EXPLORING THE MICRO HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST

Wednesday, December 5, 2012: École normale supérieure

ISSUES OF FOCUS

9h00 Welcome

9h30 Opening, Guillaume BONNET, École normale supérieure

General introduction : Claire ZALC (CNRS-IHMC)

MICRO/MACRO LEVELS OF ANALYSIS

10h-11h15 Biographical trajectories (Chair-discussant Paul-André ROSENtal, Sciences Po)

10h00 Christoph KREUTZMULLER (Humboldt University Berlin), An Incredible Emigration

10h15 Melissa Jane TAYLOR (Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State), The Katz Family’s Escape: A Micro History Examined

10h30 Liora ISRAËL (EHESS-CMH), Injured identities. The Paths of Three Jewish lawyers in Occupied France analyzed through their diaries

Break: 11h15-11h45

11h45-13h00 Reflecting upon group boundaries (Chair-discussant: Claire ZALC, CNRS-IHMC)

11h45 Kenneth WALTZER (Michigan State University), Moving Together, Moving Alone: The Story of Boys on a Transport from Auschwitz to Buchenwald

12h00 Henriette Rika BENVENISTE (University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece), For a micro history of camp survivors: The Salonika Jews in Feldafing

12h15 Alina SKIBINSKA (USHMM, Washington D.C. and Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences), Fate of the Jews in the small town of Szczebrzeszyn during the years 1939-1945
Lunch break: 13h00-14h30
14h30-16h00 Two panels

1 - Spaces (Chair-discussant Nicolas MARIOT, CNRS-CURAPP) : sale des Actes

14h30 Birte Klarzyk (Cologne University), *Life in a ghetto house. Social impacts of the spatial segregation of Cologne’s Jewish population between 1938 and 1942 – A case study*

14h45 Ilaria Pavan (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), *Space and deportation, space and escape. For a micro–history of interned foreign Jews in Italy (1940–1945)*

15h00 Leon Saltiel (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki), *The Destruction of Salonika’s Jewish Cemetery*

15h15 Silvia Goldbaum (Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, TU Berlin), *Neighbours relationships and the arrest of Jews in Denmark*

Break: 16h15-16h45

2 - Ghettos: a distinct space? (Chair-discussant Jean-Luc PINOL, École Normale supérieure de Lyon), salle Dussane

14h30 Svenja Bethke (University of Hamburg), *Definitions of 'Criminality' and 'Law' in the Jewish Ghetto. The Perspective of the Jewish Councils*

14h45 Ingo Loose (Institute of Contemporary History Munich-Berlin), *Ghettos as microcosms. Pictures taken by Jewish photographers as a source to the Holocaust*

15h00 Katarzyna Person (The Center for Jewish History, New York), *Jewish Police in the Warsaw Ghetto. Microhistory of the margins*

15h15 Lenore J. Weitzman (George Mason University) and Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan), *Individual Decisions and Collective Fates in Belorussian Ghettos*

Break: 16h15-16h45
16h45-18h45 Micro history shedding light on macro events (Chair-discussant: Christophe Charle, IHMC-Université de Paris 1) – Salle Dussane

16h45 Tim Cole (University of Bristol), Micro histories, micro geographies: Budapest, 1944 and scales of analysis

17h00 Martin Dean (USHMM, Washington DC), Micro History as Macro History: Understanding the Holocaust from the Bottom Up – A Case Study of 1,142 Ghettos

17h15 Havi Dreifuss (Tel Aviv University and Yad Vashem), Exploring the Micro History of the Holocaust. Religious Life in Poland during the Holocaust: Between the Micro and the Macro

17h30 Tal Bruttmann (Ville de Grenoble), Echirolles, August 7 1944: Three executions
Thursday, December 6, 2012: Mémorial de la Shoah

FACE-TO-FACE: VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS

9h00 Welcome of the participants

9h30-10h00 Keynote presentation by Jan GRABOWSKI (University of Ottawa) « New methodological perspectives in micro-research on the Shoah »

10h00-12h00 Interactions (Chair-discussant Florent Brayard, EHESS-CRH)

10h00 Froukje DEMANT (University of Amsterdam), Living in abnormal normality? The daily relations of Jews and non-Jews in the German-Dutch border region during the Third Reich

10h15 Jean-Charles SZUREK (CNRS-ISP), Jews, Poles and Germans in the Lukow region

10h30 Carlo GREPPi (University of Turin), Bystanders or participants? Civilians facing racial persecution in Turin (1943-1945)

10h45 Daniel UZIEL (Yad Vashem), Jewish Slave Workers in the German Aviation Industry

11h00 Judit MOLNAR (University of Szeged, Hungary), “Everyone has an equal right to life”. Gendarmes saving Jews among gendarmes deporting Jews in 1944

Lunch break: 12h00-13h30

13h30-14h45 Face-to-face (Chair-discussant Tal BRÜTTMANN, Ville de Grenoble)

