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WORKING GROUPS & THEMATICAL FOCUS

The Early Modern Setting – Crossing Cultures?

Jews in Tsarist Russia – State, Communities, Traditions

Imperial Settings – Defining the Place of Jewries

Socialism & Nationalism in a Multiethnic Environment since WW I

Sunday, July 18th

Arrival
8 p.m. Welcome Reception at the Simon Dubnow Institute

Monday, July 19th

10 a.m. Participants’ Introduction & Technicalities
11 a.m. Dan Diner
The Simon Dubnow Institute’s Research Agenda as a Contribution to Historiography in Europe after 1989
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Working Groups First Session
4 p.m. Coffee Break
4.15 p.m. Working Groups Book Discussion I
6 p.m. Leisure Time
7.30 p.m. Joint Dinner in the “Glashaus”

Tuesday, July 20th

9 a.m. Jonathan Frankel
East European Jewish Historiography – Paradigmatic Problems
10.30 a.m. Coffee Break
10.45 a.m. Working Groups Second Session
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Oleg Budnitskii
Russian Jews between the Reds and the Whites – Civil War Reconsidered
4 p.m. Tobias Brinkmann
Jewish History – Leipzig History
6.30 p.m. Leisure Time
8 p.m. Joint Dinner

Wednesday, July 21st

9 a.m. Michael Silber
Religion, Ethnicity & National Identity in Transformation, 1780 – 1880
10.30 a.m. Coffee Break
10.45 a.m. Archival workshops Russia/SNG with Oleg Budnitskii, Jonathan Frankel & John Klier
Poland with Adam Teller
Austria/Hungary with Michael Silber
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. John Klier
3.30 p.m. Individual Library Studies
6.30 p.m. Michael Rothberg
Multidirectional Memory of the Holocaust
8 p.m. Joint Dinner

Thursday, July 22nd

Trip to Berlin “Places of Remembrance”
7.30 p.m. Dinner
8.32 p.m. Departure from Berlin/Ostbahnhof
10.02 p.m. Arrival at Leipzig/Main Station

Friday, July 23rd

9.30 a.m. Yftat Weiss
Central European Ethnonationalism and Zionist Bi-Nationalism
11 a.m. Coffee Break
11.15 a.m. Ashraf Noor
Close Reading – Historiography & Ethnography: Cassirer, Geertz & de Certeau
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Working Groups with Ashraf Noor & Dan Diner
The Participants’ Projects & their Theoretical Setting
4 p.m. Tobias Brinkmann
Rowing on the Canals of Leipzig
6 p.m. Leisure Time
7.30 p.m. Joint Dinner

Saturday, July 24th

Trip to Berlin “Places of Remembrance”
7.51 a.m. Departure from Berlin/Ostbahnhof
9 a.m. Arrival at Berlin/Ostbahnhof
10 a.m. German Historical Museum
Holocaust Memorial,’Reichstag’ & ‘Palast der Republik’
12.30 a.m. Lunch
1.30 p.m. Jewish Museum Berlin

Sunday, July 25th

9 a.m. Two Project Presentations Groups &
11.15 a.m. Coffee Break
11.30 a.m. Gertrud Pickhan
Changing the Context. The ‘Bund’ in Interwar Poland
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Discussion From Thesis to Tenure? Questions, Problems and some Solutions
3.30 p.m. Coffee Break
4 p.m. Working Groups Two Workshops on Sources
Pinkasim and other Hebrew & Yiddish Sources with Israel Bartal
Jewish Parties during the Civil War – Collections in RGASPI & GARF (Moscow) with Oleg Budnitskii
6 p.m. Leisure Time
7 p.m. Joint Dinner

Monday, July 26th

9 a.m. Israel Bartal
Language & Community in Eastern Europe. Jewish Bilingualism, 16th – 20th Centuries
10.30 a.m. Coffee Break
10.45 a.m. Two Project Presentations Groups &
12.30 a.m. Lunch
1.30 p.m. Working Groups Book Discussion II
4 p.m. “Völkerschlacht” Memorial
7 p.m. Joint Dinner

Tuesday, July 27th

Individual Library Studies & Discussions
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Final Presentations & Conclusions of the Working Groups
4 p.m. Coffee Break
4.15 p.m. Concluding Panel
What has yet to be done in the Field of East and East Central European Jewish Studies?
7.30 p.m. Farewell Dinner in the “Dorint Hotel”

Wednesday, July 28th

Departure