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WEEK 1

Saturday, July 5

Arrivals and informal meeting at the Student Hotel

Sunday, July 6

5:00–9:00 p.m. **Old Amsterdam – dinner / *Excursion-I***

Monday, July 7

9:30 a.m. **Introduction / Karel Berkhoff**

Dr. Karel Berkhoff is Senior Researcher at NIOD and coordinator of the EHRI Summer School there. A recipient of a Ph.D. in History from the University of Toronto, he has published about Ukraine under Nazi rule and about Soviet propaganda during World War II. He is currently engaged in research for a book about the history and remembrance of Babi Yar, the main site of the Holocaust of the Jews of Kiev. Berkhoff also teaches at the University of Amsterdam.

9:45 a.m. **NIOD as an Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies / Puck Huitsing**

Puck Huitsing is Director of Collections & Services at NIOD. Earlier, as director of the Unit War Victims and Remembrance of the Second World War at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, she was responsible for victims' pensions and other provisions, and for "Heritage of the War," a program that digitized and presented a wide variety of World War II collections from all over the Netherlands; see <http://www.oorlogsbronnen.nl/> .

10:45 a.m. **Tour of NIOD**

11:15 a.m. Toward a European Holocaust Research Infrastructure / Reto Speck and Petra Drenth

Dr. Reto Speck received his Ph.D. in History from Queen Mary, University of London. He is a Research Fellow at the Centre for e-Research at King's College London and a Researcher at NIOD. His research interests include digital research infrastructures and the impact of the digital turn on archival theory and practice. Within EHRI he is responsible for the research portal and dissemination.

Petra Drenth, who studied History at the University of Amsterdam and at the College for Booksellers and Publishers, is EHRI's Publicity and Dissemination Officer. Based at NIOD, she is responsible for the website <http://www.ehri-project.eu/> and the EHRI newsletter.

1:30 p.m. The Jews in the Occupied Netherlands in Nazi Propaganda and Photography / René Kok / *Contemporary Sources-I*

René Kok is Picture Researcher in the Department of Collections & Services and has edited numerous paper and digital publications based on the pictorial and audiovisual record of the Netherlands and other countries during World War II.

3:00 p.m. Ethical Issues in the Public Display of Holocaust Pictures / Karel Berkhoff / *Contemporary Sources-II*

4:30–5:50 p.m. Welcome reception sponsored by NIOD

Tuesday, July 8

9:30 a.m. **The Holocaust in Ukraine / Karel Berkhoff**

2:00 p.m. **German Holocaust Perpetrators According to German Judicial Investigations / Dick de Mildt**

Trainees must have read the English section of the distributed text.

Dr. Dick de Mildt is co-editor of *Justiz und NS-Verbrechen. Sammlung deutscher Strafurteile wegen nationalsozialistischer Tötungsverbrechen*, a multi-volume book series documenting the post-war German trial judgments in cases relating to Nazi crimes, published under the auspices of the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam. Born in The Hague, the Netherlands, De Mildt studied history at the University of Leiden and received his Ph.D. at the University of Amsterdam with a study of the so-called “Euthanasia” and “Aktion Reinhard” trials in Germany.

3:30 p.m. **Mapping the Holocaust / Harrie Teunissen / Contemporary Sources-III**

Trainees must have studied “The Holocaust in Contemporary Maps,” from <http://www.siger.org/holocaustincontemporarymaps/>

Harrie Teunissen is an independent historian and map curator in Leiden, the Netherlands. He has collected (together with John Steeg) some 10,000 maps and 1,350 atlases and travel guides, mostly from 1750–1950.

Wednesday, July 9

9:30 a.m. Dutch Jews and non-Jews during and after the Holocaust / Willy Lindwer and Johannes Houwink ten Cate / Oral Histories-I

Willy Lindwer, born in Amsterdam, is a documentary film and television producer and director with production companies in Amsterdam (AVA Productions) and Jerusalem (Terra Film Productions Ltd.). His many awards include an International Emmy Award for Best Documentary, for *The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank*, and the Order of Orange-Nassau, for his services to Dutch society. More information is available at <http://www.willylindwer.com/>

Dr. Johannes Houwink ten Cate is Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Amsterdam and Senior Researcher at NIOD. He received a Ph.D. in History at the University of Utrecht and specializes in the history of the Holocaust in the Netherlands.

