



International Colloquium

BYSTANDERS, RESCUERS OR PERPETRATORS? THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND THE SHOAH

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24	
09h00	<u>Registration of participants</u>
09h30	<u>Welcome and Opening</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonzalo de Benito Secades, Spanish Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs • Sir Andrew Burns, UK Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues, Chairman of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) • Miguel de Lucas, Director General Centro Sefarad-Israel
10h30	<u>Keynote lecture</u> "The Questions of the Jewish Refugees" Susanne Heim, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, München. Chair: Jacques Fredj, Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris.
11h30	Coffee Break
12h00	<u>Panel 1: Policies towards Jewish Refugees before the War (1933 – 1939)</u> Introduction and chair: Yessica San Román, Centro Sefarad-Israel. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salomé Lienert, University of Basel (on Switzerland) • Pontus Rudberg, HVC, Uppsala University (on Sweden) • Corry Guttstadt, author of "Turkey, the Jews and the Holocaust", research fellow at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (on Turkey)
14h00	Lunch break
15h30	<u>Panel 2: Policies towards Jewish Refugees during the War (1939 – 1945)</u> Introduction and chair: Haim Avni, Prof. emeritus, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Fivaz-Silbermann, Université de Genève (on Switzerland) • Claudia Ninhos, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (on Portugal) • Josep Calvet, Universidad de Lleida (on Spain)
17h30	End of first conference day.
19h00	<u>Public evening lecture (in Spanish with translation into English)</u> "España y el Holocausto. Historia, Memoria y Olvido" Alejandro Baer, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	
09h30	<p><u>Panel 3: Reactions to the German Ultimatum on the Repatriation of Jews</u></p> <p>Chair: Thomas Lutz, Topographie of Terror Foundation, Berlin.</p> <p>Introduction: "Origins of the German Ultimatum in 1942-1943 to Repatriate Jews with Neutral Citizenship". Corry Gutstadt, author of "Turkey, the Jews and the Holocaust", research fellow at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Pimentel, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (on Portugal) • Izzet Bahar, University of Pittsburgh (on Turkey) • Bernd Rother, author of "Franco y el Holocausto", Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt Foundation (on Spain)
11h30	Coffee break
12h00	<p>"The approach of the War Refugee Board to the neutral countries regarding the saving of Hungarian Jews" Rebecca Erbelding, USHMM, Washington</p> <p>Chair: Esther Mucznik, Mémoshoá, Lisbon.</p>
13h00	Lunch break
15h00	<p><u>Panel 4: Rescue Myth, Public Debates, Historical Investigations</u></p> <p>Chair: Eva Fried, Living History Forum, Sweden.</p> <p>Introduction: "The Politics of Rescue Myths. Lessons from Spain." Alejandro Baer, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esra Özyürek, European Institute, London School of Economics (on Turkey) • Karin Kvist, HVC, Uppsala University (on Sweden) • Avraham Milgram, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (on Portugal) • Uki Goñi, author of "The Real Odessa" (on Argentine) <p>Closing Remarks: The Swiss "Independent Commission of Experts" (1996-2002) François Wisard, History Unit of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.</p>
18h00	Break
19h00	<p><u>Public evening lecture:</u></p> <p>Chair: Isaac Querub, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain, representative of Yad Vashem Spain</p> <p>"Was Rescue a Realistic Possibility During the Holocaust?" Prof. Yehuda Bauer, IHRA Honorary Chairman</p>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26	
09h30	<p><u>Panel 5: The Challenges of Holocaust Remembrance and Education in Neutral Countries</u></p> <p>Chair: François Wisard, History Unit of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Menny, Institut für die Geschichte der Deutschen Juden, Hamburg • Monique Eckmann, University of Applied Sciences, Geneva • Pinar Dost Niego, Galatasaray University, Istanbul • Marta Simó, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
11h30	Break
12h00	<p><u>Final Round Table Discussion:</u></p> <p>Chair: Bülent Bilmez, Tarih Vakfı/History Foundation, Istanbul and Bernd Rother, Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt Foundation.</p> <p>“Current Debate and Research Perspectives on Neutral Countries during the Holocaust” Paul Levine, HVC, Uppsala University</p> <p>Discussion on further research desiderata and possible projects with representatives of the participating organizations.</p> <p>Closing remarks: Prof. Yehuda Bauer, IHRA Honorary Chairman</p>
14h00	End of conference

The primary aim of this colloquium is to foster a productive exchange between scholars, educators, multipliers and establish a basis for the development of international research and Holocaust remembrance and education projects.

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