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REFUGEES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Flight, Migration, and Relief
during the Twentieth Century

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

23–24 OCTOBER 2025



THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER

8.45 - Mario Venezia | Fondazione Museo della Shoah, Petra Terhoeven | DHI Roma
Official Greetings

9.00 - Ruth Nattermann | Leipzig-München
Introduction

I – Shifting Borders, Expanding Networks. Mediterranean Refugee Relief from the late Nineteenth Century to the Interwar Period

Chair: Lutz Klinkhammer | Roma

9.15 - Oded Steinberg | Jerusalem
Informal Networks of Aid. Christian, Political and Racial Advocacy for the Armenian Cause (1876–1909)

Anca Cretu | Warwick
Humanitarian Metamorphoses after the First World War.
The Case of Trieste's Refugees in-Return

Giuseppe Motta | Roma
The Road to Palestine. Italy as a Gateway for Emigrants during the Interwar Years

Discussion

10.55 - Break

II – Refugees between Invisibility and Protagonism

Chair: Manuele Gianfrancesco | Roma

11.15 - Dimitris Kamouzis | Athen
The Invisibles. Poverty and the Urban Settlement of Asia Minor Refugees in post-1922 Greece

Sebastian Willert | Leipzig
Displaced Jewish Academics in the Eastern Mediterranean. Flight and Relief of Refugee Scholars in Turkey during the 1930s

Discussion

12.30 - Break

III – Mediterranean Entanglements and Jewish-Muslim Relationships

Chair: Ruth Nattermann | Leipzig-München

14.15 - Chiara Renzo | Milano, Riccardo Abram Correggia | Pisa
„TRAME – Tracing Routes and Memories. Entangled Jewish Experiences across the Mediterranean“, a project by CDEC Foundation

Gilad Ben-Nun | Leipzig
Sepharadim in the Muslim Western Balkans. Cross-Mediterranean Longue Durée Legacies of Exile and Hospitality

Discussion

15.25 - Break

IV – Fascism and Decolonization. Wartime Aid and its Ambiguities

Chair: Martin Baumeister | München

15.45 - Ruth Nattermann | Leipzig-München
Help and Hostilities. Refugee Aid and the long Shadow of Fascism

Laura Robson | New Haven
The Uses of Displacement. Refugees, Resettlement, and Partition in Wartime Algeria

Discussion

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER

V – Experiences and Memories of Displacement and Imprisonment

Chair: Simon Unger | Roma

9.00 - Susanna Schrafstetter | Burlington
Final Destination Ferramonti. Jewish Refugee Experiences in the Mediterranean and in Internment in Italy, 1939–1943

Mirjam Neuhoff | München
Under Italian Fascism. Non-Italian Jewish Internees in Italy and the Mensa dei Bambini in Milan 1939–1943

Katarzyna Nowak | Wien
Refugees and the Vatican. Religious Humanitarianism and Refugee Agency in the Aftermath of World War II

Discussion

10.40 - Break

VI – Relief Projects and the Question of Reparations in a Post-Holocaust World

Chair: Gilad Ben-Nun | Leipzig

11.00 - Julia Schulte-Werning | Wien-Mainz
A New Geography of Relief. Health Care for Moroccan Jews after World War II and the Question of Jewish Futures

Gideon Reuveni | Sussex, Brighton
The Forgotten Intersection. Reparations for Palestinian Refugees and the 1952 German-Jewish Settlement

Discussion

12.10 - Davide Rodogno | Genève
Comment

12.30 - Final Discussion

About the Project

With the ongoing refugee crisis in the Mediterranean and the current escalation of the Israeli-Arab conflict, research into refugees and forced displacement has gained major significance in contemporary European and Global History. Works at the intersection of refugee studies and the history of humanitarianism are moving into the center of relevant investigations.

This workshop focuses on displacement and refugee relief in Southern European countries, the Balkans, the Middle East, and North Africa. The contributions aim at a critical discussion of refugee history in the Mediterranean within an interdisciplinary framework, exploring the effects of continued or renewed conflicts on refugees in the Mediterranean from the late 19th century to the aftermath of the Second World War.

Venue

Fondazione Museo della Shoah

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