



# Workshop

## HITLER'S EUROPE: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OCCUPATION

Today, 64 years after the end of the Second World War, the European experience of Nazi aggression and occupation still holds a prominent place on the research agenda of historians worldwide. More than that: An incessant flow of publications dealing with wartime Nazism, its key protagonists, and the reactions which German expansion brought forth among the victimized nations and peoples, testifies to the continuously growing scientific relevance of the subject of this workshop.

At Vienna, on November 9 and 10, 2009, 15 distinguished specialists in contemporary history will offer new insights concerning the careers of outstanding German perpetrators, the physical and material suffering inflicted by them on individuals and groups in occupied lands forced under the yoke of Nazism, and the hard choice between collaboration, resistance, or acquiescence with a Nazi rule seemingly made to last forever.



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### ORGANIZERS

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# 9 November

**9.30**  
Welcome Address by **Christoph Badelt**,  
Rector, WU (Vienna University of  
Economics and Business)

**9.45**  
Introduction  
**Peter Berger (WU)**  
**Oliver Rathkolb (University of Vienna)**  
New Perspectives on Nazi Occupation.  
What this Workshop Hopes to Achieve.

**10.15**  
**PANEL I**  
In the Eye of the Biographer. German  
Careers in Occupied Europe, 1939–45  
(Commentator: **David Barnouw**,  
The Netherlands Institute for War  
Documentation)

**Catherine A. Epstein** (Amherst College)  
Arthur Greiser and the Nazi Occupation  
of the Warthegau

**Hans Safrian** (University of Vienna)  
Perpetrators and Agency:  
The Case of Eichmann and his Men

**Geraldien von Frijtag Drabbe Künzel**  
(University of Utrecht)  
“Ordinary Germans” in the Netherlands.  
The Case of Hans Georg Calmeyer

**Johannes Koll** (WU)  
Occupation and Radicalization.  
Arthur Seyss-Inquart’s Career as an  
Austrian “Latecomer”

**12.30**  
Lunch Break and Transfer to the  
Bruno Kreisky Forum for International  
Dialogue, Vienna

**16.00**  
Keynote Address  
**Jan T. Gross** (Princeton University)  
On Holocaust’s Periphery: Killings and  
Plunder of Jews by their Neighbors

**17.30**  
Standing Buffet offered at the  
Bruno Kreisky Forum

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**9.30**  
**PANEL II**  
The Occupation Experience:  
Collaboration, Resistance, Muddling  
Through Commentator: **Peer Vries**  
(University of Vienna)

**Gerhard Hirschfeld** (Württembergische  
Landesbibliothek Stuttgart)  
Lessons from another War? The Impact  
of World War I on Nazi Policies and Col-  
laboration Strategies in Hitler’s Europe

**Tamara Scheer** (University of Vienna)  
European Occupation Regimes of  
the First World War, and their Impact  
on World War II. The Current State  
of Research

**Peter Romijn** (The Netherlands Institute  
for War Documentation)  
Troubled Times: Dutch State and Society  
Dealing with Occupation and Nazification

**Ingo Haar** (University of Vienna)  
Sudeten Germans as Experts for  
„The East”. Scholarship and Politics  
in the Late 1930s

**12.00**  
Lunch offered to the Participants in the  
Workshop by the Royal Netherlands  
Embassy, Vienna

**14.00**  
**PANEL III**  
Looting and Exploitation in  
Nazi-occupied Europe  
Commentators: **Herbert Matis** (WU),  
and **Alice Teichová** (Cambridge University)

**Oliver Rathkolb** (University of Vienna)  
Economics of Destruction. The Effects  
of Nazi Policies on European Societies,  
1939/40–1945

**Sophie Lillie** (University of Vienna)  
Sequences of Dispossession: Austrian  
Refugee Art Collectors in Occupied  
France

**Jonathan Petropoulos**  
(Claremont McKenna College)  
Bridges from the Reich: The Importance  
of Emigré Art Dealers as Reflected in  
the Case Studies of Otto Kallir and Kurt  
Valentin

**16.30**  
Closing Address by the Conference  
Organizers

**CONFERENCE LOCALITIES**  
  
**WU (Vienna University of Economics  
and Business)**, Main Building  
1090 Wien, Augasse 2–6,  
Festival Hall (**on Monday,  
9 November 2009, 9.30 to 12.30 a.m.**)  
Large Conference Room  
(**on Tuesday, 10 November 2009**)

**The Bruno Kreisky Forum for  
International Dialogue, Vienna**,  
1190 Wien, Armbrustergasse 15  
(**on Monday, 9 November 2009,  
16.00 to 18.30 p.m.**)

**The Residence of the Netherlands  
Ambassador to Austria**,  
1030 Wien, Jaquingasse 8–10