

**Global Holocaust? Memories of the
Destruction of European Jews in Global
Context**

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The memory of the victims of the Holocaust
is a central element in present-day European,

GÖTZ NORDBRUCH (Odense) shifted the focus to the Arab world. Nordbruch emphasized that during the Nazi period, sympathy for the suffering of European Jews under the Nazi regime and anti-Zionism were not mutually exclusive in the Arab world, but actually existed in tandem. After a long period of non-engagement utu-

Nevertheless, it constituted a crucial part in Latin American societies' process of coming to terms with their own history. The Holocaust has served as a universal „narration“ that allowed recognition of past crimes and created demands to remember. Thus, Ran concluded, Holocaust memory in Latin America has always „vacillated between the universal and the local.“

SUSANNA B. SCHRAFSTETTER (Vermont) stressed the „global“ character of the lessons drawn from the Holocaust in South Africa. The country houses three successful „Holocaust and Genocide Centres“ and is the only Subsaharan country with institutionalized Holocaust education. While research about the formation of Holocaust memory in South Africa is still a developing field, it is safe to say that the Holocaust has become a „benchmark for assessing past injustices“ since the end of Apartheid. Holocaust centers draw close parallels between Nazi anti-Semitism up to 1939 and the Apartheid

memory without engaging in conversation with experts on the nonwestern world. Building on previous cooperation among individual participants of the workshop as well as on the partnership between the Universities of Augsburg and Vermont, the workshop thus also served as the inaugural meeting of a transatlantic study group that will continue to meet to discuss the global dimension of Holocaust memory.

Conference overview:

Opening Session

Philipp Gassert (Augsburg University) and Alan E. Steinweis (University of Vermont)

Panel 1

Chair: Francis Nicosia (University of Vermont)

Gilad Margalit (University of Haifa): The Concept of the Shoah's Singularity and the Intellectual Unease it Evoked: Three Decades of an Israeli Debate

Götz Nordbruch (University of Southern Denmark, Odense): Facing the Enemy's Sorrow: Arab Responses to the Holocaust

Panel 2

Chair: Lutz Kaelber (University of Vermont)

Denise Youngblood (University of Vermont): Collective Amnesia? The USSR and the Holocaust

Wendy Lower (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich): Is There a Holocaust Memory in Ukraine Today? Recent Political, Cultural and Regional Trends

Panel 3

Chair: Jacob S. Eder (University of Pennsylvania)

Amalia Ran (University of Nebraska/Tel-Aviv University): Nuestra Shoa: Memory and Post-Memory in Latin American Perspectives

Susanna B. Schrafstetter (University of Vermont): „We learn about the Holocaust so that we can become more compassionate:“ Holocaust Memory in South Africa

Panel 4

Chair: Reinhild Kreis (Augsburg University)

Maria Framke (Jacobs University, Bremen):

The Perception of the Holocaust in India: Preliminary Findings

Jonathan Goldstein (University of West Georgia): Holocaust and Jewish Studies in Modern China: Functions of a Political Agenda

Concluding Session

Alan E. Steinweis (University of Vermont) and Philipp Gassert (Augsburg University)

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