

# EXPLORING THE MICRO HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST

*Wednesday, December 5, 2012: École normale supérieure*

## ISSUES OF FOCUS

9h Welcome

9h30 Opening, Guillaume Bonnet, École normale supérieure

General introduction : Claire Zalc (CNRS-IHMC)

## MICRO/MACRO LEVELS OF ANALYSIS

### **10h-11h15 Biographical trajectories (Chair-discussant Paul-André Rosental, Sciences Po)**

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10h00 Christoph Kreutzmuller (Humboldt University Berlin), *An Incredible Emigration*

10h15 Melissa Jane Taylor (Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State), *The Katz Family's Escape: A Micro History Examined*

10h30 Liora Israël (EHESS-CMH), *Injured identities. The Paths of Three Jewish lawyers in Occupied France analyzed through their diaries*

Break: 11h15-11h45

### **11h45-13h00 Reflecting upon group boundaries (Chair-discussant: Claire Zalc, CNRS-IHMC)**

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11h45 Kenneth Waltzer (Michigan State University), *Moving Together, Moving Alone: The Story of Boys on a Transport from Auschwitz to Buchenwald*

12h00 Henriette Rika Benveniste (University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece), *For a micro history of camp survivors: The Salonika Jews in Feldafing*

12h15 Alina Skibinska (USHMM, Washington D.C. and Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences), *Fate of the Jews in the small town of Szczebrzeszyn during the years 1939-1945*

Lunch break: 13h00-14h30

14h30-16h00 Two panels

## **1 - Spaces (Chair-discussant Nicolas Mariot, CNRS-CURAPP) : sale des Actes**

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14h30 Birte Klarzyk (Cologne University), *Life in a ghetto house. Social impacts of the spatial segregation of Cologne's Jewish population between 1938 and 1942 – A case study*

14h45 Ilaria Pavan (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), *Space and deportation, space and escape. For a micro-history of interned foreign Jews in Italy (1940–1945)*

15h00 Leon Saltiel (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki), *The Destruction of Salonika's Jewish Cemetery*

15h15 Silvia Goldbaum (Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, TU Berlin), *Neighbours relationships and the arrest of Jews in Denmark*

Break: 16h15-16h45

## **2 - Ghettos: a distinct space? (Chair-discussant Jean-Luc Pinol, Ecole Normale supérieure de Lyon), salle Dussane**

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14h30 Svenja Bethke (University of Hamburg), *Definitions of 'Criminality' and 'Law' in the Jewish Ghetto. The Perspective of the Jewish Councils*

14h45 Ingo Loose (Institute of Contemporary History Munich-Berlin), *Ghettos as microcosms. Pictures taken by Jewish photographers as a source to the Holocaust*

15h00 Katarzyna Person (The Center for Jewish History, New York), *Jewish Police in the Warsaw Ghetto. Microhistory of the margins*

15h15 Lenore J Weitzman (George Mason University) and Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan), *Individual Decisions and Collective Fates in Belorussian Ghettos*

Break: 16h15-16h45

**16h45-18h45 Micro history shedding light on macro events (Chair-discussant: Christophe Charle, IHMC-Université de Paris 1) – Salle Dussane**

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16h45 Tim Cole (University of Bristol), *Micro histories, micro geographies: Budapest, 1944 and scales of analysis*

17h00 Martin Dean (USHMM, Washington DC), *Micro History as Macro History: Understanding the Holocaust from the Bottom Up – A Case Study of 1,142 Ghettos*

17h15 Havi Dreifuss (Tel Aviv University and Yad Vashem), *Exploring the Micro History of the Holocaust. Religious Life in Poland during the Holocaust: Between the Micro and the Macro*

17h30 Tal Bruttman (Ville de Grenoble), *Echirolles, August 7 1944: Three executions*

19h Cocktail at the Ecole normale supérieure

*Thursday, December 6, 2012: Mémorial de la Shoah*

**FACE-TO-FACE: VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS**

9h00. Welcome of the participants

9h30-10h00 Keynote presentation by Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa) «New methodological perspectives in micro-research on the Shoah »

**10h00-12h00 Interactions (Chair-discussant Florent Brayard, EHESS-CRH)**

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10h00 Froukje Demant (University of Amsterdam), *Living in abnormal normality? The daily relations of Jews and non-Jews in the German-Dutch border region during the Third Reich*

10h15 Jean-Charles Szurek (CNRS-ISP), *Jews, Poles and Germans in the Lukow region*

10h30 Carlo Greppi (University of Turin), *Bystanders or participants? Civilians facing racial persecution in Turin (1943-1945)*

10h45 Daniel Uziel (Yad Vashem), *Jewish Slave Workers in the German Aviation Industry*

11h00 Judit Molnar (University of Szeged, Hungary), *“Everyone has an equal right to life”. Gendarmes saving Jews among gendarmes deporting Jews in 1944*

