German Historical Institute Washington, D.C.

From Mass Murder to Exhibition: Museum Representations in Transatlantic Comparison
November 17 – 18, 2011

Conveners: Jürgen Matthäus (Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC), Miriam Rürup (GHI Washington), Jens-Christian Wagner (Buchenwald and Mittelbau Dora Memorials Foundation, Weimar), Georg Wamhof (Washington, DC)

Program

Thursday, November 17

6:00 – 7:00 pm Exhibition Opening
Forced Labor for the “Final Victory”
The Mittelbau-Dora Concentration Camp, 1943-1945

Opening Lecture: Jens-Christian Wagner (Weimar)
Remembering the Nazi Camps in East and West Germany: The Case of Mittelbau-Dora.

7:00 – 8:00 pm Reception at the GHI
Friday, November 18

8:15 – 9:00 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 am  Welcome

9:15 – 11:00 am  First Panel: What and How to Present in Holocaust Museums
Chair: David Lazar (Washington, DC)

Harold Marcuse (Santa Barbara)
*Exhibitions of Nazi Crimes in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s*

Hannah K. Holtschneider (Edinburgh)
*The Holocaust as Jewish history: Representations of Jewish Victims of Nazi Crimes in Two historical Exhibitions*

Steffi de Jong (Trondheim)
*Exhibiting History/Exhibiting Memory: Some Reflections on the Use of Video Testimonies in Holocaust and Second World War Museums*

11:00 – 11:30 am  Coffee break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Second Panel: Excursions I
Chair: Georg Wamhof (Washington, DC)

Jens-Christian Wagner (Weimar)
*The Travelling Exhibition “Forced Labor: The Germans, the Forced Laborers and the War” (Buchenwald and Mittelbau Dora Memorials Foundation)*

Michael J. Neufeld (Washington, DC)
*Technology Museums and Nazi Crimes: The V-2 Missile as a Special Case*

1:00 – 2:00 pm  Lunch break

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Third Panel: Excursions II
Chair: Jürgen Matthäus (Washington, DC)

Jörg Skriebeleit (Flossenbürg)
*Flossenbürg: The Rediscovery of a European Site of Memory*

Christel Trouvé (Berlin/Bremen)
*Denkort Bunker Valentin: Transforming a Military Facility into a Documentation Center*
3:30 – 4:00 pm  
**Coffee break**

4:00 – 5:30 pm  
**Fourth Panel: The US Holocaust Memorial Museum**
Chair: Martin Dean (Washington, DC)

Alison Landsberg (George Mason University)  
“Remembering” the Holocaust: Prosthetic Memory and Empathy at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Jacob S. Eder (Philadelphia)  
Confronting the “Anti-German Museum”: West German Politics of Memory and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum during the 1980s

5:30 – 5:45 pm  
**Break**

5:45 am – 7:00 pm  
**Fifth Panel: Universalizing the Holocaust**
Chair: Miriam Rürup (Washington, DC)

William Niven (Nottingham)  
Portraying the Holocaust and the Flight and Expulsion of Germans in the Same Exhibition: Patterns, Problems, Possibilities

Paul Williams (New York)  
Calamity and Response: Positioning the Holocaust at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

7:30 – 10:00 pm  
**Conference-Dinner**
Zaab – Modern Asian  
1836 18th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Tel: (202) 299-0399  
http://www.zabbrestaurant.com/zabbasian.html#

End of Workshop

Program as of November 14, 2011