Archives in / of Transit: Historical Perspectives from the 1930s to the Present

Workshop, June 28 & 29 2024, Los Angeles

Conveners: German Historical Institute Washington; USC Shoah Foundation; Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway; University of London; Queen Mary, University of London; Wiener Holocaust Library, London; USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research

Partners: Thomas Mann House, Los Angeles; Villa Aurora, Los Angeles; Feuchtwanger Memorial Library, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Program

Friday, June 28, 2024
Location: USC Shoah Foundation Offices

8:30 am – 9:15 am  Registration / Coffee and pastries

9:15 am  Welcome
Jennifer Rodgers
(USC Shoah Foundation)
Simone Lässig
(German Historical Institute Washington)

9:30 -11:30 am  Panel 1: Silence and Experience
Chair: Simone Lässig (German Historical Institute Washington)

Phi Nguyen (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne): Where Did the Boats Go? Silenced Tales of Vietnamese Repatriated Refugees from Hong Kong

Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union, New York): What Remains of the “In-Between”: Tracing Experience and Afterlife of Refuge in the Orient

11:30-12:30 pm  Lunch

12:30-1:30 pm  Archives session: Feuchtwanger Memorial Library, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

1:30 – 3:00 pm  Panel 2: Knowledge and Networks
Chair: Swen Steinberg (Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario)

Eliyana Adler (Penn State University): Networks of Knowledge: Polish Jewish Holocaust Memorial Books as Archives in/of Transit

William Pimlott (Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London): YIVO’s Foreign Sections: Building Transnational Immigrant History Before, During and After the Holocaust

3:00 – 3:30 pm  Break
3:30-5:00 pm  **Panel 3: Music and Fashion**  
*Chair: Dan Stone (Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London)*

Svenja Bethke (University of Leicester): Making Clothes, Designing Fashion: Jewish Migrant Knowledge between Nazi-Occupied Europe and the British Mandate for Palestine

Andrea Orzoff (New Mexico State University, Las Cruces): Music as Migrant Archive: European Musical Refugees in Latin America, 1935-1945

7:00 pm  **Reception** at the *Thomas Mann House* followed by a **Discussion** with Julia Franck (Thomas Mann Fellow) and Andrea Orzoff (New Mexico State University, Las Cruces) on “Exile and Archives in Literature and Music”

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**  
**Location: Villa Aurora**

10:00-10:30 am  **Breakfast:** Coffee and pastries

10:30 am-12:30 pm  **Panel 4: Solidarity, Gender, and Activism**  
*Chair: Jane Freeland (Queen Mary, University of London)*

Christopher Neumaier (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam): Gender Roles in Transit: Impact of Immigrant Background on Work and Housekeeping in West Germany, 1970s–1990s

Tori Martinez (Linköpings Universitet): Lost Knowledge in a Hidden Archive: Ludwika Broel-Plater’s Agency and Activism as a Forced Migrant in Sweden


12:30-1:30 pm  **Lunch**

1:30-2:30 pm  **Tour** of the *Villa Aurora*
2:30-4:00 pm  Panel 5: Collections and Agency  
*Chair: Jennifer Rodgers (USC Shoah Foundation)*

Charlotte Lerg (Ludwig Maximillian University, Munich): When Libraries Take Flight. Migrating and Re-assembling Destructed Archives of Cultural Knowledge in Times of War

Miriam Chorley-Schulz (University of Oregon, Eugene): The Making of the We Refugees Archive

4:00 – 4:15 pm  Break

4:15 -5:45 pm  Panel 6: War and Violence  
*Chair: Christine Schmidt (Wiener Holocaust Library, London)*

Elissa Mailänder (Science Po, Paris): The Archives in our Attics: Material Hermeneutics of Vernacular Wehrmacht Photography

Jadzia Biskupska (Sam Houston State University, Huntsville): Settlers, Partisans, and Expellees: Framing the Consequences of the SS Colony in Zamość

5:45 -6:00 pm  Final discussion  
*Chairs: Jennifer Rodgers, Simone Lässig and Swen Steinberg*

Workshop Location:

**USC Shoah Foundation**  
650 USC McCarthy Way  
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Other Locations:

**Feuchtwanger Memorial Library**  
University of Southern California  
205 Doheny Memorial Library, Los Angeles, CA 90089

**Thomas Mann House**  
1550 San Remo Drive  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**Villa Aurora**  
520 Paseo Miramar  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90727

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