13h30h Tomasz FRYDEL (University of Toronto), A Historical Forensics of Jewish Refugees in Mielec County: Toward a Social History of Rescue

13h45 Vladimir SOLONARI (University of Central Florida), On the Persistence of Moral Judgment: Local Perpetrators in the Districts of Golta and Berezovca, Transnistria as Seen by the Victims, Bystanders, and Perpetrators Themselves

14h00 Wolf GRUNER (University of Southern California), Individual Defiance and Protest. A Reassessment of Jewish Responses towards Persecution in Nazi Germany

Break: 14h45-15h15
ARRESTS, EXECUTIONS, ACTS OF KILLING

15h15-16h30 Acts of killing (Chair-discussant Christian INGRAO, CNRS-IHTP)

15h15 Markus ROTH (University of Giessen), The Murder Of The Jews In Ostrów Mazowiecka In November 1939

15h30 Alexandru MURARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza university of Iasi, Romania), The first Massacres of Jews in the Romanian Holocaust. Level of Decision, Genocidal Strategy and Killing Methods in the Dorohoi and Galati Pogroms (June-July, 1940)

15h45 Nicolas MARIOT (CNRS-CURAPP), Bypassing Birkenau, Autumn 1942

Break: 16h30-17h00

17h00-18h15 Imaginaries confronting reality (Chair-discussant Maurice Olender, EHESS)

17h00 Johann CHAPOUTOT (University Grenoble II-Institut Universitaire de France), German sanitary action and the Jews living in the General Government: biomedical imaginary and the legitimation of Nazi crimes

17h15 Barbara ENGELKING (Polish Academy of Sciences), Dreams in the times of the Shoah

17h30 Amos GOLDBERG (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Rumors in the Warsaw Ghetto: A case study in the Cultural History of the Jews in the Holocaust
Friday, December 7, 2012: Archives nationales (site de Pierrefitte-sur-Seine)

THE MATERIAL FOR SHIFTING SCALES: SOURCES

9h00 Welcome of the participants

9h30 Keynote presentation by Annette WIEVIORKA (CNRS-IRICE), « New trends in the treatment of testimonies »

10h-11h45 Judicial Archives (Chair-discussant Jan GRABOWSKI, University of Ottawa)

10h00 Liviu CARARE (Institute of History, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Czernowitz Ghetto (1941-1942). A Perspective of War Crimes Trials

10h15 Diana DUMITRU (Moldova State Pedagogical University Ion Creanga), To Trust or Not to Trust? An Analysis of Soviet Postwar Investigation and Trial Documents for the History of the Holocaust

10h30 Andrew KORNBLUTH (University of California, Berkeley), “There Are Many Cains Among Us” Judging Wartime Crimes Against Jews at the Regional Courts of Warsaw and Siedlce in Poland, 1946-1949

Break: 11h30-11h45

11h45-13h00 New collections, new sources (Chair-discussant Sophie COEURÉ, Université Paris-Diderot)

11h45 Diane AFOUMADO (USHMM, Washington, DC), How can we use the ITS collection to shed light on the history of the Holocaust?

12h00 Stefan IONESCU (Clark University), The Challenges of Assessing the Sabotage of Aryanization (Romanianization) in World War II Bucharest: Sources and Interpretations

12h15 Marta JANCZEWSKA (Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw and the Polish Center for Holocaust Research), Death cards as a source to the Warsaw ghetto history studies

Lunch Break: 13h – 14h30
14h30-16h15 The relationship to testimonies (Chair-discussant Annette Wieviorka, CNRS-IRICE)

14h30 Elissa Mailander (Centre d'histoire de Sciences-po), *A multitude of witnesses: probing the memory of a hanging in the Maidanek camp* (1943)

14h45 Jared McBride (University of California, Los Angeles), *Microhistory and the Holocaust in Olevs’k: Ethics, Archives and Memory*

15h00 Hannah Polling-Galay (Tel Aviv University), *To Accuse, To Chronicle or to Compare? Micro-History through the Eyes of the Witness: A Case Study of Lithuanian Jewish Testimony*

15h15 Joanna Michlic (Brandeis University and International History Department, LSE), *The Symbolic Categorization of Dedicated Polish Women Rescuers, as Violators of the Ethno-Nationalistic Cultural Code and its Everyday Practice, During the Second World War and its Aftermath*

Break 15h45 – 16h15

16h30-18h00 Witnesses and archives: which dialogues? (Chair-discussant Sarah Gensburger, CNRS-ISP)

16h30 Ivan Jablonka (Université du Maine-CERHIO), *Searching for missing sources: methodological issues*

16h45 Jeffrey Allen (Hampshire College), *The Witness against the Archive*

17h00 Audrey Kichelewski (University of Strasbourg), *A Lost World? The Children of Lublin: a Society of descendants of Polish Jews in France*

18h00 Conclusions: Ivan Ermakoff (University of Madison, Wisconsin)