

Schedule

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*If not marked otherwise, all programs take place at the Stadtmuseum Weimar:
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 5, 99423 Weimar; 03643.82600; www.stadtmuseum.weimar.de*

Thursday, 3.3.2016, 17:00 (ex., 5PM)

exhibit opening

greeting: Dr. Alf Rössner (Stadtmuseum Weimar); Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams (Director, Spuren e.V.)

introductory lecture: Prof. Dr. Jörg Seiler (Universität Erfurt): Who is „The Other?": Historical Queries in the Context of Wartime Experiences

Friday, 4.3.2016, 17:00-18:30

“Suddenly, I was a Jew!” So-called “Non-Aryans” and other “Undesirables” during the Nazi Era

The Nazis abused Socialists and other political opponents already in the early 1930s. Soon, however, the majority of the persecuted were so-called “non-Aryans.” Many of them were non-practicing Jews, who did not even identify with their Jewish identity. Dr. Lucinda Martin (Forschungszentrum [„Research Center”] Gotha/Universität Erfurt) is leading a study of the rolls Quakers played in the rescue of thousands of „others.” In her presentation, she will show film excerpts from her interviews with these “non-Aryans,” in which eye-witnesses speak from their own memories. Those in the public who have stories of their own from that period are expressly invited to participate in the subsequent discussion.

Saturday, 5.3.2016, 11:00-13:30 (free, but pre-registration is requested, under: staff@TRACES.org) in the STADTMUSEUM ERFURT: Johannesstraße 169, 99084 Erfurt; 0361.6555659

Workshop: „Family History a Bit Different:” Social Contexts behind One’s Own Genealogy

Using his family-history research, Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams will feature ways that one might perceive, understand and preserve her or his own family history anew. This workshop is based on his E- and paper-printed book, *Roots of Darkness: Our Family’s Dreams and Nightmares in America*.

Saturday, 5.3.2016, 18:00-20:30 in STADTMUSEUM WEIMAR

the showing of *Bonne Nuit Papa* (shown in German) [*“Good Night, Papa”*]

The film will be accompanied by Monika Bethmann, whose daughter is the film’s director and one of its protagonists. She will speak about her life with an Asian foreigner in the German Democratic Republic (GDR), followed by an audience discussion. For further info see: www.sterntaucher-filmproduktion.de.

Sunday, 6.3.2016, 13:30-14:30

Dr. Torsten Müller: *Refugees after World War II in Thuringia*

Dr. Torsten Müller (Eichsfelder Heimatmuseum [„Local Museum“] Bad Heiligenstadt) will speak about the integration of refugees in Thuringia after WWII, with a view to the religious-integration process.

Sunday, 6.3.2016, 15:00-17:00

Presentation and audience discussion: *“At Home—but Really?” Foreigners in the GDR*

„Guestworkers“ as well as foreign students lived in the GDR: We wish to learn about their biographies and come into conversation with them to talk about the issues that affected them, then and still today. The main speaker will be Piedoso Manave, a Mozambican who lived in the GDR and stayed. In addition, we will view and discuss two short films that explore how “bi-cultural” Africans live “between worlds.”

Sunday, 6.3.2016, 17:00-18:30

Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams: *„Settlers and Scarecrows“: Winners become Victims*

In the 1920s, Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams’ great-grandfather, George Luick, was a member of the Ku-Klux-Klan, which only came to light recently. How can one deal with such a dark chapter of one’s family history? What meaning does it have for those who follow? A historical review of racism will be included.

Monday, 7.3.2016, 18:00-20:00

Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams: *Safe Haven on the Prairie: Refugees in Iowa, 1939-43*

During the Nazi period Iowa farmers and students took in 185 refugees—Jews, but also politicians and other persons, including from Dresden, Leipzig and Chemnitz region of western Saxony. Why did they do that? We will review the Quaker-run “Scattergood Hostel” (www.scattergood.org/scattergood-hostel) and ask, if this might serve as a model today.

