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The Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry at Brandeis University supports the study of modern European Jewish history, thought, culture and society, through a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates scholarship and publishing in Jewish studies, history, philosophy, political science, literature, and other disciplines. It has a special interest in research relating to the Holocaust and its aftermath within the context of modern European intellectual, political and social history.

The Bernard G. and Rhoda G. Sarnat Center at Brandeis University promotes efforts to gain a deeper understanding of the genesis, causes, nature, and consequences of anti-Jewish prejudice, as well as Jewish and non-Jewish responses to this phenomenon, especially in North and South America, from both a historical and contemporary perspective. Its initiatives include research, lectures, conferences and publications, in collaboration with other departments, centers, and institutes at Brandeis and other universities and organizations.

The Center for German and European Studies (CGES) was founded with generous gifts from both the German government and Brandeis University. CGES's mission is to support interdisciplinary teaching and research on contemporary Germany and Europe at Brandeis and to reach out to broader communities on the social, political, and cultural issues facing Germany and Europe today. Specific areas of focus include new pluralism; institutions, identity, and integration; and diversity and conflict resolution.

The International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life at Brandeis University comprises a range of campus programs that promote just societies and the rule of law, as well as peacebuilding and civic engagement efforts. Its mission is to develop effective responses to conflict and injustice by offering innovative approaches to coexistence, strengthening the work of international courts, and encouraging ethical practice in civic and professional life.

The Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture - Simon Dubnow (DI) in Leipzig, Germany is an interdisciplinary research institution that focuses on Jewish history and culture, primarily in East Central and Eastern Europe, extending from the Middle Ages to the present. The DI is dedicated to the tradition of its namesake, the Russian-Jewish historian Simon Dubnow, who acted as a cultural mediator between Eastern and Western European Jewry.



The Jewish Quest for Rights and Justice in the Postwar Moment

Brandeis University Faculty Club

April 18 and 19, 2018

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Brandeis University

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

9:00 – 9:30 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Laura Jockusch, Convener, Brandeis University

Elisabeth Gallas, Convener, Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow

9:30 – 11:45 am

I. The Postwar Moment in Global Perspective: From War and Destruction to a New World Order?

Chair: **Avinoam Patt**, University of Hartford

G. Daniel Cohen, Rice University

"Philosemitism" as Political Solidarity: Postwar Western Europe 1945-1950

Gil Rubin, Harvard University

1946 as the "Jewish Postwar"

Rephael Stern, Harvard University

Looking to the East: Zionist and Israeli Links to India and Pakistan during Decolonization

Respondent: **Derek Penslar**, Harvard University

11:45 am – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 – 3:15 pm

II. Thinking the Inconceivable: Conceptualizing the Intellectual and Moral Implications of Mass Violence and Genocide

Chair: **John Plotz**, Brandeis University

Arie Dubnov, George Washington University

The Jewish Postwar Moment Reframed, or: The Road to Bandung Starts in San Francisco?

Na'ama Rokem, University of Chicago

Hannah Arendt's Itineraries

Eugene Sheppard, Brandeis University

Rediscovering Political Theology in the Wake of Catastrophe

Respondent: **Udi Greenberg**, Dartmouth College

3:15 – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 – 5:45 pm

III. Claiming National Rights: Displacement, Sovereignty, and the Diaspora

Chair: **David Ellenson**, Brandeis University

Omer Bartov, Brown University

The Return of the Displaced: Ironies of the Jewish-Palestinian Nexus, 1939-1949

Alon Confino, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Palestine, 1948: Partition and Forced Migration between Local Experience and Global History

Moria Paz, Stanford University

The Alliance Israélite Universelle and Models of Political Belonging

Respondent: **Peter Krause**, Boston College

Thursday, April 19, 2018

10:30 – 11:30 am Brunch

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

IV. Protecting the Collective Rights of Minority Groups: Conceptualizing, Criminalizing, and Prosecuting Genocide

Chair: **Leigh Swigart**, Brandeis University

Lawrence Douglas, Amherst College

The Crime of Crimes: Aggression or Atrocity?

Donna-Lee Frieze, Deakin University

Will or Ought? Philosophical Reflections on Minorities and Groups, from the League of Nations to the Adoption of the Genocide Convention

Devin Pendas, Boston College

The Squaring of the Circle: Rethinking the Lauterpacht-Lemkin Debate

Respondent: **Yehudah Mirsky**, Brandeis University

1:30 – 2:00 pm Break

2:00 – 4:30 pm

V. Protecting the Rights of Individuals: From Minority Rights to a Universal Human Rights Regime

Chair: **Lisa Fishbayn-Joffe**, Brandeis University

Elisabeth Borgwardt, Washington University of St. Louis

Transitional Justice on Trial at Tokyo

Rotem Giladi, Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow

Lauterpacht in Jerusalem: Human Rights, the Right of Petition, and the Politics of Jewish Representation

James Loeffler, University of Virginia

Three Days in December: How Human Rights, Genocide, and Zionism Came Together and Fell Apart

Respondent: **Samuel Moyn**, Yale University

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Retrospect and Prospect

Leora Bilsky, Tel Aviv University

Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union

7:00 pm Hassenfeld Conference Center

Seeking Social Justice: American Jews and the Quest for Equality and Civil Rights – 70 Years of Brandeis University

Round-table discussion with

Ron Liebowitz, President, Brandeis University

Stephen Whitfield PhD'72, Brandeis University

Jonathan Sarna '75 MA'75, Brandeis University

Deborah Dash Moore '67, University of Michigan