

The Yad Vashem Biennial International Conference

Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust Revisited

Monday–Wednesday, December 16–18, 2024
Zoom Conference

Monday, December 16, 2024

16:00-19:30 (Israel Time)

Opening Remarks:

Dan Michman

Head of the International Institute for Holocaust Research and the Incumbent of the John Najmann Chair of Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem; Bar-Ilan University

David Gur

The Society for Research of the History of the Zionist Youth Movement in Hungary

The History of the Underground Zionist Youth Resistance Movement in Hungary during 1944: The Struggle for life and for Rescue of Jews

Session 1A: Resistance in Poland – New Perspectives

Chair: Havi Dreifus

Tel Aviv University and Yad Vashem

Tom Navon

University of Haifa

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising - Reappraisal from the Margins: Communists in the Jewish Fighting Organization, the (Revisionist) Jewish Military Union and Independent Groups

Michał Grochowski

Warsaw Ghetto Museum

Combat Losses in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Discussion

Break

Session 1B: Resistance in Poland – New Perspectives

Avihu Ronen

Tel Hai Academic College; The University of Haifa

The ŻOB in Warsaw as a Central Headquarter of Jewish Fighting Organizations in the Ghettos

Talia Farkash

The Open University of Israel

Uncovering a Forgotten Resistance: Underground Activity in the Tarnow Ghetto, 1942-1943

Maria Ferenc

University of Wrocław

News on the Holocaust and (Various Forms of) Resistance: An Imminent Connection

Discussion

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

16:00-19:30 (Israel Time)

Session 2: Different Perspectives of Resistance

Chair: Olga Ungar

Yad Vashem

Hanna Abakunova

Uppsala University; University of Alberta

Roma's Assistance to Jews in Occupied Ukraine: Rescue or Passive Resistance

Thomas Pegelow Kaplan

Colorado State University - Boulder

Rethinking Resistance against Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany from the Periphery: Jewish Community Responses to Occupation in the Philippines, 1942-1945

Kinga Frojimovics

Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies

Éva Kovács

Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies; HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences

László Szamosi versus Giorgio Perlasca in the Memory of the Shoah

Discussion

Break

Session 3: Resistance in the Countryside

Chair: Naama Shik

Yad Vashem

Eliyahu Klein

Tel Aviv University

The Jewish Resistance in the Parczew Forests: A Reexamination

Daniela Ozacky-Stern

Western Galilee College

Jewish Resistance, Agency and Dependence during the Holocaust: Emissaries and Guides as a Case Study

Discussion

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

16:00-20:00 (Israel Time)

Session 4: Resistance in Germany

Chair: Kim Wünschmann

Institute for the History of the German Jews

Wolf Gruner

University of Southern California

Hertha Reis, Hans Oppenheimer and Other Resisters: How Ordinary Jews Fought Hitler's Persecution

Cornelia Shati-Geissler

Yad Vashem

"Schießt doch, ihr Hunde!": A Case Study of a Forgotten Jewish Resistance in the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Facing Deportation 'to the East'

Discussion

Session 5: Resistance in Romania

Chair: Radu Ioanid

Historian

Anca Filipovici

Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities

Histories of Jewish Youth Resistance during the Holocaust in Romania: A Case Study on the Gordonia and Dror Zionist Organizations

Ion Popa

University of Manchester

Converts and Rescue during the Holocaust: A Reassessment of Definitions and Typologies

Discussion

Break

Session 6: Resistance in Western Europe and Albania

Chair: Nina Valbousquet

Rothschild Foundation Fellow; University of Manchester

Emmanuelle Moscovitz

Yad Vashem; University of Tel Aviv

Between Vichy and the Jews Detained: Rescue Efforts and the Aumônerie Générale des israélites de France

Visar Malaj

University of Tirana

Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust: The Neglected Case of Albania

Iael Orvieto

Yad Vashem; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jewish Rescue as Resistance: Reflections and Assessments

Discussion

Conclusion:

Dan Michman

Yad Vashem; Bar-Ilan University

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