A short lecture will follow about Marie Juchacz:

Lydia Struck M.A., cultural scientist and author, about *Marie Juchacz' Letters from Scattergood Hostel*

At age 62, SPD politician and founder of the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO; „Workers' Welfare") Marie Juchacz found a safe haven at Scattergood Hostel. What influences did help from the Quakers have on her life, the founding of the „Arbeiterwohlfahrt New York", the sending of „Care Packages" and the new founding of the AWO in Germany?

Witness **Günter „George" Krauthamer** will speak (via Skype) about his encounters with Marie Juchacz in the USA. His mother came from Chemnitz and was a Lutheran; his father was a Polish Jew.

Tuesday, 8.3.2016, 18:00-20:00

Dr. Luick-Thrams: *The ‚Dream' turns into a ‚Nightmare': Internees in the USA, 1941-48*

During the Second World War, the US government interned some 15,000 German-descended men, women and (a few thousand) children in about 60 camps. Many were “repatriated" to the “Third Reich"—in part in exchange for Nazi-held US-Americans. Among the deported were also Jews and German refugees. How could that happen? Excerpts from a short film give clues:
<http://www.traces.org/programs-link-contents/CC-camp.html>.

Anneliese Krauter (nee' Wiegand; born in 1935 in New York) was interned by the US government with her German parents in Camp Crystal City (Texas) and later „repatriated" to the „Third Reich", where her father was drafted into the administration of an Allied prisoner-of-war (POW) camp in Thuringia. Since the 1950s, she lives again in the USA (Indiana). She has written a book about her exceptional family history and will speak about that book as well as her life experiences.

Wednesday, 9.3.2016, 18:00-19:30

Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams: *„Yours among Us:" Midwest Prisoners of War in German Camps, 1943-45*

About 95,000 US-American prisoners of war landed in the hands of the German Wehrmacht during WWII—many of them from the American Midwest. Their encounters with German guards, farmers and the general population had its dark sides, but also courage and humanity. We will read from their diaries.

Thursday, 10.3.2016, 18:00-19:30

Dr. Michael Luick-Thrams: „We among You:” German POWs in the Midwest, 1943-46

During WWII more than 380,000 German POWs were interned in US camps. In postwar East Germany soldiers speaking about their return was taboo. The connections between German POWs and their „hosts” are the sources of legends, to the present day.

Friday, 11.3.2016, 18:00-20:00

„Wurzeln-Wege-Wünsche” [„Roots-Paths-Wishes”]: A Film about and with Refugee Kids

At the center of this short-film documentary are refugee children and youth from the „Übergangsklasse” [„transitional class”] of the Mittelschule Weidenberg. They talk about from where they come, what their trek to Germany was like, what their life is like now and what they wish for their future. We will view the film and speak about it with the director, who makes tangible a timely and complex topic. An Israeli author, Sagy Cohen has lived in Bayreuth since 2007. As an „integration trainer,” Sagy is active in the educational work related to topics such as „tolerance,” „Jewish life” and refugee assistance.

Saturday, 12.3.2016, 10:00-12:00 (free, but pre-registration is requested, under: staff@TRACES.org)

Workshop, Part I: „Words between Worlds”: Encounters and Exchange between Germans and Non-Germans

This workshop seeks to facilitate intercultural and interreligious competence through dialog. First, the facilitators will present about their families of origin and the cultures of their native countries. Based on that, the large group will then reflect on cultural differences and conditioning. What is allowed in this process—and what is taboo? What do we wish for our lives and for our chosen homeland in the future?

Presenters are: Sagy Cohen (born 1977 in Tel Aviv, Israel), Miriam Taani (1978; Amman, Jordan) und Michael Luick-Thrams (1962; Mason City, Iowa/USA)

Saturday, 12.3.2016, 14:00-17:00 (free, but pre-registration is requested, under: staff@TRACES.org)

Workshop, Part II: “Words between Worlds: We Create Encounters and Exchange between Strangers”

A continuation of the morning’s conversation, this segment will be facilitated by mediator Björn Rohde-Liebenau and Haitham Khalaf of Syrian, who have been living in a community of 18 Germans and Syrians since March 2015. Sharing some of their lives, they seek to help each other make sense of a changing world and their native countries. For that to happen, they need safety and identity, a sense of belonging together and respect. This is a conversation “between worlds” with the goal that all will be heard.

