

CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS ABOUT JEWS: NATIONAL COMPARISONS IN THE SHADOW OF THE HOLOCAUST

Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, Washington 98447
September 26-29, 2002

Thursday, September 26

5:30 Dinner (by invitation)

7:30 Session 1: **Keynote Address**

Moderator: **Robert P. Ericksen**, Pacific Lutheran University

Welcome

Loren Anderson, President
Pacific Lutheran University

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Peggy Obrecht, Director of Church Relations
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Third Annual Raphael Lemkin Holocaust Lecture

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

“The Failure of Dialogue: Jewish-Christian Relations from the Jewish Point of View”

Discussion

Reception

Friday, September 27

Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Session 2

Moderator: **John Conway**, University of British Columbia

Presenter: **Gerhard Lindemann**

“Heidelberg University German Protestant Teachings about Jews, 1919-1945”

Respondent: *Margaret Lavinia Anderson*, UC Berkeley

Discussion

11:00-12:30 Session 3

Presenter: *Anna Lysiak*, Krakow University

“The Rev. Josef Kruszynski and Polish Catholic Teachings about Jews in the Interwar Period”

Respondent: *Christian Gerlach*, University of Maryland

Discussion

1:00 Lunch

2:30-4:30 Session 4: **Memories about Christian Attitudes toward Jews: Survivors Speak**

Panelists: All are speakers for the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center (WSHERC)

Thomas Blatt (Memoirist on his escape from Sobibor)

Henry Friedman (Memoirist and President Emeritus, WSHERC)

Robert Herszkowitz (Child survivor, Belgium)

5:30 Buffet Reception for former Alexander von Humboldt Fellows (by invitation)

7:30-9:00 Session 5

Moderator: *Hubert Locke*, Dean Emeritus, Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Washington

Presenter: *David Kertzer*, Brown University

“Antisemitism and the Vatican: A Postscript”

Discussion

Saturday, September 28

9:00-10:30 Session 6

Presenter: *Graciela Ben Dror*

“Catholic Teachings about Jews in Spain compared with Latin American Countries during the Holocaust Era, 1933-1945”

Respondent: *John Pawlikowski*, Catholic Theological Union

Discussion

11:00-12:30 Session 7

Presenter: *Mikko Ketola*, University of Helsinki
“Estonians, Baltic Germans, and their Lutheran Teachings about Jews, 1919-1945”

Respondent: *Christian Lucky*, New York

Discussion

1:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Session 8

Presenter: *Thorsten Wagner*, Institut für Antisemitismus Forschung, Berlin
“Christian Teachings about Jews in Denmark: An Exception?”

Respondent: *Jesper Svartvik*, University of Lund

Discussion

3:45-5:00 Session 9

Presenter: *Jan Goldberg*, Oxford University
“Islam on Jews: Religious Freedom for Jews in Islamic Law Since the French Revolution”

Discussion

5:30-9:30 Social event/Dinner

Cruise and dinner on Puget Sound

Sunday, September 29

10:00-12:00 Final Session

Moderator: **Robert P. Ericksen**

Respondents: **Doris Bergen**, University of Notre Dame
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
Hartmut Lehmann, Director, Max Planck Institute for History
Göttingen, Germany

12:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Annual Meeting of the Editorial Board, *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte*

Brief comments about the presenters:

Graciela Ben Dror, now teaching at the University of Haifa, has published on Catholic teachings about Jews both in Spain and in Argentina. She completed her Ph.D. in Jerusalem.

Susannah Heschel, Eli Black Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, is one of the most important scholars on Jewish-Christian relations and the author of *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* (1998).

David Kertzer of Brown University is the author of *The Popes against the Jews* (2001).

Gerhard Lindemann published his doctoral dissertation regarding Christian pastors of Jewish descent and their treatment in the Hanoverian Church, up to 1945. He continues to work on topics of Jewish-Christian relations as he completes his Habilitation.

Mikko Ketola, of Helsinki, published in 2000 his Ph.D. dissertation on the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1918-1939, with a focus on the relationship between Estonians and Baltic Germans. He is now working on a book on the Estonian Lutheran Church during World War II, with a major section on the Holocaust.

Anna Lysiak has worked on the published antisemitic writings of Josef Kruszynski, a priest as well as rector of the only Catholic University in Poland. She also has access to his unpublished memoirs. She is presently completing a Ph.D. at Krakow University on Jewish responses to Polish Catholic antisemitism in the interwar period.

Thorsten Wagner is a Danish German now finishing his Ph.D. at the Institut für Antisemitismus Forschung in Berlin. He has studied in Israel as well. His dissertation deals with Danish-Jewish relations in the nineteenth century, but he has written about Danish attitudes under German occupation and is well prepared to develop this topic for our conference.