



SALZBURG SEMINAR

**INSTITUTE FOR HISTORICAL
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The Practical Application of History for the Contemporary World

**Interethnic Relations in the Soviet-Occupied Territories of Poland
1939-1941**

International Workshop
Leipzig, 20–22 January 2005

Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur an der Universität Leipzig
Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation, Salzburg
Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, New York

The workshop is part of a historical dialogue intended to work towards a historical narrative, or possibly parallel narratives, of the difficult and contested period of 1939-41 that can be accepted by all groups involved. This project, jointly sponsored by the Salzburg-based Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation [IHJR], Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs [CCEIA] in New York and the Simon Dubnow Institute, is part of a larger project of the newly-founded IHJR on historical commissions as complements to truth commissions and other instruments of reckoning and memory.

The basic agenda for the Polish-Jewish case was set at a meeting of scholars to plan the commission in Leipzig in April 2003. At this meeting, two initial project components were identified and initiated: one is the production of a synthetic history on Polish-Jewish relations in the twentieth century, and the other is a project on a particularly contentious topic, interethnic relations in Soviet occupied territories of Poland from 1939 to 1941. It is anticipated that project components on several similar topics and periods, such as interethnic violence in the immediate post-war period, will be activated in the future.

Program

Thursday, January 20, 2005

19:00 *Opening Reception at the Simon Dubnow Institute*

Friday, January 21, 2005

9:00-10:00 *Introduction to the Project and Partners*

Dan Diner, Simon Dubnow Institute/The Hebrew University

Elazar Barkan, Claremont University/IHJR

Lili Cole, CCEIA

10:00-12:00 **Session I: Memory**

Kai Struve, Simon Dubnow Institute

"Historiography and Memory. Different narratives about anti-Jewish violence in summer 1941 and Soviet occupation 1939-41"

Yaroslav Hrytsak, Ivan-Franko-University L'viv/CEU:

"Ukrainian memory of relations with Jews and Poles during World War II in historiography and personal recollections"

Joanna Michlic, Brandeis University:

"Between History and Historiography: '39-'41 and Stereotypes of Jews"

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 **Session II: Soviet Rule, Part I**

Marek Wierzbicki, Instytut Studiów Politycznych PAN

"Polish-Jewish Relations in North-Eastern Poland (Western Byelarusia and the Vilnius Region) in September 1939"

Yevgenij Rozenblat, University of Brest

"'Contact zones' in interethnic relations in Western Byelarusia in 1939-41"

Timothy Snyder, Yale University

"Poles, Jews, and Soviets in Volhynia, 1939-1941."

16:00-18:00 **Soviet Rule, Part II**

Amir Weiner, Stanford University

"Soviet Design and Practices in Western Ukraine and Belarus, 1939-41"

Grzegorz Hryciuk, University of Wrocław

"Deportations and other forms of repression against different ethnic groups under Soviet occupation (especially in the territories of Volhynia and eastern Galicia)"

Rafał Wnuk, IPN Lublin/Instytut Studiów Politycznych PAN

"Polish conspiracy in the Soviet occupied territories of Poland (Sept. 1939 – June 1941)"

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, January 22, 2005

9:00-11:00 **Session III, Pogroms**

Andrzej Żubikowski, IPN and ŻIH

"Local Pogroms in 1941 in Northeastern Poland and Their Reasons"

Dieter Pohl, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich

"Anti-Jewish pogroms in Western Ukraine in summer 1941"

11:30-13:30 *Synthesizing Comments and Recommendations:*

Omer Bartov, Brown University

Aaron Benavot, UNESCO

Anna Bikont, Gazeta Wyborcza

Martyna Majewska, Polish Ministry of Education

Norman Naimark, Stanford University

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Concluding Discussion/Further Work