Negotiating Global Migrations, 1944-1959

15 - 16 April 2024
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International Conference
Monday, 15.04.2024

9.30-10.00  Welcoming remarks (Christoph Rass, Kerstin von Lingen)

10.00-11.00  Keynote speech by Peter Gatrell (University of Manchester):
Appointment in Geneva: Refugees' encounters with UNHCR, 1951-1975

11.00-11.30  Coffee break

11.30-13.00  ■ Panel I – Interaction of International Organizations with States and Local Actors
Chair: Christoph Rass

Ismee Tames (NIOD Amsterdam & University of Utrecht):
Traces of illiterate stateless refugees in the correspondence of the Nansen Delegation in Berlin, 1921-1938

Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck University of London):
UNRRA in the Archives

Katarzyna Nowak (University of Vienna):
Knocking on the Vatican's Gates – Refugees and the Holy See in the Early Cold War

13.00-14.30  Lunch break

14.30-16.00  ■ Panel II – Refugee Integration and Belonging
Chair: Kerstin von Lingen

Anna Holian (Arizona State University):
Refugee Integration in 1950s West Germany: The Early History of Economic "Self-Reliance"

Linda Erker (University of Vienna):
Displaced Nazi Scholars and the Global Refugee Regime between Austria and Argentina after 1945

Sebastian Huhn (University of Osnabrück):
Negotiating Global Resettlement Within the Refugee Regime After the Second World War

16.00-16.30  Coffee break

16.30-18.00  ■ Panel III – Agency of Victims of Violence-induced Mobility During the Interactive Process of Norm Application and Resettlement
Chair: Frank Wolff

Dariusz Stola (Polish Academia of Sciences):
Refugees from Communism and Refugees Protected by Communists: the Case of Poland

Roderick Bailey (University of Oxford):
Stranded: The Struggles of a Displaced and Stateless IRO official in Italy, 1945-50

Philipp Strobl (University of Vienna):
Negotiating the Post war Migration Regime: Refugee Agency in Postwar Austria (1945-1955)

18.30  Conference Dinner

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9.00-11.00  ■ Panel IV – Role of International Organizations and Experts in Formulating Policies
Chair: Katarzyna Nowak

Rachel Blumenthal (Hebrew University Jerusalem):
Divided Loyalties: UNRRA, Refugees and Compulsory Labour in Postwar Austria

Susanne Korbel (University of Graz):
The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the "Control" over Jewish DPs, 1945 to 1951

Franziska Lamp (University of Vienna):
"Are you sufficiently informed?" The Gender-specific Dimensions of Information Campaigns for the Resettlement of DPs

Jessica Wehner (University of Osnabrück):
Norms, Practices and Marginality. The Production of non-Western Others in the Postwar Refugee Regime

11.00-11.30  Coffee break

11.30-13.00  ■ Panel V – Identity and Historical Narratives of Displacement
Chair: Philipp Strobl

Kerstin von Lingen (University of Vienna):
Migrating Objects. Displacement and loss of property as loss of belonging and identity

Frank Wolff (University of Osnabrück):
The Ambiguities of European Unification between Peace-Building, Cold War Bordering, and Coloniality (post-1945)

Klaus Neumann (Hamburger Stiftung zur Förderung von Wissenschaft und Kultur):
Looking Back, but Not Too Closely – Mobilisation of Historical Narratives in Current Debates About Irregular Migration

13.00  Concluding remarks (Frank Wolff)

Seats for participants are limited:
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