

# The Photography of Persecution Pictures of the Holocaust

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# Conference Program

**Wednesday, June 22**

## Opening and Welcome

10:00

Brian Schiff, Director of the George and Irina Schaeffer Center for the Study of Genocide, Human Rights and Conflict Prevention, The American University of Paris

## Introduction

Tal Brattmann, Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales,  
Christoph Kreutzmüller, Haus der Wannsee-Konferenzen and Jonathan Zatzlin, Boston University

## Roundtable: Photographs from an Archival Perspective

10:15 – 12:00

Chair: Brian Schiff, The American University of Paris

Head of the photo archives in Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

Centre for Research on Antisemitism, TU Berlin, project manager of "Last Seen. Pictures of Nazi Deportations", Arolsen Archives, Bad Arolsen

Head of the photo archives, Centre de Documentation du Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris

## Photographing Persecution Before the War

13:30 – 14:30

Chair: Dominique Trimbur, Fondation pour la mémoire de la Shoah, Paris

Robert Meller-Stahl, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam (in person)

Lois Kaplan, University of Toronto (in person)

### Photographing Persecution During the War

14:45 - 15:45

Chair: Jean-Marc Dreifuss, The University of Manchester

Jonathan Zatzlin, Boston University, MA (in person)

Nathalie Sörsos, University of Vienna (in person)

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## Photography in the Camps

14 00 - 15 00

Chair: Jonathan Zatzlin, Boston University, MA

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Lukas Meissel, University of Haifa, doctoral fellow at the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (in person)

Steven Samols, University of Southern California, CA (in person)

### Exhibiting Pictures in the Postwar Period

11 15 – 12 15

Chair: Sarah Gensburger, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Rachel Perrin, University of Haifa (in person)

Christoph Kreutzmüller, Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin (in person)

### Humanitarian Uses of Pictures

14 00 – 15 00

Chair: Constance Paris de Bollardière, The American University of Paris

Christine Schmidt, Wiener Holocaust Library in London, and Dan Stone, Royal Holloway, University of London (in person)

Rebekka Grossmann, The Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (in person)

### Rethinking the Familiar

15 15 – 1 45

Chair: Brian Schiff, The American University of Paris

Yechiel Weisman, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan (in person)

Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University, NJ (in person)

Valerie Herbert, Lakehead University in Orillia, Ontario (online)

# Organizing Committee

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## About the Center

The George and Irina Schaeffer Center for the Study of Genocide, Human Rights, and Conflict Prevention promotes innovative research, curricula, and pedagogies, in the hopes of reaching a deeper understanding of the causes and consequences of genocide and mass violence.

The American University of Paris is the first in France to house the USC Shoah Foundation's complete Visual History Archive, which contains over 53,000 testimonies from survivors and witnesses of the Shoah and the Armenian, Rwandan, and Nanjing genocides, representing 62 countries and 39 languages. The university is making this important resource available to researchers, teachers and students, in their investigation and dissemination of new insights into the origins and aftereffects of collective hatred, fundamentalist ideologies, discrimination, and mass violence, in historical, social, and individual memory.

Our goal is to foster scholarly discussion, here and abroad, with conferences, lectures, and publications, on how individuals, communities, and governments can respond to the challenges of extreme violence in the service of enduring peace and understanding.



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