International Conference

The Second World War in Southeastern Europe
4 - 6 October 2017

Venues: Topography of Terror Foundation and Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

The conference is designed to mirror the state of the art of research on Southeastern Europe during the Second World War, and to formulate a future research agenda. Participants will discuss central issues with regard to this, rather neglected, European subregion, and work towards its better inclusion into European narratives. Central historical tropes of the war as it took place in Yugoslavia, Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, and Romania will be organized in two public debates/round tables, and in 4 panels for invited participants. Both war-induced processes and local specificities will be addressed, as well as the significance of these events in the context of European, if not global, interconnections. The history of the war has been revisited since the political changes of 1990; yet, the region still features very low in many German (and other international) museums, exhibitions, as well as generally in research.

The conference will start with a public discussion at the Foundation Topography of Terror about the place of Southeastern Europe in the history of the Second World War, followed the next day by a public debate on the contexts of the Holocaust in the region. The panels to the conference will take place at the Centre Marc Bloch. They will be clustered around the following core topics: An introductory panel will reflect on transnational aspects of occupation; the following three panels will be concerned with revisiting the meaning of resistance and collaboration through the lens of shifting loyalties as they occurred during the war; with supply regimes conditioned by the war economy; and with the dynamics of violence regarding Yugoslavia and Greece. In an important final panel, contributors will discuss methods of teaching about the war, and reflect on how remembrance (and its counterpart, amnesia) have been crafted. The backdrop to all panels and discussions will be the European narratives on the war, and how they can serve to construct a European future that acknowledges this particularly troubled past as a common one.

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**Wednesday, 4 October**

**Public Event**  
Venue: Topography of Terror Foundation

19:00  
Greetings  
**Thomas Lutz**, Topography of Terror Foundation  
**Felix Klein**, Federal Foreign Office

Discussion  
**Xavier Bougarel** (Paris), **Tatjana Tönsmeyer** (Wuppertal), **Michael Wildt** (Berlin)

*Der andere Krieg im Osten: Weltkrieg und Holocaust im südöstlichen Europa / The Other War in the East: World War and Holocaust in Southeastern Europe*

Moderation: **Stefanie Schüler-Springorum** (Berlin)

*(In German with English simultaneous translation)*

20.30 Reception

**Thursday, 5 October**

*Conference – Only for enrolled participants*

**Venue: Centre Marc Bloch**

9:00  
Registration

9:15  
Opening  
**Catherine Gousseff** (Berlin)

9:30  
**Transnational Perspectives on Occupation in Southeastern Europe**

**Ben Shepherd** (Glasgow),  
“Hitler’s Soldiers” in the Balkans: the Wehrmacht, the SS, the Police

**Eric Gobetti** (Torino),  
Italians in the Balkans: Protectorates, Occupation, Camps, Internees

11.00  
Coffee Break
11.30 Zoran Janjetović (Belgrade),
The Exploitation of Economies and Manpower

Tatjana Tönsmeyer (Wuppertal),
Occupied Societies - Towards a Transnational Social History of the War

Chair: Hans-Christian Jasch (Berlin)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Resistance and Collaboration. Shifting Loyalties

Bojan Aleksov (London),
Jewish Refugees in the Balkans: A Transnational Historical Puzzle

Xavier Bougarel (Paris),
Serbs, Croats, Chetniks, Ustasha, Partisans in the Independent State of Croatia

15.30 Coffee

16:00 Spyros Tsoutsoumpis (Manchester),
Partisans and Civilians in Greece

Svetlana Suveica (Regensburg),
Shifting Loyalties in a Time of Extremes: Local Public Employees in Wartime Bessarabia

Chair: Masha Cerovic (Paris)

17.30 Early Dinner [in the CMB]

Public Event
Venue: Topography of Terror Foundation

19.00 Panel Discussion: The Holocaust in Southeastern Europe Put into Context

Marija Vulesica (Berlin), Iason Chandrinos (Regensburg), Nadège Ragaru (Paris),
Diana Dumitru (Chisinau)

Chair: Susanne Heim (Berlin)

20:30 End

Short Reception
Friday, 6 October
Venue: Centre Marc Bloch

9.00  **War, Economy and Regimes of Supply**

  **Sanela Schmid** (Nürnberg) / **Christian Schölzel** (Berlin), „Aryanization“ and Jewish Property in the Context of Supply Regimes in Yugoslavia

  **Sabine Rutar** (Regensburg), Physical Labour and Survival: Supplying Miners in Yugoslavia

  **Paolo Fonzi** (Berlin), Supply Regimes in Greece

10:30  Coffee

11:00  **Discussion**

  **Chair**: **Falk Pingel** (Bielefeld)

12.00  Lunch

13:00  **Round Table**

  **Explaining Dynamics of Violence. Greece and Yugoslavia**

  **Stathis Kalyvas** (New Haven), **Polymeris Voglis** (Athens), **Tomislav Dulić** (Uppsala), **Alexander Korb** (Leicester)

  **Chair**: **Hannes Grandits** (Berlin)

15:00  Coffee

15:30  **Remembrance, Amnesia, Obfuscation: Communicating War(s)**

  **Ivo Pejaković** (Zagreb), Counting and Re-counting Victims

  **Annette Weinke** (Jena), German Controversies, Amnesia, Remembrance (And Who Knows About the „Südost-Generäle“?)

  **Felicia Waldman** (Bucharest), Narrating War and Violence in Romania and Moldova

  **Christina Koulouri** (Athens), Teaching War in Southeastern Europe - an Entangled View

  **Chair**: **Thomas Lutz** (Berlin)
17:30  Coffee

18.00  **Concluding Remarks and Discussion**

- Xavier Bougarel (Paris), Tatjana Tönsmeier (Wuppertal), Sabine Rutar (Regensburg)

  Chair: Stefanie Schüler-Springorum

19.00  End of Conference

20.00  Joint Dinner