

Up to now studies deal particularly with the action of antifascists between 1922 and 1945 in its historical and political dimension on the one hand and with the academic and public discourse of various forms of memory after 1945 on the other hand. Fortunately, both happens increasingly within an international context which allows researchers to compare and reveal multiple interrelations. However, much more could be done by taking a transnational perspective into account. While most recent conferences and studies on fascism and fascist movements more and more stress the transnational relations and interactions, these aspects remain relatively underexposed on the part of their political opponents. Therefore the conference aims to place the antifascist network of relationships as defined by “entangled history” between 1922 and today in the centre of interest.

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Anti-Fascism as a Transnational Phenomenon: New Perspectives of Research



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Venue: Stiftung Demokratie Saarland,
Bismarckstraße 99, 66121 Saarbrücken

Programme

Monday, 13 October 2014

- 9:30 am Jens Späth (Universität des Saarlandes Saarbrücken)
Welcome and Introduction
- Section I: Organizations and the Origins of Anti-Fascism**
- 10:00 am Kasper Braskén (Åbo Akademi University Turku/Freie Universität Berlin)
The Origins of 'Anti-Fascism': Transnational Movements against Nazism, Fascism and the 'White Terror' in Europe, 1923-1939
- 10:30 am Constance Margain (Université du Havre/ZZF Potsdam)
The International Union of Seamen and Harbor Workers (ISH) 1930-1937: Interclubs, Resistance against Nazism and Transnational Aspects
- 11:00 am Coffee Break
- 11:30 am Hugo García (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
Transnational History, a New Anti-Fascist Paradigm?
- 12:00 am Debate
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- Section II: The Cultural and Social Sphere**
- 2:00 pm Silvia Madotto (Freie Universität Berlin)
Anti-Fascism as a Transnational Phenomenon: the Case of the Resistance at European Universities during the Second World War
- 2:30 pm Alexander Friedman (Universität Luxemburg)
Soviet Anti-Fascist Films of the 1930s and their reception in the USSR and abroad
- 3:00 pm Mechthild Gilzmer (Universität des Saarlandes Saarbrücken)
Transnational Anti-Fascism in French Detention Camps for Women (1939-1942)
- 3:30 pm Debate
- 4:00 pm Coffee Break
- 6:00 pm Public Lecture/Öffentlicher Abendvortrag (in German)
Regula Ludi (Universität Zürich)
Antifaschismus und Opfersemantik im europäischen Entschädigungsdiskurs nach 1945

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

- Section III: Transatlantic Anti-Fascism**
- 9:00 am Andrea Acle-Kreysing (LMU München/Universität Leipzig)
Shattered Dreams of Anti-Fascist Unity: the German-Speaking Exile in Mexico, Argentina and Bolivia (1937-1945)
- 9:30 am Michael Seidman (University of North Carolina at Wilmington)
Atlantic Anti-Fascisms, 1936-1945
- 10:00 am Debate
- 10:30 am Coffee Break
- Section IV: Questioning the Break of 1945: Anti-Fascism after the Second World War**
- 11:00 am Enrico Acciai (Università degli Studi della Tuscia Viterbo/European University Institute Florence)
Italian Anti-Fascism as a Transnational Movement: a Biographical Approach
- 11:30 am Jens Späth (Universität des Saarlandes Saarbrücken)
Transnational Anti-Fascism around 1945: the case of German Social Democrats
- 12:00 am Scott Krause (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Manhattan Made: The Anti-Fascist Roots of Heroic West Berlin's Narrative in Exile, 1940-1963
- 12:30 pm Debate
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- Section V: More Recent Forms of Anti-Fascism in East and West 1943-2000**
- 2:00 pm Martin Previšić (Sveučilište u Zagrebu)
'Yugoslav' Anti-Fascism – Driving Force of Balkan Anti-Fascism or Vehicle of Regional Dominance?
- 2:30 pm Nigel Copsey (Teesside University)
Crossing Borders: Anti-Fascist Action (UK) and Transnational Anti-Fascist Militancy
- 3:00 pm Debate and Conclusions