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Witnessing the Witness After 1945: War Crimes, Mass Murder, and Genocide

International Workshop | December 18–19, 2019

Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus Campus, Maersdorf Faculty Club, Room 501

In Cooperation with the Paulette and Claude Kelman Chair in the Study of French Jewry & the Vigevani Memorial Fund, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wednesday, December 18

09:00–09:15 Gathering

09:15–09:30 Greetings and Opening Remarks

Michael Segal The Dean of the Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Philip Nord Princeton University

Manuela Consonni SICSA Director, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:30–10:15 Epistemology and Witnessing

Chair: **Philip Nord** Princeton University

Carolyn J. Dean Yale University

Witnessing in History

Discussion

10:15–10:30 Coffee Break

10:30–12:45 Trials, the Holocaust, and the Witness

Chair: **Noah Benninga** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Chad Gibbs The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; University of Wisconsin-Madison

Recovering Witnesses: Locating Testimonies, Acknowledging Survivors, and Expanding Historical Research

Emma Kubly Northern Illinois University

Restaging Nuremberg: Concentration Camp Survivors as Expert Witnesses in the 1950s

Fabien Théofilakis University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne; CHS, Paris

Adolf Eichmann: The Defendant Who Was Prepared to Play Witness to the Holocaust

Dagi Knellessen Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies

Fragmental Testimonies, Paradoxical Judgments: The German Sobibor Trials

Discussion

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:15 Witnessing and Words: Displacement and Replacement

Chair: **Yfaat Weiss** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Amos Goldberg The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Holocaust and the Nakba in Elias Khoury's The Children of the Ghetto

Hannah Pollin-Galay Tel Aviv University

The Philology of Genocide: What the Holocaust Did to Yiddish

Vera Schwarcz Wesleyan University; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Expanding Historical Empathy: How the Shoah Is Helping Chinese Remember Atrocities of the Mao Era

Discussion

16:15–17:15 Reception

17:15–18:15 In Memory of Primo Levi

Chair: **Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ian Thomson University of East Anglia

Primo Levi's Homecoming, 1945-46: The Need to Bear Witness

Uri S. Cohen Tel Aviv University

Primo Levi: A Life between the World and the Camp

Thursday, December 19

09:45–10:00 Gathering

10:00–11:45 Legal Witnessing and Mass Violence

Chair: **Selim Rauer** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; University of Minnesota

Renana Keydar The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Listening from Afar: An Algorithmic Analysis of Traumatic Testimony

Anna Pollman The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

No Judges, Only Witnesses: The Vietnam Tribunal's Court Room Setting

Ran Shauli Bar Ilan University

Does it Pay to Remember? Witnessing the Massacres of Chinese in Malaya and Singapore

Discussion

11:45–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:15 Trials, Justice, and Truth: On the Ambiguities

Chair: **Moshe Sluhovsky** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Franziska Seraphim Boston College

Geolegalities of Witnessing

Aviad Nahum The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Witnessing the Crime of the Century: The Rosenberg Case and the Jews in 1950s America

Discussion

13:30–15:00 Lunch Break

15:00–16:15 Recounting Violence: the Witness and the Victim

Chair: **Louise Bethlehem** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Teresa Koloma Beck Bundeswehr University Munich; HIS, Hamburg

On the Incommunicability of War Experiences: Ethnographic Sideways Reflections

Martina Weisz The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Testimonies as Counter-Power: Witnesses of Crimes against Humanity in Argentina

Discussion

16:15–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–18:00 Reconciliation through Witnessing?

Chair: **Philip Nord** Princeton University

Dana Amir Haifa University

When The Traumatic Lacuna Meets Language: Four Modes of Traumatic Testimony

Manuela Consonni The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Past between Vendetta and Oblivion

Discussion & Concluding Remarks



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