Thursday, July 10

9:30 a.m. Decision Making for the Holocaust / Dieter Pohl

11:00 a.m. Collaboration in the Holocaust / Dieter Pohl

Dr. Dieter Pohl is Professor of Contemporary History, with special attention to Eastern and Southeastern Europe, at the University of Klagenfurt in Austria. He received his Ph.D. in History at the University of Munich, Germany and was a researcher at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich. He published extensively on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust and plays a leading role in publishing projects such as the multi-volume source publication, *Verfolgung und Ermordung der europäischen Juden*.

1:00 p.m. Presentations by Trainees-I

**3:00 p.m. Romanian Pogroms during the Holocaust /
Documentary / Simon Geissbühler**

Dr. Simon Geissbühler received his Ph.D. degree in Social Sciences from the University of Bern, Switzerland. He has published several books, among them *Blutiger Juli. Rumäniens Vernichtungskrieg und der vergessene Massenmord an den Juden 1941*. A diplomat who has been posted at the Swiss embassies in Bucharest and Warsaw, Geissbühler currently is the Deputy Head of the Americas Division of the Directorate of Political Affairs in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. (His presentation is a personal statement and does not reflect the view of the Swiss government.)

Friday, July 11

9:30 a.m. **The German Project *Verfolgung und Ermordung der europäischen Juden* / Susanne Heim / *Contemporary Sources-IV***

Dr. Susanne Heim is Project Coordinator of the German project *Verfolgung und Ermordung der europäischen Juden durch das nationalsozialistische Deutschland 1933–1945* (The Persecution and Extermination of the European Jews by Nazi Germany, 1933–1945; <http://www.edition-judenverfolgung.de/>). She is based at the Berlin branch of the Institute for Contemporary History. Heim received a Ph.D. in History at the Freie Universität Berlin and published (with Götz Aly) *Vordenker der Vernichtung. Auschwitz und die deutschen Pläne für eine neue europäische Ordnung*, which has seen many editions and translations into English and French.

2:00 p.m. **Geographies of the Holocaust / Tim Cole**

Dr. Tim Cole is Professor of Social History at the University of Bristol in the UK. He received a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Cambridge. His research focuses on the Holocaust, in particular its implementation in Hungary and its worldwide memorialization. Most recently, he edited (with Anne Kelly Knowles and Alberto Giordano) *Geographies of the Holocaust*, which puts forward models and a research agenda.

Evening: **Joint dinner**

Saturday, July 12

No program

WEEK 2

Sunday, July 13

10:00 a.m. **The Sites of Amsterdam's Jewish History / David Barnouw / *Excursion-II***

David Barnouw is a writer and lecturer based in Amsterdam specialized in the history, memory, and representation of World War II. For many years he worked at NIOD as a researcher and press officer. In 1986 he was one of the editors of the scholarly edition of Anne Frank's diary (together with A. Harry Paape and Gerrald van der Stroom). His website is <http://www.davidbarnouw.nl>.

11:30 a.m. **The Hollandsche Schouwburg / Annemiek Gringold / *Excursion-III***

Annemiek Gringold works at the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam as Curator for Shoah history and the Hollandsche Schouwburg, or Dutch Theater, which in 1942–1943 was used as the main site to detain and deport the Jews from Amsterdam. She has also worked at the International Department of the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum in Israel.

12:30 p.m. Lunch

13:30 p.m. **Hollandsche Schouwburg / Gringold (continued)**

14:00 p.m. **From Audiovisual Memory to Digital Community and Open Jewish Homes / Denise Citroen / *Aftermaths-I***

Denise Citroen is an independent consultant in Amsterdam for the Jewish Historical Museum and others. In the 1990s and 2000s, she represented the Shoah Foundation in the Netherlands and coordinated the indexing at the Jewish Historical Museum of two thousand Netherlands-related interviews from the Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive. Citroen is also the initiator and leader of Open Jewish Homes, a project (www.openjoodsehuizen.nl) that since its start in 2012 has spread from Amsterdam to seven other Dutch cities as of 2014.

Monday, July 14

9:30 a.m. German Women and the Holocaust / Wendy Lower

Dr. Wendy Lower is the John K. Roth Professor of History at Claremont McKenna College, USA, and director of the Center for Human Rights at the Claremont Colleges. Since receiving her Ph.D. from American University she has published and edited books on the Holocaust, particularly in Ukraine. Lower's book *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields*, was a finalist for the U.S. National Book Award and has been translated into several languages.

1:00 p.m. Presentations by Trainees-II

Tuesday, July 15

9:30 a.m. “Standing By” and “Collaborating” in the Holocaust in Poland / Jan Grabowski

Dr. Jan Grabowski is Professor of History at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and a member of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research in Warsaw. Born in Poland, he received a Ph.D. in History at the Université de Montréal, Canada. Grabowski has published in various languages about the Holocaust, such as *Hunt for the Jews. Betrayal and Murder in German-Occupied Poland*.

1:00 p.m. Presentations by Trainees-III

3:00 p.m. Auschwitz-Birkenau in Photographs Old and New / Hans Citroen / *Aftermaths-II*

Hans Citroen is a writer and artist based in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, who has engaged in extensive archival and pictorial research on the history and remembrance of Auschwitz-Birkenau as a site of extermination and forced labor as well as industry, agricultural innovation, and city planning. One book resulting from this investigation, *Auschwitz-Oświęcim, Oświęcim-Auschwitz*, which was co-authored with Barbara Starzyńska, appeared in Dutch, English, and German. Many of Citroen's personal photographs of the area appear in an app for the iPad; see <http://auschwitzoswiecim.com/>.

Wednesday, July 16

9:30 a.m. **Holocaust Memorials / Stefanie Endlich /** *Aftermaths-III*

Dr. Stefanie Endlich is Honorary Professor for Arts in the Public Space at the Berlin University of the Arts. A recipient of a Ph.D. in Economic and Social Sciences from the Freie Universität Berlin, she has published books and produced exhibitions about visual art, architecture, city development, and memorialization. In addition, Endlich has cooperated for many years with memorial sites (*Gedenkstätten*) as a member of projects and committees.

Afternoon **Part of the Westerbork Trail / Excursion-IV**

Tens of thousands of Jews were herded into cattle wagons and deported from Amsterdam to Westerbork Transit Camp, located near the German border. The 336-kilometer-long Westerborkpad, or Westerbork Trail, traces their train journey. Officially opened in January 2012, the walk passes safe-houses, cemeteries, and monuments.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/westerbork-trail-tracing-holocaust-netherlands>

<http://www.westerborkpad.nl/> (in Dutch only)

Thursday, July 17

Morning for Independent Research by Trainees-I

3:00 p.m. **Vichy France and the Jews / Michael Mayer**

Dr. Michael Mayer is Lecturer in Contemporary History at the Akademie für Politische Bildung (Academy for Civic Education) in Tutzing, an independent institution funded by the state of Bavaria, Germany. Recipient of a Ph.D. in History simultaneously from the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris, Mayer published the first book-length comparison of the anti-Jewish policies in Nazi Germany and Vichy France.

Friday, July 18

9:30 a.m. **Audiovisual Testimonies as Historical Sources and for Mapping Hiding Places / Bettine Siertsema and Dienke Hondius / *Oral Histories-II***

Dr. Bettine Siertsema is a researcher in the Department of Philosophy and a teacher on the Holocaust at VU University, Amsterdam. She received her Ph.D. in Humanities at VU University with an analysis of the written diaries and memoirs written by Dutch prisoners of Nazi concentration camps.

Dr. Dienne Hondius is Assistant Professor of Contemporary History at VU University. A recipient of a Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Amsterdam, her research interests include racism, oral history, and the Holocaust. Hondius is also a longstanding member of the International Department of the Anne Frank Foundation in Amsterdam.

