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in the Postwar Polish-Belarusian-Ukrainian Borderlands
14-15 July 2021





DAY 1 - JULY 14, 2021

10:00-12:00 Panel 1: The Return into the Shtetl

Natalia Aleksiun (Touro College, New York/Imre Kertesz Kolleg, Jena), Returning from the Land of the Dead: Jews in Eastern Galicia in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust

Evgeny Rozenblat (Brest State University),

Jews in the Belarusian SSR between 1944 and the 1950s: The problem of ethnic self-identification in the context of social transformations of society

14:00-16:00 Panel 2: The Afterlife of Jewish Belongings

Bożena Shallcross (University of Chicago),

On the Relation between the Body and the Object: Some Theoretical Considerations

Magdalena Waligórska (Humboldt University Berlin) and Ina Sorkina (University of Warsaw),

The Second Life of Jewish Belongings in Postwar Poland and Belarus

Respondent: Bożena Shallcross (University of Chicago)

Marta Duch-Dyngosz (Jagiellonian University Kraków), Jewish Objects in the Postwar Non-Jewish Households: Confronting the Local Communities in the Aftermath of Mass Plunder

DAY 2 - JULY 15, 2021

10:00-12:00 Panel 3: Confrontations with Complicit Neighbors

Franziska Exeler (University of Cambridge/Free University Berlin), Ghosts of War: Nazi Occupation and its Aftermath in Postwar Soviet Belarus

Yechiel Weizman (Humboldt University Berlin/Simon Dubnov Institute), Unsettled Accounts: First Encounters Between Jews and their Neighbors in the Polish-Ukrainian-Belarusian Borderlands after the Liberation

Respondent: Franziska Exeler (University of Cambridge /Free University Berlin)

Marta Havryshko: (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies), Confronting Past Ethnic Violence and Taboo in the Postwar Shtetl: Researching Sexual Violence against Jewish Women in Ukraine

14:00-16:00 Panel 4: The Myth of the Jewish Treasures and the Topos of the Jewish Ruin

Natalia Romik (Gerda Henkel Foundation), Architecture of Survival: Ruins of the Jewish Hiding Places

Zuzanna Dziuban (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna), Plunder of the Holocaust Dead: Violence against Human Remains in the Postwar Polish Provinces

Alexander Friedman (Humboldt University Berlin /University of Saarland), The Jewish Ruin in Postwar Brody (Ukraine)

18:00 Keynote Lecture

Omer Bartov (Brown University),
The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz