

Lecture Series  
2005-2006



Wiener Library  
Leo Baeck Institute  
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University of Sussex

6 April 2006

*Ben Barkow, Dr Klaus Leist*

*Terezin: Endurance and Overcoming: The Writings of Philipp Manes*

**Ben Barkow** has been Director of the Wiener Library since 2001. He is the author of *Alfred Wiener and the Making of the Holocaust Library* (1997), the editor of *Testaments of the Holocaust, series 1-3* (1998-2000) joint editor of *Storeys of Memory* (2001) - a volume to mark Britain's first Holocaust Memorial Day, and co-editor of Philip Manes' Theresienstadt memoir, *Als ob's ein Leben wär (As though it were a life....)* (2005). He teaches a course on antisemitism and the Holocaust at the University of Sussex and was a member of the National Commemoration Advisory Group for the 2005 Holocaust Memorial Day.

**Dr Klaus Leist** was born in Berlin and studied Economics in Cologne and Basel where he obtained his doctorate. He pursued a successful career with international companies in Strategic Planning, Human Resources and Management in the UK, Belgium, USA and Germany before settling in London, working as a consultant. Since 1988 he has worked at the Wiener Library, concentrating on deciphering and translating old documents, particularly the Philip Manes collection.

24 May 2006

*Prof Saul Dubow*

*Apartheid, Race and Antisemitism: European Antecedents, Local Adaptations*

**Prof Saul Dubow** is Professor of History at Sussex University. His teaching and research concentrate on the history of modern South Africa from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. His work has focussed on the development of racial segregation and apartheid in all their aspects. He is currently the holder of a British Academy Research Readership and is completing a book on The Commonwealth of Knowledge.

His principal publications include *Racial Segregation and the Origins of Apartheid in Twentieth Century South Africa, 1919-36* (1989) and *Scientific Racism in Modern South Africa* (1995). He has also edited several books, most recently *Science and Society in Southern Africa* (2000) and has written a short history of the *African National Congress* (2000). He is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Southern African Studies* and is director of the Southern African Research Centre. His teaching includes courses on the idea of race, British Imperialism, African History, and Modern South Africa.

19 June 2006

*Prof Susan Neiman*

*Natural and Unnatural Evils*

**Prof Susan Neiman** is Director of the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, she studied philosophy at Harvard and the Freie Universität Berlin, and taught philosophy at Yale (Assistant and Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1989-1996) and Tel Aviv University (Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1996-2000).

Her areas of speciality are Moral and Political Philosophy and the History of Modern Philosophy. Her most recent publications are *Fremde sehen anders. Zur Lage der Bundesrepublik (Aliens see differently. Concerning the state of the Federal Republic)* (2005), and *Zum Glück* (Co-editor) (2004).

All lectures will be held at the Wiener Library and begin at 7pm.

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15 September 2005

*Prof David Cesarani*

*The Myth of Silence: Postwar Comprehension of the Nazi War Against the Jews*

**Prof David Cesarani** is Research Professor in History, Royal Holloway College, University of London, where he lectures on modern European Jewish History and the Nazi period. He is a former Director of the Wiener Library and has also been a Director of the Parkes Institute at Southampton University. He has published widely, including *Eichmann. His Life and Crimes* (2004), *Justice Delayed and How Britain became a Refuge for Nazi War Criminals* (1993).

27 October 2005

*Dr Nicholas Stargardt*

*Witnesses of War: Children's Lives under the Nazis*

**Dr Nicholas Stargardt** is a Fellow in modern European History at Magdalen College, Oxford. He is the author of *Witnesses of War: Children's Lives under the Nazis* (2005) and *The German Idea of Militarism: Radical and Socialist Critics* (1994). He has written widely about modern German history, ranging from the intellectual history of nationalism to children's art from the Holocaust.

8 November 2005

*Prof Michael A. Meyer*

*Jewish Spiritual Resistance in Nazi Germany: A Tale of Two Rabbis*

**Professor Michael Meyer** was born in Berlin, Germany, and brought to the United States as a small child in 1941. Since 1967 he has been on the faculty of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, where he is currently the Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History.

His major work is *Response to Modernity: A History of the Reform Movement in Judaism* (1988). Among his other publications is *Jewish Identity in the Modern World* (1990) and he also edited the four-volume *German-Jewish History in Modern Times* (1996-98). He chairs the Publications Committee of the Hebrew Union College Press and is a Fellow and executive committee member of the American Academy for Jewish Research. He is currently International President of the Leo Baeck Institute.

8 December 2005

*Dr Gerd Koenen*

*Terrorism and Antisemitism in Postwar Germany*

Gerd Koenen was born 1944 in Marburg, Germany and studied history and politics in Tübingen and Frankfurt. During his studies in the 1960s he was involved in the radical left-wing student movement. He was a member of the German Socialist Student Union (SDS), and joined Maoist circles in the 1970s. He worked later as an editor, journalist, freelance writer and academic assistant of Lew Kopelew.

His most recent work is *Vesper - Ensslin - Baader. Urszenen des deutschen Terrorismus (Vesper-Esslin-Baader: Primal Scenes of German Terrorism)* (2003). Among his best known books are *Die großen Gesänge - Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tsetung. Führerkulte und Heldenmythen (The Great Hymns - Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tsetung. Leader cults and hero myths)* (1991); (with Lew Kopelew) *Deutschland und die russische Revolution (Germany and the Russian Revolution)* (1998); *Utopie der Säuberung - was war der Kommunismus? (Utopia of Cleansing: What was Communism?)* (1998) and *Das rote Jahrzehnt. Unsere kleine deutsche Kulturrevolution 1967-1977 (The Red Decade: Our little German Cultural Revolution, 1967-1977)* (2001).

26 January 2006

*Dr Sybille Steinbacher*

*Auschwitz: Model of Germanisation and Annihilation*

**Dr Sybille Steinbacher** is assistant lecturer/research associate in Modern History at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany. From 1999 to 2002, she worked for the Unabhängige Historische Kommission zur Erforschung der Geschichte des Hauses Bertelsmann im Dritten Reich (Independent Historical Commission for Research into the history of the publishing house Bertelsmann in Nazi-Germany). From 2004-2005 she was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Studies, Harvard University.

Dr Steinbacher has written several books on the social life and the history of the Nazi concentration camps, including "Musterstadt" *Auschwitz. Germanisierungspolitik und Judenmord in Oberschlesien ('Model Town' Auschwitz. Politics of Germanisation and the Holocaust in Upper Silesia)* (2000), and *Dachau - die Stadt und das Konzentrationslager in der NS-Zeit: die Untersuchung einer Nachbarschaft (Dachau - the Town and the Concentration Camp under National Socialism: the Examination of a Neighbourhood)* (1994). Her most recent publication *Auschwitz: A History* (2005), has been translated into English, Italian and Dutch.

Gerhard Riegner Memorial Lecture

15 February 2006

*Prof Dennis Klein*

*The Return of Repressed Memory: Freud and Other Jews at the Genesis of Psychoanalysis*

**Prof Dennis B. Klein** is Director of the Jewish Studies Program and Professor of History at Kean University in New Jersey. He is the author of four books, including *The Jewish Origins of the Psychoanalytic Movement* (1985) and *Hidden History of the Kovno Ghetto* (1997).

He is the founding editor in chief of *Dimensions: A Journal of Holocaust Studies* and the founding director of the Anti-Defamation League's Braun Center for Holocaust Studies. He is a Fulbright-Hays Fellow, Phi Beta Kappa, and recipient of numerous research awards. In 2006 he will be a Research Fellow at University College London.

15 March 2006

*Prof Jean-François Bergier*

*Switzerland and the Second World War. Experiences of an Historian.*

**Prof Jean-Francois Bergier** was professor of social and economic history at the University of Geneva from 1963-1969 and Professor of History at ETH Zurich since 1969. The main focus of his work is the economic, social and cultural history of Switzerland and alpine countries from medieval times until the present. He is a member of Institut de France and the Académie royale de Belgique and has been Professor emeritus since April 1999.

In the 1990s he was appointed Präsident der Unabhängigen Expertenkommission Schweiz - Zweiter Weltkrieg (Chairman of the Independent Commission of Experts Switzerland - Second World War (ICE). Its role was to examine various aspects of the nation's actions before, during and after the War. In December 1999 the Commission presented a report known as the Bergier Report. It addresses Switzerland's refugee policy before and during the War, specifically criticizing two decisions by Switzerland that had a devastating impact on Jews attempting to find refuge there: in 1938, to stamp all passports with a 'J', and in 1942, the sealing of Switzerland's borders.