Late afternoon **Brown café**

Saturday, July 19

No program

WEEK 3

Sunday, July 20

12:00 a.m. **Camp Vught National Memorial** / *Excursion-V*

1:30 p.m. Lunch

2:15–4:30 p.m. **Perspectives on the History of SS
Concentration Camp Herzogenbusch / Marieke Meeuwenoord**

Dr. Marieke Meeuwenoord received her Ph.D. in History from the University of Amsterdam and later in 2014 will publish her monograph with the first full-length history of SS Concentration Camp Herzogenbusch. Her main focus is the diversity in experiences and perception of the people—prisoners as well as guards—living and working within the camp. Meeuwenoord is Policy Officer on Sports, Culture, Recreation, and Tourism of the Municipality of Woudenberg, the Netherlands.

Evening Dinner in the city of Den Bosch ('s Hertogenbosch)

Monday, July 21

9:30 a.m. Soviet Jewish Photographers and the Holocaust / David Shneer

Dr. David Shneer is the Louis P. Singer Chair in Jewish History and Professor of History and Religious Studies at the University of Colorado, USA. He received a Ph.D. in History from the University of California at Berkeley. His book *Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust* was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award, and was declared Best Book in Arts and Culture by the Association for Jewish Studies. Shneer is also editor-in-chief of the journal *East European Jewish Affairs*.

1:00 p.m. Yahad – In Unum’s Search for Witnesses and Mass Graves / Andrej Umansky / *Oral Histories-III*

Andrej Umansky is a Research Associate of Yahad – In Unum, a Paris-based organization founded and led by Father Patrick Debois, that seeks out and interviews witnesses to mass executions of Jews and Roma in Eastern Europe, so as identify each murder site and mass grave (<http://www.yahadinunum.org/>). Having received Master’s degrees in Law and History, Umansky is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Picardie, Amiens, France and at the University of Cologne, Germany, where he is also a Research Assistant at the Institute for Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.

Tuesday, July 22

9:30 a.m. Bystanders, Actors, Perpetrators? German Society and the Persecution and Murder of the Jews / Frank Bajohr

Dr. Frank Bajohr is Head of the Zentrum für Holocaust-Studien, which was opened in 2013 as a part of the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich. He received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Hamburg, where he was a Senior Researcher and Lecturer. Topics of Bajohr's works include German antisemitism, local anti-Jewish persecution, and the views on the Holocaust held by diarists and foreign diplomats in Nazi Germany.

1:00 p.m. The Ghettos under Nazi Rule / Andrea Löw

Dr. Andrea Löw is Deputy Head of the Zentrum für Holocaust-Studien at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich. She received a Ph.D. in History from Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Löw's work has focused on Jewish life and death in the major ghettos in occupied Poland. She also edited (with Doris L. Bergen and Anna Hajková) *Alltag im Holocaust*, a collection of studies on the everyday life of Jews in the Third Reich.

Wednesday, July 23

**The Anne Frank House and the Anne Frank Foundation /
Dienke Hondius, Jan Erik Dubbelman, Ivana Gabalova, Luba
Shynder, and Serhiy Kulchevych / *Excursion-VI***

Jan Erik Dubbelman is Director of the International Department of the Anne Frank Foundation. Ivana Gabalova, Luba Shynder, and Serhiy Kulchevych are trainers and coordinators in the International Department.

**2:00 p.m. The Holocaust in American Society / Alan Steinweis
/ *Aftermaths-V***

Dr. Alan Steinweis is Professor of History, Miller Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies, and Director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont, USA. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of North Carolina. Among his works is *Studying the Jew: Scholarly Antisemitism in Nazi Germany*, which was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. As part of a leave of absence, Steinweis is currently Chair of Jewish History and Culture at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.

Trainees' final reports about the summer school (e-mail)

Thursday, July 24

Morning for Independent Research by Trainees-II

Concluding Session

Concluding Event

Friday, July 25

Departures

The Trainees

Lauren Bartshe



Lauren Bartshe is from the United States, where she was a graduate research assistant at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Having obtained a Master's degree in German Studies from the University of Missouri, from the fall of 2014 she will be a Ph.D. candidate in Germanic Languages and Literature at Washington University in St. Louis, focusing on issues of representation, memory, and education. Besides English, she reads German and Polish.

