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International Conference

**Surviving genocide:
On what remains and the possibility of representation**

10-13 December 2014

Organizers: Fazil Moradi, Maria Six-Hohenbalken, and Ralph Buchenhorst

Program

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

- 16:30 **Keynote: Alexander Laban Hinton**
Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University, USA
“Trials of the Foreign.”
Venue: Research cluster ‘*Society and Culture in Motion*’, Seminar room,
Reichardstr. 6.
- 18:00 *Dinner buffet at the Research cluster ‘Society and Culture in Motion’, Reichardstr. 6*

Thursday, 11 December 2014

- 08:30 *Registration*
- 09:00 **Günther Schlee**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Welcome Address
- 09:15 **Fazil Moradi**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
“Surviving genocide: On what remains and the possibility of representation.”
- 10:00 *Coffee break*

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Panel I: Art, Witness, and Remembering

Chair: Stefanie Bognitz, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

- 10:20 **Cynthia E. Milton**
University of Montreal, Canada
“Witnessing: Artists in the wake of atrocity.”
- 10:40 **Rachmi D. Larasati**
University of Minnesota, USA
“The rethinking of remembering: Who lays claim to speech in the wake of catastrophe, and is it important?”
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:20 **Danielle Schwartz**
University of Chicago, USA
“Image and history: Palestinian ruins and the realistic paradigm in Israeli cinematic discourse in the 1970s.”
- 11:40 **Heidi Grunebaum**
University of Western Cape, South Africa
“Unmade by history: The burial ground, the shrine and historical erasure at Lubya and South Africa Forest.”
- 12:00 Discussant: **Reinhart Kössler**
Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Freiburg, Germany
- 12:20 Discussion (Q & A)
- 13:00 *Lunch at the MPI*

Chair: Maria Six-Hohenbalken, Institute of Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences

- 14:00 **Ralph Buchenhorst**
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
“Field, forum, and vilified art: Recent developments in the representation of mass violence and its remembrance.”
- 14:20 **Maria Six-Hohenbalken**
Institute of Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences
“Commitments for remembering, resistance against forgetting: The challenges for the young generation in a post-genocide society.”
- 14:40 *Coffee break*
- 15:00 **Memory Biwa**
University of Cape Town, South Africa
“The afterlives of genocide: Repatriations of human bodies from Germany to Namibia, 2011-2014.”

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- 15:20 **Karin Mlodoch**
HAUKARI – Association of International Cooperation, Germany
“Visualizing the unspeakable: Representations of suffering and survival in the Anfal women memorial forum project in Rizgary, Kurdistan-Iraq.”
- 15:40 Discussant: **Katharina Schramm**
University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
- 16:00 Discussion (Q & A)
- 16:40 *Coffee break*
- 17:00-17:30 **Osman Ahmad:** “Drawing the memory of genocide.”
- 19:00 *Dinner with further discussions at the restaurant ‘Wildschütz’, Barfüßerstraße 8*

Friday, 12 December 2014

Panel II: Memory, Trauma, and Resistance

Chair: Immi Tahlgren, Center for International Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science

- 10:00 **Carol A. Kidron**
Haifa University, Israel
“Deconstructing silent legacies of trauma: A comparative study of Cambodian Canadian and Israeli Holocaust trauma descendant memory work.”
- 10:20 **Christi A. Merrill**
University of Michigan, USA
“Intimate Interrogations: The literary grammar of communal violence.”
- 10:40 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Laury Ocen**
Makerere Institute of Social Research, Uganda
“Oral performers and memory of a civil war: The dynamics of collective and individual remembering.”
- 11:20 **Ivana Macek**
Stockholm University, Sweden
“Communicating the unthinkable: A psychodynamic perspective.”
- 11:40 Discussant: **Alexander Hinton**
Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University, USA
- 12:00 Discussion (Q & A)
- 13:00 *Lunch at the MPI*

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Panel III: Law, Punishment, and Justice

Chair: Memory Biwa, University of Cape Town, South Africa

- 14:00 **Anne Fleckstein**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
“Stating human rights violation: The database of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”
- 14:20 **Filip Vojta**
MPI for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany
“Implementing the punishment for the crime of genocide.”
- 14:40 *Coffee break*
- 15:00 **Mohammed Ihsan**
King’s College London, UK
“The Barzani Kurds genocide.”
- 15:20 **Victoria Sanford**
Center for Human Rights & Peace Studies, CUNY, NY, USA
“Genocide denial, political polarization and possibilities for justice in Guatemala.”
- 15:40 Discussant: **Marie-Claire Foblets**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
- 16:00 Discussion (Q & A)
- 16:40 *Coffee break*
- 17:00-17:30 Film screening: “Mirror”, written and directed by **Danielle Schwartz**
- 19:00 *Dinner with further discussions at the restaurant ‘Vaios’, Triftstraße 1*

Saturday, 13 December 2014

Panel IV: The Remains, and the Future

Chair: Dominik Kohlhagen, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

- 09:00 **David Kazanjian**
University of Pennsylvania, USA
“‘Images, wherever they lodge’: From diasporic Ruinenlust to Armenia’s Walkscapes.”
- 09:20 **Fazil Moradi**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
“Carrying loss and death: On memory, and remembrance of the future.”

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- 09:40 **Éva Kovács**
Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Research, Austria
“Parallel readings: Narrating violence, gender and ethnicity.”
- 10:00 Discussant: **Ralph Buchenhorst**
University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
- 10:20 Discussion (Q & A)
- 10:50 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Christian Gudehus**
Chair of Social Theory and Social Psychology, Ruhr University, Germany
Final Discussion
- 12:00 Departure