

Konferenz "Metropolitan Catastrophes: Scenarios, Experiences and Commemorations"

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Ort: Institute of Historical Research (IHR), Senate House

Veranstalter: Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute of Historical Research London

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Total war blurred the boundaries between home and front and transformed cities into battlefields. This conference will explore the cultural imprint of military conflict on metropolises worldwide over a long time-span and provide a forum for the interchange of ideas on the comparative history of metropolises and wars. Keynote speakers: Jay Winter (Yale), Patrice Higonnet (Harvard), Antony Beevor (London), and Lisa Yoneyama (California, San Diego).

Monday, 12 July 2004

9.15 Registration

9.30 Derek Keene and Stefan Goebel (CMH)
Introduction

9.40 Eric Homberger (University of East Anglia)
Dress-rehearsal for catastrophe: New York City, 1863

10.20 Carl Abbott (Portland State University)
Big blowups and quiet catastrophes: imagining the death of American cities

Susan Grayzel (University of Mississippi)
'A promise of terror to come': the threat of air power and the destruction of cities in British imagination and experience, 1908-1939

11.30 Coffee

12.00 Keynote: Patrice Higonnet (Harvard University)
Paris under the impact of total war

13.00 Lunch

14.15 Roxanne Panchasi (Simon Fraser University)
The Seine is burning: mapping catastrophe in interwar Paris

Janet Ward (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
On the transformative challenge of urban catastrophe

15.00 Keynote: Jay Winter (Yale University)
Configuring catastrophe: Paris, London, Berlin 1914-1919

16.00 Keith Grieves (Kingston University)
Experiencing the relational difference of life in metropolitan London
and the countryside in two world wars

16.30 Tea

17.00 Peter Stansky (Stanford University)
September 7, 1940: the first day of the London Blitz

Michael Paris (University of Central Lancashire)
Blitz kids: adventures in the ruins, London 1940

Helen Jones (Goldsmith College, University of London)
Visualising London in total war

17.55 Keynote: Antony Beevor (London)
Stalingrad and Berlin – total warfare in a city?

19.00 Reception and buffet, Common Room

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9.15 Maureen Healy (Oregon State University)
Total war and local space: Vienna in the two world wars

10.00 Tim Cole (University of Bristol)
Ghettos and the remaking of urban space: a comparative study of
Hungarian cities, 1944

10.40 Coffee

11.10 Bernhard Rieger (International University Bremen)
National Socialism, air war and local memory in Bremen after 1945

Julie Higashi and Lim, Bon (Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto)
The spirit of war remains intact: the politics of space in Tokyo and the
Yasukuni Shrine

12.20 Lunch

14.00 Keynote: Lisa Yoneyama (University of California, San Diego)
Memories in ruins: politics of remembering and forgetting Hiroshima's
atomic annihilation

15.00 Wolfson Room

Eyal Ginio (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Transmitting the agony of a besieged population: Edirne (Adrianople) in
Ottoman propaganda during the Balkan Wars, 1912-1913

Jovana L. Knezevic (Yale University)
News, propaganda, mail and rumors in occupied Belgrade, 1915-1918

Mark R. Hatlie (Tübingen University)
Re-mapping Riga: sudden regime change during war and revolution

International Relations Room

Clara M. Oberle (Princeton University)
Times of transit, spaces of transit: train stations in Berlin,
1945-1949

Jennifer Gabrys (McGill University)
The sky is falling: leaflets in art and war

Daniel Prosterman (New York University)
New York City and the American homefront: local politics, world war, and
the spectre of totalitarianism, 1933-1947

16.00 Tea

16.30 Joe L. Nasr and Peter J. Larkham (University of Central England)
From vestiges to mementoes: the treatment of churches and other special
buildings after the Second World War

Fiona Henderson (Royal Holloway, University of London)
Gazing at ruins: the politics and poetics of bombsite tourism in London
and Berlin post-1945

17.30 Stefan Goebel (CMH)
Commemorative cosmopolis: Coventry after 1945

Lisa A. Kirschenbaum (West Chester University)
National mythmaking and forgetting: the siege of Leningrad

18.40 Conclusion

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