SECOND JUNIOR SCHOLARS CONFERENCE IN GERMAN-JEWISH HISTORY

Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts

Conveners: Michael Brenner (LMU Munich), Miriam Ruerup (GHI Washington)

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

8:45 Departure Hotel Lobby

9:30 Coffee and Welcome at the USHMM (Seminar Room A)

10:30-10:45 Introduction

10:45-12:00
Weimar Economy and the Jews
Chair: Miriam Ruerup (Washington)

Hannah Ahlheim (Göttingen)
Self-Perceptions and „Fremdbilder“: Writing the History of „Jewish Economy“ in Weimar Germany

Russell Spinney (Baltimore)
The Fear of Exclusion: Emotional Economies, Emotives and the Response to Antisemitism in the Weimar Republic

12:30-14:30
Lunch Discussion (Joint event with the Curt C. and Else Silberman Seminar for University Faculty)
Chair: Paul Shapiro (Washington)

Intersections and differences between Jewish Studies and Holocaust Studies in the United States and in Germany

Introductory Remarks: Doris Bergen (Toronto), Barry Trachtenberg (Albany, NY) (Conveners Silberman-Seminar) and Michael Brenner (Convener Junior Scholars Conference), Jürgen Matthaeus (tentative, Washington)
14:45-16:00
*Central European Biographies*
*Chair: Miriam Ruerup (Washington)*

Caspar Battegay (Basel)
Turning Points of Modernity: The Writings and Life of Nathan Birnbaum (1864-1937)

Adi Gordon (Cincinnati)
The Intellectual Biography of Hans Kohn: Extending Central European Jewish History into Cold War America

16:15-17:30
*Jewish Societies in Movement*
*Chair: Leah Wolfson (Washington)*

Anne-Christin Sass (Berlin)
‘Der historisher moment’ Familiar Challenges and New Developments in the encounters between Eastern European and German Jews in Weimar Berlin

Björn Siegel (Hamburg)
Jewish History in a Maritime Place.
Ships, Shipping Companies and the Jewish Emigration to Palestine in the 1920's and 1930's

19:00 Conference Dinner *(Restaurant: Thai Regent, 1910 18th Street, N.W.)*

**Wednesday, June 15, 2011 (German Historical Institute)**

8:30-9:15 Breakfast Reading Room

9:15-9:30 *Welcome and Introduction: Hartmut Berghoff (Washington)*

9:30-10:45
*Belonging and Distancing*
*Chair: Miriam Ruerup (Washington)*

Sarah Wobick (Syracuse)
German-Jewish Belonging: Community, Space and Faith from 1850-1950

Noam Zadoff (Munich)
Towards a History of Emotions: Gershom Scholem and Post-Holocaust Germany

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:15
*Jewish Intellectuals and the Rebuilding of Germany*
*Chair: Michael Brenner (Munich)*

Noah Strote (Berkeley)
Christians, Jews, and the Intellectual Foundations of the Federal Republic

Udi Greenberg (Dartmouth)
German Jews and the Cold War: The Case of Ernst Fraenkel and the 'Global New Deal'

12:15-13:00
*Concluding Discussion*

13:00-14:00 *Lunch and Farewell*