

# Emigration from Nazi-Occupied Europe to British Overseas Territories after 1933

Research Centre for German & Austrian Exile Studies Triennial International Conference

Wednesday, 13 - Friday, 15 September 2017 at the  
University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

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## Wednesday, 13 September 2017

- 13.00 Registration  
13.45 Welcome (**Catherine Davies**, IMLR) / **Anthony Grenville** (RCGAES)

### Panel 1: India

(Chair: Charmian Brinson)

- 14.00 **Atina Grossmann** (New York): Trauma, privilege, and adventure: Jewish refugees in Iran and India  
14.30 **Margit Franz** (Graz): Exile studies going colonial. A case study on exile to British India  
15.00 **Jyoti Sabharwal** (New Delhi): Memories of life and cultural production in exile: colonial India in the autobiography, essays and film scripts of Willy Haas  
15.30 Discussion  
16.00 Tea

### Panel 2: British Ceylon / British West Indies

(Chair: Jennifer Taylor)

- 16.30 **Sebastian Musch** (Marbach): The German-Buddhist emigration to British Ceylon and its bifurcation  
17.00 **Joanna Newman** (London): 'People at Sea': refugee journeys to the British West Indies  
17.30 Discussion  
17.45 **Book Launch:** *Yearbook of the Research Centre for German & Austrian Exile Studies*, vols. 17 and 18

## Thursday, 14 September 2017

### Panel 3: Canada

(Chair: Jana Buresova)

- 9.00 **Patrick Farges** (Paris): Transnational 'Yekkishkeit'? A Canadian perspective  
9.30 **Andrea Strutz** (Graz): Escape, internment and deportation: experiences of German-Jewish refugees in Canada and subsequent life stories  
10.00 Discussion  
10.15 Coffee

### Panel 4: New Zealand (Chair: Helga Schreckenberger)

- 10.45 **Monica Tempian** (Wellington): Passages to the antipodes: flight, resettlement and integration of child refugees in New Zealand  
11.15 **Paul Weindling** (Oxford): Medical refugees in New Zealand: a restricted refuge  
11.45 **Gerrit-Jan Berendse** (Cardiff): The gravity of the 'Old World': Karl Wolfskehl's poetic endeavours in New Zealand  
12.15 Discussion  
12.45 Lunch (own arrangements)

### Panel 5: Australia

(Chair: Swen Steinberg)

- 14.00 **Helga Schreckenberger** (Birmingham/VT): Exiles or POWs? German and Austrian refugees at the Australian internment camp Hay  
14.30 **Philipp Strobl** (Melbourne): *Fin de siècle* in Down Under – Australian art scholarship in Australia and the life of Gertrude Langer  
15.00 **Veronika Zwerger** / **Ursula Seeber** (Vienna): Strauss to Matilda. Österreichisches Exil in Australien. Kultureller und künstlerischer Transfer  
15.30 Discussion  
16.00 Tea

## Panel 6: Singapore and Shanghai

(Chair: Margit Franz)

- 16.30 **Albrecht Dümmling** (Berlin): City organist, teacher and entertainer: the multi-talented Werner Baer (1939-1940) in Singapore  
17.00 **Brigitte Mayr** / **Michael Omasta** (Vienna): Kinder der Welt: zwei Wiener Filmpioniere in Shanghai  
17.30 Discussion

*At the Wiener Library, 29 Russell Square, WC1B 5DP*

- 19.00 Reception/Evening Programme  
(Chair: Anthony Grenville)  
**Testimonies of Exile in British Territories Overseas and of World Jewish Relief**  
Lilian Kauders (Vienna) / Peter Fraenkel (London) / Lilian Levy (London)

## Friday, 15 September 2017

### Panel 7: Palestine

(Chair: Atina Grossmann)

- 9.00 **Irene Messinger** (Vienna): Marrying for a visa to Palestine  
9.30 **Rony Alfandary** (Ramat Gan): Sons of Holocaust survivors, fathers of immigrants  
10.00 Discussion  
10.30 Coffee

### Panel 8: Africa

(Chair: Richard Dove)

- 10.45 **Shirli Gilbert** (Southampton): German-Jewish refugees and racism in South Africa  
11.15 **Sarah Schwab** (Constance): 'No single loyalty' – processes of identification among German-Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany in South Africa until the 1960s  
11.45 **Jutta Vinzent** (Birmingham): Shifting identities and questioning entangled histories. The case of Valentin G. Braun-Dusemond  
12.15 Discussion  
12.45 Lunch (own arrangements)

### Panel 8: Africa contd

(Chair: Marian Malet)

- 14.00 **Frank Shapiro** (Ramat Gan): Settling Jewish refugees in Northern Rhodesia  
14.30 **Nadav Heidecker** (Haifa): From Central Europe to the Indian Ocean: the exile of Jews in Mauritius, 1940-1945  
15.00 Discussion  
15.15 Closing remarks  
15.30 Tea / Conference ends

Organisers: **Anthony Grenville** (London), **Swen Steinberg** (Dresden) and **Jana Buresova** (London) for the Research Centre for German & Austrian Exile Studies at the IMLR

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