CONFRONTING THE NAZIS

Reflections on the Forms and Dilemmas of Resistance

OCTOBER 4-5, 2018, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Rosenstrasse protests in February 1943 by non-Jewish women demanding the release of their Jewish husbands rounded up for their dispatch from Berlin, this conference examines different forms of resistance to the “Final Solution” policy in Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe.

The keynote by Marion Kaplan will analyse the predicament of Jews under the Hitler dictatorship and how far the question of gender is significant in this larger context. The first panel will then look at problems of the persecution, resistance and rescue of Jewish and other minorities and more recent research on the risks and dilemmas involved during the Nazi occupation of Europe. The second panel will deal with more detailed examples of clandestine rescue operations in Eastern Europe, France, and Germany, highlighting the differences between rule and resistance within Germany and the Nazi occupied territories. The concluding Round Table will return to the larger problems of life under a brutal Fascist dictatorship.
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PROGRAM
Deutsches Haus, Columbia University, 420 West 116th Street

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018
5:30 p.m. Welcome by the Director of Deutsches Haus
Introduction of the speaker by William Weitzer, Director of the Leo Baeck Institute, New York
Keynote Lecture: Marion Kaplan, New York University
How gender mattered during the Holocaust
6:45 Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018
9:45 a.m. Registration
10:00 Welcome and Introduction by Volker Berghahn,
Columbia University, and New York German Consul-General, David Gill
10:15 - 12:00 PANEL I:
Chair: Elisheva Carlebach, Columbia University
Nathan Stoltzfus, Florida State University
What do we think about when we think about the Rosenstrasse protest?
Mordecai Paldiel, Yeshiva University
(previously Yad Vashem) Yad Vashem and the honoring of German rescuers: some case issues
Paula Schwartz, Middlebury College
Women’s Street Protests in Occupied France
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break

1:15 - 2:45 PANEL II:
Chair: Mark Anderson, Columbia University
Renate Bridenthal, Brooklyn College
A 2nd-generation bond of remembrance between rescuers and rescued
Anne Nelson, Columbia University
Das Nazitarische: public protests of the Red Orchestra & other resisters
Stanlee Stahl, Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, New York
Holocaust survivors and their rescuers in Eastern Europe
2:45 - 3:00 Coffee Break
3:00 - 4:00 Roundtable on Mixed marriages and the Rosenstrasse Women Protest
Moderator: Mordecai Paldiel
Susanne Heim, Freiburg University
Nathan Stoltzfus, Florida State University
4:15 End of Conference

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