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VENUE

ALL PANELS
Comenius University: Šafárikovo námestie 6, Room: "Súdna sieť", ground floor

SPECIAL EVENTS
January 21, 2019 (17:00 – 19:00 and 19:00 – 19:15)
Slovak Institute of Sciences, Institute of History: Klemensova 19, Room: "Lecture room", 5th floor

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XX. CENTURY CONFERENCE:

If This Is a Woman

Comenius University and Slovak Academy of Sciences
Bratislava, January 21 - 23, 2019

The Hoenig sisters, Prešov, Czechoslovakia, 1930s.
From right to left: Yolana was in Auschwitz for 3 years and survived, Regina was deported in 1944 and perished, Magda was among the first deportees to Auschwitz in 1942, Anna hid near Prešov, was deported and perished, Alona, hid with Anna and perished, Irena was deported to Auschwitz in 1942.

Source: Yad Vashem Photo Archives, Jerusalem
MONDAY, 21.01.2019

09:15 – 10:00 OPENING AND WELCOME
Jaroslav Šušol (Comenius University, Bratislava), Andrea Lów (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich), Jakub Drábik (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava), Andor E. Dávid (International Visegrad Fund, Bratislava)
Moderator: Denisa Nešťáková (Comenius University, Bratislava)

10:00 - 10:30 THE EHRI-PROJECT AND ITS OFFERINGS TO RESEARCHERS
Anna Ulrich (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich)

10:30 – 11:30 KEYNOTE
Dalia Ofer (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) – “Will you hear my voice?” Women in the Holocaust: Memory and Analysis
Moderator: Katja Grosse-Sommer (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg)

11:40 – 12:50 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 PANEL 1: SHIFTING GENDER ROLES
Agnes Laba (Bergische University, Wuppertal) – Defeated Masculinities? A Gender Perspective on Everyday Life under German Occupation in France and Poland
Jaromír Mrška (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague) - The Stereotype of “Gossipy Women” and Its Role in Denunciations in Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia
Marina Zavacká (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava) – Women at the Ilava Detention Camp
Moderator: Matej Ivančík (Comenius University, Bratislava)

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30 PANEL 2: THE BODY AS A SITE OF VIOLENCE
Marta Hryvashko (Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, Lviv) – Rape in Hiding: Sexual Violence against Jewish Women during the Holocaust in Ukraine
Gergely Kunt (Central European University, Budapest / University of Miskolc) – Jewish Women as Double Victims: Narrating Rape in the Wartime Diary of a Hungarian Holocaust Survivor
Jay Geller (Vanderbilt University, Nashville) – Circumcision and Male Jewish Survival during the Holocaust
Moderator: Borbála Klaßmann (University of Szeged)

16:30 – 16:50 Coffee break

17:00 – 19:00 HAVIVA REICK: LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL HERO
Rochelle Saidel (Remember the Women Institute, New York City) - Guest Lecture
Anna Grusková (Bratislava) – Director of “Burning House” (2016) - Film Screening
Moderator: Katja Grosse-Sommer (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg)

19:00 – 19:15 OPENING OF THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF GISI FLEISCHMANN
19:30 – 21:00 Dinner

TUESDAY, 22.01.2019

09:00 – 13:00 EXCURSION TO SERED HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
(for invited participants only)

13:10 – 14:50 Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 PANEL 3: GUIDING AND PRESERVING THE COMMUNITY: WOMEN IN JEWISH LEADERSHIP
Laurens Vastenhouw (University of Sheffield) – Female Involvement in Jewish Councils of the Netherlands and France: Gertrude van Tijn and Juliette Stern
Karolina Szymanik (Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw) – “Words as Milk of a Breast-Feeding Woman”: Representations of Witnessing and Documentation in Rachel Auerbach’s Writing
Moderator: Denisa Nešťáková (Comenius University, Bratislava)

16:00 – 17:00 PANEL 4: SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY
Gabrielle Hauth (Clark University, Worcester) – Female Intimacy in Concentration Camps
Florian Zabransky (University of Sussex) – Male Jewish Sexuality in Concentration Camps
Moderator: Martin Posch (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava)

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – 19:00 PANEL 5: GENDER, YOUTH AND NEW FAMILY CONCEPTS
Natalia Aleksian (Touro College, New York) – Girls Coming of Age during the Holocaust: Gender, Class, and the Struggle for Survival in Eastern Europe
Kerstin Schwenke (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich) – “It was hard to find any resemblance between this distorted body and the man my father used to be”: Female Family Members of Concentration Camp Inmates in Personal Contact with the Camps

Joanna Sliwa (The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany) – Polish Women Rescuers and the Jewish Children they Sheltered in Kraków, Poland
Moderator: Michala Lóničková (Comenius University/Holocaust Documentation Center, Bratislava)

19:15 – 20:30 Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 23.01.2019

09:30 – 11:00 PANEL 6: COLLABORATORS, PERPETRATORS AND CHANGING CONCEPTS OF GENDER
Anna-Raphaela Schmitz (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich) – “My family was well provided for in Auschwitz.” The Lives of the Wives of SS-Members in Auschwitz-Birkenau
Irina Makhalova (National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow) – Participation of Soviet Women in Persecution of the Jewish Population in the Crimea during the Nazi Occupation
Eva Škorvanková (Comenius University, Bratislava) – Women and the Ideology of Slovak National Socialism
Moderator: Anna Ulrich (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 PANEL 7: RESISTANCE
Modiane Zerdoun-Daniel (Uppsala University) – Jewish Women among Partisans in Lithuania, 1941 – 1945
Anna Nedlin-Lehrer (Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg) – Equal Fighters: Women of the Dör Youth Movement in the Warsaw Ghetto
Moderator: Jaromír Mrška (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague)

12:40 – 13:50 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 FINAL PANEL DISCUSSION
Andrea Löw (Institute for Contemporary History, Munich), Andrea Petri (Central European University, Budapest), Monika Vrzgulová (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava)
Moderators: Jakub Drábik (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava) Eva Škorvanková (Comenius University, Bratislava)

15:30 – 16:00 CONFERENCE WRAP UP