

International Symposium European Muslims' Perceptions of the Holocaust

2 - 4 June 2010, Paris

The symposium explores contemporary perceptions of European Muslims of the Holocaust. What knowledge do European Muslims have about the Holocaust and how do they see it? How do Muslims participate in Holocaust commemorations and which approaches and cooperations have been successful in integrating Muslim communities in participating? Scholars, experts and educators from a number of European countries will discuss these issues from their perspective.

Relevant results from two exploratory studies on the issue by the GSRL/CNRS and by the IIBSA will also be presented. Experts are invited to discuss the perception of the Holocaust in Muslim countries such as Morocco, Turkey and Arab countries in general.

Additionally, approaches of Holocaust Education for European Muslims are discussed by practitioners in the field. The Colloquium brings together scholars, educational experts on the issue and activists in the field and explores areas for further research.

We invite scholars and educators for an open discussion. There is no conference fee.

The symposium will be held in English and French (simultaneous translation).

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Please indicate your name and affiliation and the dates you want to participate. The Mémorial also offers a guided tour on 2 June at 2pm (in English). Please indicate if you want to participate.

The opening session is on Wednesday, 2 June 2010 at the Mémorial de la Shoah, 17, rue Geoffroy-l'Asnier (<http://www.memorialdelashoah.org>).

The sessions on Thursday and Friday, 3 - 4 June 2010, will be at the GSRL, 59-61 rue Pouchet Paris, near "Brochant" tube station or "Guy Môquet" bus stop.

Accommodation: we suggest to look for a hotel near Place Clichy.

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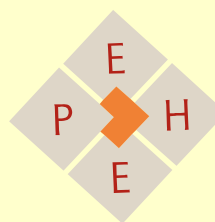
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Wednesday, 2 June - Mémorial de la Shoah, 17, rue Geoffroy-l'Asnier, Paris

4.00 pm	Welcome Address and Opening	Karel Fracapane (Mémorial de la Shoah, France) Gunther Jikeli (IIBSA, UK/Germany)	
4.20 pm	Keynote	Georges Bensoussan (Mémorial de la Shoah, France)	History and Memory of the Holocaust in Europe
5.30 - 7.15 pm	Perceptions of the Holocaust in Europe (round table)	Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Chair
		Juliane Wetzel (Center for Research on Antisemitism, Germany)	Antisemitism and Holocaust Remembrance
		Evelien Gans (NIOD, Netherlands)	"Hamas, Hamas all Jews to the gas." The Holocaust and the Paradox of Muslim Integration
		Philip Spencer (Kingston University London, UK)	Antisemitism and the Politics of Holocaust Memorial Day
7.30 pm	Reception		

Thursday, 3 June - GSRL/CNRS (59-61 rue Pouchet, Paris)

9.00 am	Welcome	Gunther Jikeli (IIBSA, UK/Germany) and Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun (GSRL/CNRS, France)	
9.10 am	Introduction	Philippe Portier (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Reflections on the Perceptions of the Holocaust
9.40 am – 12.30 pm	Perceptions of the Holocaust in Muslim countries	Pierre-Jean Luizard (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Chair
		Esther Webman (Tel Aviv University, Israel)	Perceptions of the Holocaust in Arab Countries
		Rifat Bali (Alberto Benveniste Center, Turkey/France)	Perceptions of the Holocaust in Turkey
		Mohamed Mouha (Mémoire Collective, Morocco)	Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial in the Context of Migration and Maghrebian Countries
		Abdellah Benhassi (Center South For Dialogue and Citizenship, Morocco)	The Image of Jews and the Holocaust in Moroccan Schoolbooks
2.00 – 3.30 pm	Muslim organisations and Holocaust remembrance	Vincent Vilmain (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Chair
		Mike Whine (CST, UK)	Participation of European Muslim Organizations in Holocaust Commemorations
		Jean-Yves Camus (IRIS, France)	Muslim-Nazi Collaboration Before and During World War II in the Discourse of the Contemporary Extreme-Right
		Shimon Samuels (SWC, France/Europe)	Islamophobic and Islamist Holocaust Denial Websites - Common Ground for Counteraction?
4.00 – 6.00 pm	Strategies of Holocaust Education I	Robin Stoller (IIBSA, Germany)	Chair
		Abraham Radkin (Aladdin Project, France)	The Impact of the Aladdin Project in Europe
		Fiyaz Mughal (Faith Matters, UK)	Making the Holocaust Relevant for Muslims in the UK
		Mark Gardner (CST, UK)	Importance of Holocaust Commemoration of Muslim Leaders in UK
		Mohamed El Khamlichi (Human Rights Center for Research and Education, Morocco)	The Holocaust and the Human Rights Discourse in Morocco
6.15 – 7.30 pm	Film	Francine Disegni (film director, France)	Memory of Children (French with English subtitles)

Friday, 4 June - GSRL/CNRS (59-61 rue Pouchet, Paris)

9.00 - 9.30 am	Local History of Muslims and the Holocaust	Jean Laloum (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Chair
		Ethan Katz (University of Cincinnati, USA)	The Paris Mosque and Jews During the Shoah: A Mystery and Its Memory
9.45 – 10.45 am	Strategies of Holocaust Education II	Karen Pollock (HET, UK)	Holocaust Education: Universal Lessons in a Multi-Cultural Society
		Monique Eckmann (HES-SO, Switzerland)	History and Memory of the Other: an Experimental Encounter-Program with Israeli Jews and Palestinians from Israel
11.00 am - 1.00 pm	Holocaust Education and young Muslims	Samia Essabaa (author, France)	Chair
		Mehmet Can and Karoline Georg (KlGA, Germany)	Does the German Educational Approach of Holocaust Education Work for Young Muslims?
		Karen Polak (Anne Frank House, Netherlands)	Teaching the Holocaust in Diverse Classrooms in the Netherlands
		Iannis Roder (Mémorial de la Shoah, France)	Holocaust Education and Young Muslims in France
		Daniel Kauffmann (AJC Berlin, Germany)	Integrative Educational Concepts of the AJC Berlin for Holocaust Education and against Antisemitism
2.30 - 4.00 pm	Results from qualitative studies	Claude Proeschel (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Chair
		Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun (GSRL/CNRS, France)	Perceptions of the Holocaust Among Youths (15-20 years old) in Paris and Suburbs
		Gunther Jikeli (IIBSA, UK/Germany)	Muslims' Perceptions of the Holocaust in Berlin, Paris and London
4.15 - 5.30 pm	Conclusions	Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun	
	Tasks for future research	Gunther Jikeli and joint discussion	