Anne-Lise Bobeldijk



Anne-Lise Bobeldijk is from the Netherlands and is working toward Master's degrees in Eastern European Studies and German Studies at the University of Amsterdam. She has been a research assistant at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Among her research interests are Nazi crimes in Belarus. She reads English, Dutch, German, and Russian.

Rohee Dasgupta



Rohee Dasgupta is associate professor and executive director of the Centre for European Studies at the Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, India. She has a Master's degree in Diplomatic Studies and International Relations, and a Ph.D. in Law from Keele University in the United Kingdom.

Her doctoral thesis was an ethnographic study on the renewal of Jewish identity in Poland since World War II.

She reads English, Hindi, Bengali, and French, fluently; intermediate-level German, Polish, and Russian, and basic Hebrew, Yiddish, and Spanish.

Milda Jakulytė-Vasil



Milda Jakulytė-Vasil is from Lithuania, where she is a historian at the Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum, creating, among others, online resources such as a Holocaust Atlas. She holds a Master's degrees in History from Vilnius University. She reads English, Lithuanian, German, Polish, and Russian.

Adam Knowles



Adam Knowles is from the United States. A visiting scholar at Emory University, he received a Master's degree in Philosophy and History at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität in Heidelberg and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the New School for Social Research. He is working on a book about Martin Heidegger's public silence about Nazism and the Holocaust. He reads English, German, Spanish, Ancient Greek, and basic Latin.

Irina Matei



Irina Matei is from Romania, where she is a lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bucharest. She has a Master's degree in German Studies and a Ph.D. dissertation in History from Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, where she researched students from Romania in the Third Reich. She reads English, Romanian, German, and French.

Denisa Nešťáková



Denisa Nešťáková is from Slovakia. A recipient of a Master's degree from Comenius University, Bratislava, she is currently both pursuing there a Ph.D. degree in History and working toward a Master's degree at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien in Heidelberg, Germany. Her research focuses on the relations between Arabs, Jews, and British in British-mandate Palestine. She reads English, Slovak, Czech, German, Polish, and Hebrew.

Jonathan Neufeld



Jonathan Neufeld is from Canada, where he obtained a joint Master's degree in European and Jewish Studies, and will be a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Toronto, studying the survival of Jews in Albania during the Holocaust. He reads English, German, French, and Albanian.

Irina Rebrova



Irina Rebrova, who is from Russia, is a Ph.D. candidate at the Center for Research on Anti-Semitism of Technische Universität Berlin, studying the memory of the Holocaust in the North Caucasus, and a Research Associate of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute.

She wrote a candidate dissertation in History at the Northwestern Academy of State Service in St Petersburg and has a Master's degree in Sociology from European Humanities University in Vilnius.

She reads English, Russian, and German.

Bartłomiej Rusin



Bartłomiej Rusin is from Poland, where he is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Jagiellonian University, Kraków. He has Master's degrees in Political Science and in Bulgarian Philology, and is a former editor-in-chief of the student scholarly journal at Jagiellonian University's Institute of Slavic Philology.

He has been researching the Jews in Bulgaria and Bulgarian-ruled territory during the Holocaust.

He reads English, Polish, Bulgarian, French, and Romanian.

Anna-Raphaela Schmitz



Anna-Raphaela Schmitz is from Germany and a research assistant at the Centre for Holocaust Studies at the Institute of Contemporary History in Munich. She has Master's degrees in History and Political Science from the University of Trier and in Holocaust Communication and Tolerance from Touro College Berlin.

She reads English, German, Latin, and basic Dutch, Spanish and Italian.

Alla Zakharchenko



Alla Zakharchenko is from Ukraine, where she is an associate professor in International Relations at Odessa Mechnikov National University, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Odessa branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies.

She wrote a candidate dissertation at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations in Kyiv. Her research interests include Holocaust denial.

She reads English, Ukrainian, and Russian, and basic Arabic and Hebrew.