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Second Conference in the Series “In Global Transit” organized by the German Historical Institutes in Washington and London
In cooperation with the Max Weber Stiftung Branch Offices in Delhi and Beijing, and The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, University of California, Berkeley

Conveners:

Wolf Gruner
USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Los Angeles

Simone Lässig
German Historical Institute Washington

Francesco Spagnolo
The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, Berkeley

Swen Steinberg
Queen's University, Kingston

Cover Photo: “On to the West” reads the sign on the railroad car in which these Polish Jews were repatriated from the Asiatic region of the USSR.
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**Monday, May 20**

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Tuesday, May 21

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8:30 a.m. Light Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Translating and Producing Knowledge

Panel 2

“Send me letters and I will send you packages”: Polish Jewish Refugees around the Globe Share Knowledge and Resources

Eliyana Adler, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

The Politics of Refugee Internment and Knowledge Production in Colonial India

Razak Khan, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Chair

Sören Urbansky, German Historical Institute Washington DC

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Conflicting and Converging Identities: Emotions in Transit

Panel 3

“We were refugees and carried a special burden”: German Jewish Emigrés and the Emotional Struggle of Finding a new Home in São Paulo

Björn Siegel, Institute for the History of German Jews, Hamburg

Post-World War II Brazil: A New Homeland for Jews and Nazis?

Sarah R. Valente, The University of Texas at Dallas

Chair

Indra Sengupta, German Historical Institute London and Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office, New Delhi

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Production and Use of Networks in Transit

Panel 4

World Sojourners: Jewish Migration to Bolivia and Guatemala

Sandra Gruner-Domic, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

“We are not going to wait until 1939 ... this is 1933”: The Role of Popular Unity Government and Pinochet's Dictatorship in the Holocaust Survivors' Decision to Emigrate from Chile

Nancy Nicholls Lopeandia, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago

Chair

Claudia Roesch, German Historical Institute Washington

2:30 p.m. Break

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Excursion - Conceptualize Transit

Museum of the Chinese Historical Society of America / walking tour through San Francisco’s Chinatown
Wednesday, May 22

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8:30 a.m.  Light Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  **Refugees in Processes of Decolonization, State Building, and State Crisis**
Panel 5

Notun Yehudi (The New Jews): A Study of the Refugees from East Pakistan in Post-Partition India

*Pallavi Chakravarty*, Ambedkar University Delhi

“Shifting Figures in a Shifting Landscape”: Holocaust Refugees in Young Independent India

*Margit Franz*, Karl-Franzens University, Graz

Chair  *Isabel Richter*, University of California, Berkeley

10:00 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  **Power Structures and Shifting Settings: Class, Race, and Gender**
Panel 6

Trauma, Privilege, and Adventure: Jewish Refugees in Iran

*Atina Grossmann*, Cooper Union, New York

Haven in British East Africa: German and Austrian Jewish Refugees in Colonial Kenya

*Natalie Eppelsheimer*, Middlebury College, Vermont

Chair  *Andrea Sinn*, Elon University

11:30 a.m.  Break

12:00 p.m.  **Departing as Child – Arriving as Adult: Age and Generation**
Panel 7

“Living Across Border”: Agency and Displacement of Polish Jewish and Ethnic Polish Migrants after the War (1945 - 1960)

*Anna Cichopek-Gajraj*, Arizona State University, Tempe

Musical Migration: Ruth Schönthal from Mexico City to New York

*Andrea Orzoff*, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

Chair  *Sheer Ganor*, University of California, Berkeley

1:00 p.m.  Lunch
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2:00 p.m.  Panel 8

**Neighborhoods Between Belonging and Alienness**

American Dreams: Jewish Refugees and Chinese Locals in Post-World War II Shanghai  
  **Kimberly Cheng**, New York University

Home and In Transit Location for Holocaust Survivors in Mexico  
  **Yael Siman**, Anáhuac University, Mexico City

Chair  
  **Nick Underwood**, German Historical Institute Washington, Pacific Regional Office Berkeley

3:00 p.m.  Break

3:15 p.m.  Panel 9

**Narrating Transit and Forced Migration**

From Auschwitz to Bogotá: When Genocide and Political Violence Converge  
  **Lorena Ávila Jaimes**, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Rule of Law Program for Latin-America

Bolivia as Transitory Refuge: Memoirs of Jewish Refugees  
  **Helga Schreckenberger**, University of Vermont, Burlington

Chair  
  **Andrea Westermann**, German Historical Institute Washington, Pacific Regional Office Berkeley

4:15 p.m.  **Concluding discussion**

Chairs  
  **Wolf Gruner**, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Los Angeles  
  **Swen Steinberg**, Queen's University, Kingston

5:00 p.m.  Break

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  **Conference dinner**  
  Great China Restaurant  
  2190 Bancroft Way  
  Berkeley, CA 94704
Hotel Shattuck Plaza
2086 Allston Way, Berkeley

The Magnes Collection
2121 Allston Way, Berkeley

Great China Restaurant
2190 Bancroft Way, Berkeley
This painting hangs in the social hall of Congregation B'nai Emunah in San Francisco. It shows five of the synagogue’s founding generation and traces their routes from Germany via Belgium and China to San Francisco. You can read their stories on the artist’s website: https://anneruthisaacson.com/journeys-of-survival.

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