

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

80 Years after “Aktion Reinhardt” (1942-1943): Social Responses and Commemoration

21-22 September 2022

Wednesday, 21 September

All panels will take place in the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute hall in the Blue Skyscraper – entrance opposite the Jewish Historical Institute.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Opening of the Conference.

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Keynote lecture: Daniel Blatman (Warsaw Ghetto Museum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *When Time ends: A cultural history perspective on Jewish life in Poland, 1940-1943*

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Panel: Extermination of Local Communities (part 1)

Presenter: Andrzej Żbikowski (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute)

1. Andrzej Albiniak *From Janów Lubelski to... Deportation of Janów Jews in Accounts of Chaim Hirszman and Polish Witnesses as well as in the Local Discourse on the Region and Collective Memory*
2. Stephen Tyas, *The Lemberg Ghetto Courier Report*
3. Elżbieta s. Monika Albiniak CSDP (Lieutenant General Kazimierz Sosnkowski Military History Bureau in Warsaw), *Liquidation of the Provincial Ghetto in the Warsaw District. Liquidation of the Sterdyń Ghetto in Selected Interviews from 2019*

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Discussion

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Coffee break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panel: Extermination of Local Communities (part 2)

Presenter: Paweł Freus (Warsaw Ghetto Museum)

1. Alexandra Pulvermacher (University of Klagenfurt), *The Holocaust in the Zamość Region and its Links to 'Aktion Zamość' According to Polish Sources*
2. Adam Gliksman, *"Gut versteckt ist besser wie gedeckt..." Radomsko Jews in the Face of the Ghetto Liquidation*
3. Yossi Swed (Menachen Begin Heritage Center) *Possible identification of ŻZW Commander Paweł Frenkel*

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Discussion

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch break

2:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Panel: Reactions of the Jewish Population (part 1)

Presenter: Andrzej Żbikowski (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute)

1. Justyna Majewska (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute), *„Nach dem Osten”. Meaning of the Geographic direction in the Efforts to Recognize the Destination of the Deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto in the Summer of 1942*
2. Martyna Grądzka-Rejak (Warsaw Ghetto Museum, Institute of National Remembrance), *What Was Known about the Holocaust in the Kraków Ghetto?*
3. Aleksandra Namysło (Institute of National Remembrance), *The Spread of Information about the Holocaust in the General Government to the Province of Upper Silesia*
4. Dariusz Libionka (Polish Academy of Sciences/State Museum Majdanek), *“From the Warsaw Ghetto through France and Spain to London. The story of Edward Rajnfeld”*

3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Discussion

4:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Coffee break

4:15 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

Panel: Reactions of the Jewish Population (part 2)

Presenter: Michał Kowalski (Warsaw Ghetto Museum)

1. Andrzej Grzegorzcyk (Museum of Independence Traditions in Łódź), *Awareness of the Łódź Ghetto's Residents of the Warsaw Ghetto Liquidation*
2. Paweł Kornacki (Institute of National Remembrance), *Depiction of the Head of the Białystok Judenrat Efraim Barasz in the Jewish Literature*
3. Justyna Biernat (Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences), *Jewish Authorities. Tomaszów Council of Elders and Police Service on the eve of Deportation*
4. Anna Wójcik (State Museum at Majdanek), *"Till Death Do Us Part..." Story of the Kral Jewish Family from Vienna*

5:35 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Discussion

Thursday, 22 September

All panels will take place in the Blue Skyscraper – entrance opposite the Jewish Historical Institute.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote lecture: Stephan Lehnstaedt (Touro College Berlin), *After the Holocaust: Processes Related to "Aktion Reinhardt"*

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Discussion

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Panel: Reactions of the Local Population to the Holocaust

Presenter: Martyna Grądzka-Rejak (Warsaw Ghetto Museum, Institute of National Remembrance)

1. Anna Gruzlewska, *"Die jüdische Weltpest" Propaganda Exhibition 1943-1944*
2. Anna Wylegała (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences), *Neighbours in the Face of the Holocaust: Methodological Problems of the research of the Operation Reinhardt in Rural Areas of the Galicia District*

11:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Discussion

10:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Coffee break

11:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Panel: Camps of “Aktion Reinhardt”

Presenter: Wiesława Młynarczyk (Warsaw Ghetto Museum)

1. Hannah Wilson (Nottingham Trent University (UK)), *“We are Presently in the Quietness Before a Storm”: The Diaries of Jan de Jong and Selma Engel-Wijnberg, Victims of Sobibór Death Camp*
2. Michał Kowalski (University of Wrocław), *“All Those Germans Whom I Was Able to See I Have Seen Inside Already With Whips and Dogs”. Initial Reactions to the Treblinka Extermination Camp*
3. Marek Bem, *The Number of Victims of the Sobibór German Extermination Camp. A Contribution to the Discussion*
4. Alicja Jarkowska (Institute of History of the Jagiellonian University), *Operation Reinhardt in Occupied Krakow. Reactions of the City Residents*

12:30 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.

Discussion

12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Commemoration

Presenter: Bartosz Borys (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute)

1. Joanna Zętar (Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre), *A Site of Importance. The ‘Lublin. Memory of the Holocaust’ Remembrance Trail as a Way to Commemorate the Operation Reinhardt Events Within the City’s landscape*
2. Artur Podgórski (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute), *Forms and Sites of Commemoration within the Town and Administrative District of Poniatowa. Case Study Concerning the Werke Ponjatowa GmbH im SS-Arbeitslager Ponjatowa*
3. Jason O’Connor, (Florida Atlantic University), *The Commemoration and Curation of the Reinhard Camps and Its Impact on Memory Wars, Identity Politics and Polish-Jewish Relations*
4. Marta Kupczewska (Institute of National Remembrance), *Samuel Bak – Painter of the Extermination of the Vilnius Jews*
5. Batya Brutin (Beit Berl Academic College, Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Warsaw Ghetto Museum), *Commemoration Sites of Operation Reinhard – Forms, Meanings and Messages*

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch break

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Concluding discussion: “80 Years since ‘Aktion Reinhardt’. The State of Research, Challenges and Research Projects”

Presenter: Andrzej Żbikowski (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute)

Dariusz Libionka (Polish Academy of Sciences/ State Museum Majdanek), Tomasz Kranz (State Museum at Majdanek), Katarzyna Person (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute)

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