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Claims Conference
Conference on Jewish Material Claims
Against Germany

Monday | November 14, 2022

10:00 – 11:00 Reception

11:00 – 12:30 Opening Session

Chair and Opening Remarks:

Roni Stauber

Director of the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center

Greetings

Dani Dayan

Chairman of Yad Vashem

Greg Schneider

Executive Vice President of the Claims Conference

Steffen Seibert

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the State of Israel

Stuart Eizenstat

Former US Ambassador to the EU and US Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (Pre-recorded)

Milette Shamir

Vice President, International, Tel Aviv University

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:00 Keynote

Constantin Goschler

Some Reflections on the Historiography of Holocaust Reparations and the Future of Reparations for Genocides

Respondent: José Brunner

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch Break

15:30 – 18:00 First Session:
The Origins of the Luxembourg Agreement

Chair: Dina Porat

Ronald Zweig

Nehemiah Robinson, the Institute for Jewish Affairs and the Origins of Reparations

Gideon Reuveni

The September 27 German Declaration on the 'Judenfrage': A Misread Turning Point?

Jacob Tovy

Post-Holocaust Reckoning: The Public-Political Campaign in Israel over the Issue of Reparations, 1951–1952

Shlomi Chetrit

"Battlefield in Front of the Knesset":
The Police and the Restitution Riots, January 7, 1952

18:00 – 18:30 Coffee Break

18:30 – 20:00 Screening of the film Reckonings

Presented by the producer, Karen Heilig

Tuesday | November 15, 2022

**10:00 – 12:30 Second Session:
The Negotiation Process and Implementation of the
Luxembourg Agreement**

Chair: Michael Borchard

Kai Wambach

German Theme Portal Wiedergutmachung – Impact, Challenges, Opportunities

Lorena De Vita

Negotiating the Luxembourg Agreements: On the Local, National and International Significance of the Talks in Wassenaar

Daniel Siemens

British Perspectives on the West-German-Israeli Negotiations and the Luxembourg Agreement, 1951–1955

Irit Chen

Between Material Baggage and Past Baggage: The Israeli Purchasing Mission to Cologne and Implementation of the Reparations Agreement

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

**14:00 – 16:00 Third Session:
Conflicts and Consequences in Israeli Society**

Chair: Amb. Colette Avital

Tzachi Cohen

Alterman's Poems Regarding the "Shilumim"

David Witzthum

The Paradigm Shift in Germany's Image in the Israeli Public Discourse following the Shilumim Agreement: From "Amalek" to a Friendly Partner in Less than a Decade, 1952–1960

Yael Mishly

Do Reparations Increase Intergenerational Mobility? Evidence from Israel's Holocaust Survivors

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

**16:30 – 19:00 Fourth Session:
The Consequences of Compensation for Individual Claimants**

Chair: Leora Bilsky

Iris Nachum

Complicated Encounters:
Jewish Claimants and German Legal Categories

Regula Ludi

What Do Reparations Do to Claimants? Looking at Reparations from a Praxeological Viewpoint

Joanna Sliwa

Compensation Programs for Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors

Gustavo Guzman

On Nationality, Property, and Re-Migration:
The Impact of German Reparations on the Jews of Chile, 1952–1977

Wednesday | November 16, 2022

10:00 – 12:30 Fifth Session: The Struggle for Compensation and Restitution of Jewish Property (I)

Chair: Rudiger Mahlo

Kim Wünschmann

The Luxembourg Agreement as a Comic: A Graphic History of Restitution and Compensation

Ingo Loose

Equalization of Burdens versus Restitution: Postwar Battles between Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust and Former “Aryanizers” – Some Case Studies from Lower Silesia, 1936–1978

Rachel Blumenthal

“The Austrians Got Away with Murder”: The Difference between Germany and Austria in Dealing with their Past

Shir Kochavi

Art Restitution and National Responsibility: Israel’s Shifting Policy towards Nazi-looted Art

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 Sixth Session: The Struggle for Compensation and Restitution of Jewish Property (II)

Chair: Mark Weitzman

Avi Weber

Late Recognition of Holocaust Survivors from Behind the Iron Curtain: Legal History of German Compensation Legislation Changes Recognizing the Rights of Holocaust Survivors from the Eastern Bloc

Stefan Cristian Ionescu

Courts Reversing Robbery: Implementing the Reversal of Romanianization of Jewish Property, 1944–1950

Ana Ciric Pavlovic

Delayed Restitution of Jewish Property in Bosnia and Hercegovina: Challenges and Perspectives

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 19:00 Seventh Session: Subsequent Developments of the Luxembourg Agreement and Recent Campaigns

Chair: Dan Michman

Wesley Fisher

From the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization to the 2018 Jerusalem Declaration: The Handling of Looted Cultural Property by the Claims Conference

Ovidiu Creanga

From Protocol II to Germany's “Last Gesture”: Legal Precedent, Uncompensated Shoah Survivors, and the Creation of the Hardship Fund (1980)

Meir Bnaya

Holocaust Compensations for North African and Middle Eastern Jews?

Blandine Landau

Local Context and Long-term Echoes of the Luxembourg Agreement of 1952 in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

19:00 – 19:30 Concluding Remarks

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Photo: The signing of the Reparations Agreement between the German Federal Republic, the State of Israel, and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Benjamin Ferencz

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