz

Limited spots available, separate registration required. For details, please register by sending an email to: buchmeier@stiftung-bg.de

Monday, February 3

19:00–21:00

Opening Event and Keynote (German with English translation)

Opening remarks by Dr. Andrea Riedle (Berlin), Prof. Dr. Axel Drecolli (Oranienburg) and Thomas Krüger (Bonn)

Dr. Stefan Hördler (Göttingen/Huddersfield): Expansion und Eskalation. Neue Forschungen zum KZ-System im langen Kriegsjahr 1944/45 (Expansion and Escalation. New Research on the Concentration Camp System 1944/45)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dieter Pohl (Klagenfurt)

Reception

Tuesday, February 4

10:15–12:00

Panel I: Contexts of the Camp System 1944

Prof. Dr. Marc Buggeln (Flensburg): The Satellite Camp System of the Concentration Camps 1943–1945

Dr. Andrea Rudorff (Frankfurt a. M.): Auschwitz as a Hub for Jewish Labor in the Concentration Camp System

Christoph Maier (Nürnberg): Subterranean Air Armament and Concentration Camps

Nils Weigt (Frankfurt a. M.): The Relocation of SS Authorities to Brandenburg and Forced Labor 1943–1945

Chair: Prof. Dr. Axel Drecolli (Oranienburg)

12:15–13:45

Panel II: Eastern Europe

Dr. Daniela Ozacky-Stern (Akko): Between Terror and Solidarity, Murder and Survival. Jewish Prisoners in Baltic Forced Labor Camps under Nazi Occupation

Dr. Alexandra Pulvermacher (Klagenfurt): Resistance, Repression and Deportations from Occupied Poland 1943–1944

Dr. Jens Binner (Hannover): Soviet Prisoners in the Concentration Camps 1943–1945

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dieter Pohl (Klagenfurt)

13:45–14:45

Lunch Break (not provided/self-organized)

14:45–16:15

Panel III: Western Europe

Dr. Jens-Christian Hansen (Aalborg): Danish Prisoners in the Nazi Concentration Camp System 1943–1945

Dr. Karianne Hansen (Kristiansand): Deported from the Periphery. New Prisoners from Occupied Norway in the Concentration Camp System 1944/1945

Dr. Christine Eckel (Hamburg): 1943 as a Turning Point for the Deportations from Occupied France. On the Expansion of Repression and the Diversity of Persecution

Chair: Dr. Christian Schmittwilken (Berlin)

16:15–16:45

Coffee Break

16:45–18:15

Panel IV: Jewish Prisoners (Part 1)

Daan de Leeuw (Worcester): Destination Auschwitz-Birkenau, Bergen-Belsen, and Theresienstadt. Dutch Jewish Deportees in the SS Camp System in 1944

Dr. Marina Bantiou (Thessaly): The Deportation of Corfu's Jews in 1944 and the Conditions at Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. Insights from Survivor Testimonies

Dr. des. Johannes Meerwald (München): The Dachau Camp Complex in the Late Phase of the Holocaust

Chair: Frederik Schetter (Bonn)

18:30–20:15

Jewish Prisoners (Part 2)

Johanna Vojcsik (Pécs): Making Bombs, Airplanes and Explosives. Forced Labor of Hungarian Female Prisoners in the Subcamp System

Dr. Olga Ungar (Jerusalem): Bačka Jews and the Proliferation of Forced Labor Camps in Austria During the Final Year of World War II

Dr. Na'ama Shik (Jerusalem): Concentration- and Labor Camps in the Last Phase of World War II and the Holocaust. Lenzing Camp as a Case Study

Louis Wörner (Hamburg): Forced Labor in Plain Sight. Subcamps in Hamburg and the Deportations from Hungary in 1944

Chair: Dr. Florian Zabransky (Bonn)

Wednesday, February 5

10:15–11:15

Panel V: Inmate Society (Part 1)

Dr. Alexander Prenninger (Wien): In Constant Motion. Mauthausen Prisoners in the 'Spider Web' of Nazi Camps 1944

Thomas Irmer (Berlin): Forced Labor of Concentration Camp Inmates in Berlin and Brandenburg 1944

Chair: Kolja Buchmeier (Oranienburg)

11:30–13:00

Panel V: Inmate Society (Part 2)

Valentine Devulder (Paris): From/to Ravensbrück. The FKL as a Central Crux in the Trajectories of Pregnant Inmates 1944/1945

Dr. Martin Clemens Winter (Leipzig): A Prisoners' Court as 'Vigilante Transitional Justice'? Jewish Forced Laborers of the HASAG between Company Camps and Buchenwald

Dr. Pnina Rosenberg (Ramat Gan): 'Privileged' Women Inmates at Rajsko. Forced Collaboration, Solidarity, Camaraderie, and Resistance in the Almanac of Memories

Chair: Kolja Buchmeier (Oranienburg)

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break (not provided/self-organized)

14:00–15:45

Panel IV: Prisoner Biographies, Trajectories and Data

Dr. Cornelia Shati-Geißler (Jerusalem): The Deportation of Jews Research Project and Digital Database 'Transports to Extinction', Yad Vashem

Dr. Karianne Hansen (Kristiansand): Norwegian Digital Prisoner Archive 'Fanger.no', Arkivet Peace and Human Rights Centre

Dr. Anna Menny (Hamburg): Digital Commemoration and Research Infrastructure. The Holocaust in Hungary 80 Years Later 'HUNGMEM', Institute for the History of German Jews

Dr. Anne Purschwitz, Olaf Simons (Halle): Central Directory of Nazi Camps, NFDI4Memory, Historical Data Center Sachsen-Anhalt

Chair: Dr. Andrea Genest (Fürstenberg)

15:45–16:15

Coffee Break

16:15–17:15

Roundtable

Dr. Andrea Genest (Fürstenberg)

Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Wachsmann (London)

Dr. Julana Bredtmann (Berlin)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Axel Drecolli (Oranienburg)