



Exploratory Workshop Scheme

Scientific Review Group for the Humanities

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

East/West European Prosecution of Nazi War Crimes in the Soviet Union: From a Local to a Transnational Perspective

Berlin, Germany, 27-29 march 2014

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Main Objectives of the Workshop:

The main objectives of the workshop are :

- 1) to set up a new international research network dedicated to the investigation and trials of war crimes committed in occupied regions during World War II in a transnational approach ;
- 2) to expose the main up today achievements of international research on this topic;
- 3) to locate the main flaws in the current historiography and to shape preliminary directions of a future collective research project both from a conceptual and archival perspectives.

Workshop Agenda

Contributors are required to send their working paper up to March 1, 2014.

Following the workshop, the organizers will apply to European institutions for funding in order to implement a new collective research project including the setting up of a major international scholars' network which will be based on the Berlin's exploratory workshop.

Publication and dissemination

The workshop's contributions will be submitted as an english language book volume to a german publisher and/or as a special issue of a scientific journal.



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27 March 2014

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| 13.30-14.00 | Welcome of the Participants |
| 14.00-14.15 | Welcome by Patrice Veit, director of the Marc Bloch Center |
| 14.15-14.35 | Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)
tba (Scientific Review Group for the Humanities / Scientific Review Group for the Social Sciences) |
| 14.35-15.00 | Presentation and Opening Remarks
Catherine Gousseff (CERCEC, Paris), Nathalie Moine (CERCEC, Paris), Tanja Penter (University of Heidelberg) |
| 15.00-18.30 | Afternoon Session: Broadening Space and Time of the War Crimes Judicial Proceedings |
| 15.00-15.30 | Presentation 1: Communist-era Investigative Files as a Source in Holocaust Studies: Romanian and Soviet Cases in Comparative Perspectives
Vladimir Solonari (University of Central Florida, visiting professor at the University of Jena) |
| 15.30-16.00 | Presentation 2: War Crimes Investigations in Finland, 1944-1950
Oula Silvennoinen (University of Helsinki) |
| 16.00-16.30 | <i>Coffee / Tea Break</i> |
| 16.30-17.00 | Presentation 3: Wartime Choices and Postwar Ambivalences in Soviet Belorussia
Franziska Exeler (European University Institute, Firenze) |
| 17.00-17.30 | Presentation 4: Stalinist Justice Scrutinised: Postwar Soviet Investigation and Trial Documents in the Mirror of Historical Epochs
Diana Dumitru (University of Chisinau) |
| 17.30-17.50 | Discussant : Kiril Feferman (Holocaust Foundation, Moscow) |
| 17.50-18.30 | Discussion |
| 19.30 | <i>Dinner</i> |



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Friday, 28 March 2014

9.00-12.30 Morning Session: Stalinist Justice and International Law

9.00-9.30 **Presentation 1: Cold War Warriors, Polish Emigrants and 'Obscure Journalists' -The "Katyn Lobby" and the Question of Prosecuting Soviet War Crimes in the West**

Claudia Weber (Hamburg Institute for Social Research)

9.30-10.00 **Presentation 2: Soviet War Crimes Policy in the Far East: the Trial at Khabarovsk (1949)**

Valentyna Polunina (University of Heidelberg)

10.00-10.30 **Presentation 3: Shaping War Crimes Policy for Europa: the Representation of the Exile Governments in London**

Kerstin von Lingen (University of Heidelberg)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

11.00-11.30 **Presentation 4: *Leges speciales* : The Dilemma of Legislating Postwar Retribution in Eastern and Western Europe**

Andrew Kornbluth (University of California, Berkeley)

11.30-12.30 **Discussion**

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-18.00 Afternoon Session: Stalinist Justice at Home

14.00-14.30 **Presentation 1: A Matter of Justice or a Political Show ? How the Soviet Show Trials against German POWs Were Set Up ? The Case of the 1943 Kharkov Trial**