Saturday, 12.3.2016, 18:00-19:30

Sagy Cohen: „*Them among Us:*“ *Jews and Muslims in the Germanic Realm*

Lecture: „*Germany’s Refugee History, from the Near-East to the Near-East*“

„Refugee crisis:“ Is the past repeating itself? Already 800 years ago, refugees came to the German realm whose origins were in the Near-East—Jews. They arrived with other languages, other customs and another religion. We all know how that story ended: What have we learned from all that? In his lecture Sagy Cohen combines questions of the present with experiences from the past.

Sunday, 13.3.2016, 11:30-13:00 Uhr in the KLEINEN SYNAGOGE: An der Stadtmünze 4-5, 99084 Erfurt; 0361.6551661; www.juedisches-leben.erfurt.de

Workshop, Part I: „*Always ,The Other’—No Matter Where:*“ *The Life of a Refugee*

Salomea Genin (born in 1932 in Berlin) fled the Nazis in May 1939 with her Jewish family to Australia. In 1944 she joined the Communist Youth and in 1949 the Communist Party, just as it was to be banned. In 1951, she visited East Berlin as a member of the Australian delegation to the World Youth Festival Games. In 1954, she returned to Berlin in order to build in the GDR a „better,“ anti-fascist Germany. Still, the GDR wouldn’t let her immigrate, so for a while she lived in West Berlin. In 1963, she was allowed to settle in East Berlin, where she became a member of the SED, the official party. In 1982, she came to the conclusion: She had collaborated to build a police state! Salomea Genin will report about her eventful life.

Sunday, 13.3.2016, 15:00-17:00 in STADTMUSEUM WEIMAR

Workshop, Part II: „*Always ,The Other’—No Matter Where:*“ *The Life of a Refugee*

A discussion with Salomea Genin, Michael Luick-Thrams, Jörg Seiler and others about the topic „Encounters with ,The Other’:“ How do we deal with our experiences of otherness and our perception of „The Other?“

Wednesday, 16.3.2016, 19:00-20:30 in STADTMUSEUM DRESDEN: Wilsdruffer Str. 2, 01067 Dresden; 0351.4887301; www.stadtmuseum-dresden.de

Freimut Luft: Lecture and Discussion: Workshop, Part I: „Always ,The Other’—No Matter Where:” *The Life of a Refugee*

A presentation by Salomea Genin, with a follow-up discussion about the topic „Encounters with ,The Other’:” How do we deal with our experiences of otherness and our perception of „The Other?”

Wednesday, 23.3.2016, 19:00-21:30 in STADTMUSEUM DRESDEN

Christian Mämecke: *the showing of Bonne Nuit Papa (in German)* [“Good Night, Papa”]

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Wednesday, 30.3.2016, 19:00-20:30 in STADTMUSEUM DRESDEN

Lydia Struck: „Geflohen und doch zu Gast” [“A refugee, but still a guest”] – The German politician Marie Juchacz in Iowa 1942 (held in German)

Rudolf Pinkert (Spuren e. V.) will give an introduction to the “Scattergood Hostel” that was run as a place of refuge by Quakers between 1939-1943 in Iowa (USA) and where people, also from Dresden, Leipzig and Chemnitz, who were persecuted by the National Socialists, were taken in.

Lydia Struck M.A., author and cultural anthropologist, will enable a very personal look at her great-grand-aunt Marie Juchacz and will report on the exciting life of this courageous woman who was a significant, female German politician as an SPD member of the Reichstag (1919-1933) and took refuge in the “Scattergood Hostel” at the age of 62.

In addition, we will be switching live on Skype to Günter “George” Krauthamer from the USA who will be reporting on his encounters with Marie Juchacz. This witness was christened in the evangelical faith and comes from Saxony; his father was a Jewish Pole.

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Further information at: www.DE.TRACES.org oder www.TRACES.org.

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