Lunch break: 12h00-13h30

**13h30-14h45 Face-to-face (Chair-discussant Tal Bruttman, Ville de Grenoble)**

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13h30h Tomasz Frydel (University of Toronto), *A Historical Forensics of Jewish Refugees in Mielec County: Toward a Social History of Rescue*

13h45 Vladimir Solonari (University of Central Florida), *On the Persistence of Moral Judgment: Local Perpetrators in the Districts of Golta and Berežovca, Transnistria as Seen by the Victims, Bystanders, and Perpetrators Themselves*

14h00 Wolf Gruner (University of Southern California), *Individual Defiance and Protest. A Reassessment of Jewish Responses towards Persecution in Nazi Germany*

Break: 14h45-15h15

## ARRESTS, EXECUTIONS, ACTS OF KILLING

### **15h15-16h30 Acts of killing (Chair-discussant Christian Ingrao, CNRS-IHTP)**

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15h15 Markus Roth (University of Giessen), *The Murder Of The Jews In Ostrów Mazowiecka In November 1939*

15h30 Alexandru Muraru (Alexandru Ioan Cuza university of Iasi, Romania), *The first Massacres of Jews in the Romanian Holocaust. Level of Decision, Genocidal Strategy and Killing Methods in the Doroboi and Galati Pogroms (June-July, 1940)*

15h45 Nicolas Mariot (CNRS-CURAPP), *Bypassing Birkenau, Autumn 1942*

Break: 16h30-17h00

### **17h00-18h15 Imaginaries confronting reality (Chair-discussant Maurice Olender, EHESS)**

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17h00 Johann Chapoutot (University Grenoble II-Institut Universitaire de France), *German sanitary action and the Jews living in the General Government: biomedical imaginary and the legitimization of Nazi crimes*

17h15 Barbara Engelking (Polish Academy of Sciences), *Dreams in the times of the Shoah*

17h30 Amos Goldberg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Rumors in the Warsaw Ghetto: A case study in the Cultural History of the Jews in the Holocaust*

*Friday, December 7, 2012: Archives nationales (site de Pierrefitte-sur-Seine)*

## **THE MATERIAL FOR SHIFTING SCALES: SOURCES**

9h00. Welcome of the participants

9h30 Keynote presentation by Annette Wieviorka (CNRS-IRICE), «New trends in the treatment of testimonies»

### **10h-11h45 Judicial Archives (Chair-discussant Jan Grabowski, University of Ottawa)**

10h Liviu Carare (Institute of History, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), *Czernowitz Ghetto (1941-1942). A Perspective of War Crimes Trials*

10h15 Diana Dumitru (Moldova State Pedagogical University Ion Creanga), *To Trust or Not to Trust? An Analysis of Soviet Postwar Investigation and Trial Documents for the History of the Holocaust*

10h30 Andrew Kornbluth (University of California, Berkeley), *“There Are Many Cains Among Us” Judging Wartime Crimes Against Jews at the Regional Courts of Warsaw and Siedlce in Poland, 1946-1949*

Break: 11h30-11h45

### **11h45-13h00 New collections, new sources (Chair-discussant Sophie Coeuré, Université Paris-Diderot)**

11h45 Diane Afoumado (USHMM, Washington, DC), *How can we use the ITS collection to shed light on the history of the Holocaust?*

12h Stefan Ionescu (Clark University), *The Challenges of Assessing the Sabotage of Aryanization (Romanianization) in World War II Bucharest: Sources and Interpretations*

12h15 Marta Janczewska (Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw and the Polish Center for Holocaust Research), *Medical documents as a source to The Warsaw ghetto history studies*

Lunch Break: 13h – 14h30

**14h30-16h15 The relationship to testimonies (Chair-discussant Annette Wieviorka, CNRS-IRICE)**

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14h30 Elissa Mailander (Centre d'histoire de Sciences-po), *A multitude of witnesses: probing the memory of a hanging in the Maidanek camp (1943)*

14h45 Jared McBride (University of California, Los Angeles), *Microhistory and the Holocaust in Olev'ske: Ethics, Archives and Memory*

15h00 Hannah Pollin-Galay (Tel Aviv University), *To Accuse, To Chronicle or to Compare? Micro-History through the Eyes of the Witness: A Case Study of Lithuanian Jewish Testimony*

15h15 Joanna Michlic (Brandeis University and International History Department, LSE), *The Symbolic Categorization of Dedicated Polish Women Rescuers, as Violators of the Ethno-Nationalistic Cultural Code and its Everyday Practice, During the Second World War and its Aftermath*

Break 15h45 – 16h15

**16h30-18h00 Witnesses and archives: which dialogues? (Chair-discussant Sarah Gensburger, CNRS-ISP)**

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16h30 Ivan Jablonka (Université du Maine-Collège de France), *Searching for missing sources: methodological issues*

16h45 Jeffrey Wallen (Hampshire College), *The Witness against the Archive*

17h00 Audrey Kichelewski (University of Strasbourg), *A Lost World? The Children of Lublin: a Society of descendants of Polish Jews in France*

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**18h00 Conclusions: Ivan Ermakoff (University of Madison, Wisconsin)**

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