

Thursday, January 29, 2009

9:00 a.m. Introducing the session and workshops

9:30 a.m. **Panel 5**
The Path Leading from Research to Citizenship Education: Transfer of Knowledge and General Aspects

Contributions by:
"Memorial Sites"

Johannes Tuchel, German Resistance Memorial Center Berlin

"Teaching about the Holocaust"

Simone A. Schweber, School of Education, University of Wisconsin Discussion

Moderation: **Christian Gudehus**, Center for Interdisciplinary Memory Research, Essen

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. **Parallel workshop sessions**
Dealing with Perpetrators in Citizenship Education – From Research to Practice

Workshop 1: Teaching and Learning about Perpetrators in Schools and Non-Formal Education

Contributions by:

Falk Pingel, Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Braunschweig

Paul A. Levine, Uppsala Programme for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Uppsala University

Moderation: **Johannes Tuchel**, German Resistance Memorial Center Berlin

Workshop 2: Teaching and Learning about Perpetrators within Memorial Sites

Contributions by:

Matthias Heyl, Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

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Moderation: **Christl Wickert**, Historian and Political Scientist

Workshop 3: Teaching and Learning about Perpetrators in Multi-Ethnic and Migration Societies

Contributions by:

Astrid Messerschmidt, Technical University Darmstadt

Elke Gryglewski, House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin

Moderation: **Ulla Kux**, Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future", Berlin

Workshop 4: Perpetrators in Movies and the Role of Film Education

Contributions by:

Barry Langford, Royal Holloway, University of London

Tomasz Lysak, University of Warsaw

Moderation: **Rainer Rother**, Deutsche Kinemathek, Berlin

12:30 a.m. Lunch break

2:00 p.m. **Continuation of the workshop sessions**

As part of each workshop, a topic-related project will be presented

3:30 p.m. Coffee break

4:00 p.m. **Final Panel**
The Artist's Perception – a Contribution to Citizenship Education?

Contributions by:

Romuald Karmakar, Director

Christoph Mayer, Artist and Project Manager of the „Audioweg Gusen“

Thomas Medicus, Author

Sandra Nuy, University Siegen

Moderation: **Thomas Krüger**, President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education and
Claus Christian Malzahn, Spiegel Online, Political Editor

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Gesamte Konferenz vom 27. bis 29.01. 2009: € 90,- inkl., € 50,- exkl. zwei Übernachtungen. Für Studenten: € 45,- inkl. zwei Übernachtungen/Entire conference from January 27 to 29, 2009: € 90,- (incl. accommodation) or € 50,- (without accommodation), respectively. Students (incl. two accommodations): € 45,-.

Tagesgäste: am 28.01. oder am 29.01. 2009: € 30,-/Single-day guests who only participate at either January 28 or January 29 2009 are charged € 30,-.

Die Teilnahme an der Eröffnungsveranstaltung am 27.01. 2009 ist kostenlos./The participation at the conference opening on January 27 2009 is free of charge.

Information und Online-Anmeldungen über/information and online registration at:
www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen
oder über/or at
www.lab-concepts.eu/anmeldung/holocaust-konferenz09/index_en.php

Anmeldefrist ist der 19.01. 2009. Mit rechtzeitiger Überweisung bis 23.01. 2009 und der Teilnahmebestätigung durch das Konferenzmanagement via E-Mail wird ihre Anmeldung verbindlich./Registration deadline is January 19, 2009. Your registration is binding* only after having transferred the given amount until January 23, 2009 and having received confirmation from the event management agency.

Die Konferenzsprache ist Englisch. Eine deutsche Simultanübersetzung wird in den fünf Panels eingerichtet./The conference will be held in English. German interpreters will be on hand and available in all five panels.

Die Anerkennung als Lehrerfortbildungsmaßnahme ist beantragt./We have applied to have the conference officially recognised as a continuing education course for teachers.

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Täterforschung im globalen Kontext

Konferenz Conference

Perpetrator Research in a Global Context

Vom 27. bis 29. Januar 2009
From January 27 to 29, 2009
dbb-Forum, Friedrichstraße 169-170, Berlin

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Ausgangsüberlegungen

„Es gibt Ungeheuer, aber es sind zu wenige, als dass sie wirklich gefährlich werden könnten. Wer gefährlicher ist, das sind die normalen Menschen.“ **Primo Levi**

Bis vor wenigen Jahren stellte man sich die Organisatoren des Holocaust entweder als vom eigentlichen Mordgeschehen distanzierte Schreibtischtäter oder als Exekutoren oder als bloße Befehlsempfänger ohne besonderes Interesse an ihren Opfern vor. Neuere Forschungen zeigen jedoch, dass die Suche nach einem homogenen Tätertyp ein falscher Ansatz ist. Holocaust-Täter kamen aus unterschiedlichen Milieus; ideologisch hoch motivierte Täter mordeten genauso wie solche, die gegenüber der rassistischen Weltanschauung leidenschaftslos waren. Erkenntnisse aus der Sozialpsychologie, der Soziologie, der Psychologie und der Anthropologie erhellen diese Beobachtungen. Aus wissenschaftlicher wie aus bildungspolitischer Sicht scheint es dringend erforderlich, einen Erklärungsrahmen jener „tragi-

