

Workshop

HITLER'S EUROPE: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OCCUPATION

Today, 64 years after the end of the Second World War, the European experience of Nazi aggression and occupation still holds a prominent place on the research agenda of historians worldwide. More than that: An incessant flow of publications dealing with wartime Nazism, its key protagonists, and the reactions which German expansion brought forth among the victimized nations and peoples, testifies to the continuously growing scientific relevance of the subject of this workshop.



At Vienna, on November 9 and 10, 2009, 15 distinguished specialists in contemporary history will offer new insights concerning the careers of outstanding German perpetrators, the physical and material suffering inflicted by them on individuals and groups in occupied lands forced under the yoke of Nazism, and the hard choice between collaboration, resistance, or acquiescence with a Nazi rule seemingly made to last forever.

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ORGANIZERS

Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, WU
Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Universität Wien

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9.30

Welcome Address by **Christoph Badelt**, Rector, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

9.45

Introduction

Peter Berger (WU)

Oliver Rathkolb (University of Vienna)

New Perspectives on Nazi Occupation. What this Workshop Hopes to Achieve.

10.15

PANEL I

In the Eye of the Biographer. German Careers in Occupied Europe, 1939–45 (Commentator: **David Barnouw**, The Netherlands Institute for War Documentation)

Catherine A. Epstein (Amherst College)

Arthur Greiser and the Nazi Occupation of the Warthegau

Hans Safrian (University of Vienna)

Perpetrators and Agency: The Case of Eichmann and his Men

Geraldien von Frijtag Drabbe Künzel

(University of Utrecht)

“Ordinary Germans” in the Netherlands. The Case of Hans Georg Calmeyer

Johannes Koll (WU)

Occupation and Radicalization.

Arthur Seyss-Inquart’s Career as an Austrian “Latecomer”

12.30

Lunch Break and Transfer to the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna

16.00

Keynote Address

Jan T. Gross (Princeton University)

On Holocaust’s Periphery: Killings and Plunder of Jews by their Neighbors

17.30

Standing Buffet offered at the Bruno Kreisky Forum

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PANEL II

The Occupation Experience: Collaboration, Resistance, Muddling Through
Commentator: **Peer Vries** (University of Vienna)

Gerhard Hirschfeld (Württembergische Landesbibliothek Stuttgart)

Lessons from another War? The Impact of World War I on Nazi Policies and Collaboration Strategies in Hitler’s Europe

Tamara Scheer (University of Vienna)

European Occupation Regimes of the First World War, and their Impact on World War II. The Current State of Research

Peter Romijn (The Netherlands Institute for War Documentation)

Troubled Times: Dutch State and Society Dealing with Occupation and Nazification

Ingo Haar (University of Vienna)

Sudeten Germans as Experts for „The East”. Scholarship and Politics in the Late 1930s

12.00

Lunch offered to the Participants in the Workshop by the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Vienna

14.00

PANEL III

Looting and Exploitation in Nazi-occupied Europe
Commentators: **Herbert Matis** (WU), and **Alice Teichová** (Cambridge University)

Oliver Rathkolb (University of Vienna)
Economics of Destruction. The Effects of Nazi Policies on European Societies, 1939/40–1945

Sophie Lillie (University of Vienna)
Sequences of Dispossession: Austrian Refugee Art Collectors in Occupied France

Jonathan Petropoulos

(Claremont McKenna College)

Bridges from the Reich: The Importance of Emigré Art Dealers as Reflected in the Case Studies of Otto Kallir and Kurt Valentin

16.30

Closing Address by the Conference Organizers

CONFERENCE LOCALITIES

WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business), Main Building
1090 Wien, Augasse 2–6,
Festival Hall (**on Monday, 9 November 2009, 9.30 to 12.30 a.m.**)
Large Conference Room
(**on Tuesday, 10 November 2009**)

The Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna,
1190 Wien, Armbrustergasse 15
(**on Monday, 9 November 2009, 16.00 to 18.30 p.m.**)

The Residence of the Netherlands Ambassador to Austria,
1030 Wien, Jaquingasse 8–10