Nikita Petrov (Memorial Foundation, Moscow)

14.30-15.00 **Presentation 2: Crimea's Tribunal : the Women-POWs as « Traitors », Victims and Resistant**

Tetiana Pastushenko (Institute of History of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev)

15.00-15.30 **Presentation 3: Soviet Political Justice during the Second World War: Context, Structures and Actors. The Soviet investigation of an Ukrainian Nationalist Underground, Kyiv region, 1944**

Olexander Melnyk (University of Toronto)

15.30-16.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

16.00-16.30 **Presentation 4: Soviet Postwar Trials against Jewish Defendants**

Tanja Pentter (University of Heidelberg)

16.30-17.00 **Presentation 5: Locating the Truth in the Stalinist Context: Two Cases of Early Depositions and Late Amnesia, Riga, Petropavlovsk, 1944**

Nathalie Moine (CERCEC, Paris)

17.00-18.00 **Discussion**

19.30 *Dinner*



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Saturday 29 March 2014

09.00-12.30 **Morning Session: East-West Judicial Cooperation**

09.00-09.30 **Presentation 1: Playing the Nuremberg Card: the GDR and the Politics of International Criminal Law**

Annette Weinke (University of Jena)

09.30-10.00 **Presentation 2: Requested and Unrequested Investigation Material from the Soviet Union: Main FRG Recipient Zentral Stelle in Ludwigsburg (1961-1976)**

Jasmin Söhner (University of Heidelberg)

10.00-10.30 **Presentation 3: Andrei Pecherskii as Actor and Witness in the Prosecution of the Sobibor Guards**

Leonid Terushkin (Holocaust Foundation, Moscow)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

11.00-11.30 **Presentation 4: Displaced War Crimes Trials: the Investigation and Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals from the Soviet Union in Australia, Great Britain, and Germany, 1988-1999**

Martin Dean (USHMM, Washington)

11.30-12.30 **Discussion**

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-15.30 **Afternoon Session 1: Investigating the Ukrainian Nationalist Past in the Cold War Context**

14.00-14.30 **Presentation 1: Mykola Lebed, War Crimes, and the CIA: an Entangled Past**

Per Rudling (University of Lund)

14.30-15.00 **Presentation 2: Persecution of the Nazi Collaborators in USSR: the Case of the "Ukrainian Company", Sumy Region, 1967-1968**

Ivan Dereiko (Institut of History of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev)

15.00-15.30 **Discussion**

15.30-16.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

16.00-18.30 **Afternoon Session 2: Evaluating Judicial Sources Through Alternative Narratives**

16.00-16.30 **Presentation 1: Nazi Crimes in the Soviet Union as Reflected in Letters, Diaries and Memoirs of Soviet Jews. A Comparative Analysis**

Leonid Smilovitsky (University of Tel Aviv)

16.30-17.00 **Presentation 2: The KGB Sources for a Local Inquiry of Jewish Population Massacres: The Case of Hincauti and Cepeleuti (Uezd Balti, Moldova)**

Patrice Bensimon (Yahad-in-Unum, Paris)



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- 17.00-17.30 **Presentation 3: Combining Sources from the Past and Oral Testimonies from the Present : The Extermination of the Gypsies of the Collective Farm of Aleksandrovka, Smolensk Oblast, 1942**
Andrej Umansky (Köln University, Yahad-in-Unum, Paris)
- 17.30-19.00 **Discussion on future plans and Concluding Remarks**
- 19.30 *Dinner*



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- to encourage interdisciplinary work through the independent evaluation of collaborative research proposals emanating from the scholarly community;
- to identify priority research areas and to play an integrative and co-ordinating role by creating links between research communities which in the Humanities are often small and fragmented.
- to provide expert advice on science policy actions at the European level in the field of its responsibilities.

The Scientific Review Group is well aware that the ESF is the only European Agency where the Humanities have a place next to the other sciences and where European projects are reviewed, developed and subsequently operated.

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