Introductory remark

“Monsters exist, but they are too few in number to be truly dangerous. More dangerous are the common men.” **Primo Levi**

Until only a few years ago, the organisers of the Holocaust were portrayed as belonging to one of two categories. On the one hand were the ‘desk killers’, those distanced from the actual process of mass murder. On the other were those who actually carried out the killings, and who were often seen as merely following orders, with no personal interests or motives. More recent research, however, has made it increasingly clear that the search for one or more homogeneous perpetrator ‘types’ is a flawed approach. Holocaust perpetrators came from a variety of social milieus. New conclusions from fields as social psychology, sociology, psychology and anthropology are now casting more light on the quest for explanations. From both an academic and a civic education perspective, it is imperative to develop a framework for understanding what Germaine Tillion described as the

schen Leichtigkeit“ (Germaine Tillion) zu entwickeln, mit der Menschen zu Mördern und Massenmördern wurden.

Aus diesem Anlass richten die Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, das Holocaust Research Centre am Royal Holloway der University of London sowie das Kulturwissenschaftliche Institut Essen eine internationale Konferenz zu den neuesten Erkenntnissen der Täterforschung aus. Neben den unterschiedlichen Aspekten auf diesem Gebiet wird sich – ausgehend von den Ergebnissen der Holocaust-Täterforschung – exemplarisch auch mit Täterprofilen in anderen Genoziden befasst. Der Transfer wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse in die politische Bildung und die Vermittlung in der Praxis der schulischen und außerschulischen Bildung, in der Gedenkstättenarbeit, der interkulturellen Bildung sowie im Film und in der Filmbildung stehen im Mittelpunkt der Workshop-Präsentationen.

‘tragic ease’ with which people become murderers or mass murderers.

With an international conference organised in tandem with the Holocaust Research Centre at the Royal Holloway, University of London and the Essen Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, the German Federal Agency for Civic Education is seeking to shed more light on the most recent conclusions and perceptions surrounding “Perpetrator Research in a Global Context”. Different aspects of perpetrator research will be illuminated as well as examples of perpetrator profiles from other attempts at genocide. These workshops will seek to illustrate ways of how to implement the knowledge resulting from academic research into civic education, and communicate it to curricular and extra-curricular education and activities, as well as to work related to memorials, intercultural education and film education.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

- From 4:45 p.m. Registration
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome addresses by the organizers
- 6:00 p.m. **Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble**, Minister of the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 6:30 p.m. **Keynote**
Richard Overy, University of Exeter
- 8:00 p.m. Reception

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. Introduction to the sessions
- 9:30 a.m. **Panel 1**
Who is a Perpetrator? The Changing Construction and Interpretation over Time
Contributions by:
“Reference Frames of Group Violence”
Harald Welzer, Center for Interdisciplinary Memory Research, Essen
“The Historiography of Perpetrators”
Dan Stone, Royal Holloway, University of London
“Perpetrators in the Eyes of Beholders”
David Silberklang, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Discussion

Moderation: **Carolin Emcke**, Journalist and Author

11:00 a.m. Coffee break

- 11:30 a.m. **Panel 2**
Case Studies of ‘Ordinary’ Perpetrators
Contributions by:
“Women as Perpetrators”
Elisabeth Harvey, University of Nottingham
“Violence as a Popular Spectacle”
Michael Wildt, Hamburg Institute for Social Research
“Holocaust and Collaboration”
Wendy Lower, Towson University
Discussion

Moderation: **Birthe Kundrus**, Hamburg Institute for Social Research

1:00 p.m. Lunch snacks

- 2:30 p.m. **Panel 3**
Case Studies of Perpetrators in the Holocaust and Other Genocides in Comparative Perspective
Contributions by:
“Holocaust Perpetrators”
Peter Longerich, Royal Holloway, University of London
“Perpetrators – Cambodia”
Alex Hinton, State University of New Jersey
“Perpetrators – Yugoslavia”
Marie-Janine Calic, University of Munich
Discussion

Moderation: **Franziska Augstein**, Süddeutsche Zeitung

4:00 p.m. Coffee break

- 4:30 p.m. **Panel 4**
Interdisciplinary Approaches: The Social Sciences – Philosophy – Representation
Contributions by:
“Holocaust Studies and Social Sciences”
James E. Waller, University of Vermont
“Holocaust Studies and Philosophy”
Robert Eaglestone, Royal Holloway, University of London
“Holocaust Studies and Representation”
Wulf Kansteiner, State University of New York
Discussion

Moderation: **Claus Leggewie**, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen