German Historical Institute  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC  

May 21-22, 2009  

Junior Scholars Conference on the Future of German-Jewish History  

Conveners:  
Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts in Deutschland  
Institut of European Studies, Berkeley  
German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.  

Chairs:  
Hartmut Berghoff (Director, German Historical Institute)  
Michael Brenner (Chair for Jewish History and Culture, University of Munich)  
John Efron (Director, Institute of European Studies, Berkeley)  
Marion Kaplan (Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History, NYU)  
Michael Meyer (International President of the Leo Baeck Institute, Cincinnati)  

Thursday, May 21  

11:00-11:30 am  
Welcome by Hartmut Berghoff  
(Director, German Historical Institute)  

Introductory Remarks  
Michael Brenner  
(Chair for Jewish History and Culture, University of Munich)  
Marion Kaplan  
(Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History, NYU)  
John Efron (Director, Institute of European Studies, Berkeley)  

11:30 am-12 noon  
Michael Meyer  
(International President of the Leo Baeck Institute, Cincinnati)  
"Autobiographical Reflections of a Historian of German Jewry"
12:00 noon-1:00 pm  *Medieval and Early Modern Influences on Modern German Jewry*
Rebekka Voss (Harvard/Düsseldorf University)
“Entangled Messiahs: Jews, Christians, and the Endtime in Early Modern Germany”
Daniel Schwartz (George Washington University)
“Mendelssohn’s Coattails and the German Jewish Rehabilitation of Spinoza”

1:00-2:00 pm  Lunch Break (GHI Reading Room)

2:00-3:00 pm  *Intellectual and Cultural History*
Emily J. Levine (Yale University)
"New Contexts for Germans, Jews, and Ideas"
Miriam Rürup (University of Göttingen)
“Beyond Borders: Crossing the Limits of Jewish History!”

3:00-4:00 pm  *Jewish Responses to Antisemitism and Anti-Clericalism*
Alexander Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)
“The Anti-Anti-Modernists: Jews and the Politics of Anticlericalism in Germany and France, 1783-1905”
Katherine Sorrels (University of Pittsburgh)
“Jewish Responses to Antisemitism as a Context for the Idea of Europe”

4:00-4:30 pm  Coffee break

4:30-5:30 pm  *German and East European Jews*
Amos Bitzan (University of California – Berkeley)
“‘A laboratorye far kanonen-shpeyz’: East European Jews and the Habsburg Army, 1914-1918”
Philipp Graf (University of Leipzig)
“The Bernheim Petition of 1933, or: How German is German-Jewish History?”

6:00-8:00 pm  GHI Spring Lecture Series: James E. Boughton (International Monetary Fund)
"Death or Rebirth? The End of the Bretton Woods System, 1968-1973"

8:00-10:00 pm  Dinner
*The Regent*
1910 18th Street, NW
202-232-1781
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**Friday, May 22**

9:00-9:30 am  
Breakfast (GHI Reading Room)

9:30-10:30 am  
**Jews and Christians, Germans and French**
Mirjam Friendl-Zadoff (University of Munich)
“From Berlin to Moscow (and on to Carlsbad): Werner Scholem as Biblical Sheperd, Communist Revolutionary & Jewish Patient”
Laura Jokusch (Ben Gurion University Beer Sheva)
“Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue: Jewish Conceptions of Retributive Justice in Postwar Europe”

10:30 am-12:00 noon  
Roundtable Discussion on Future Perspectives of German-Jewish History

12:00 noon-1:00 pm  
Lunch (GHI Reading Room)

**End of conference**