



Monthly Bulletin

Spring 2013

2013/01

1



On February 26, [Daniela Dahn](#), author, journalist and film maker from Germany, presented her film *Zeitschleifen- Im Dialog mit Christa Wolf* at the Bucerius Institute and the Haifa Center for German and European Studies (HCGES). The film portrays the life and work of Christa Wolf, one of the most prominent German post-war authors. Wolf talks about her motives, hopes, fears and errors in a very personal conversation with Daniela Dahn that asks how and why Wolf lived and worked in the former GDR, both adored and simultaneously met with hostility. The event was organized in cooperation with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Tel Aviv.

2



On March 5, the Bucerius Institute hosted [Dr. Klaus Hödl](#) from the Center for Jewish Studies of the University of Graz. He gave a lecture on Jewish *Volkssänger* influencing the Viennese popular culture during the period between the world wars. A lively exchange between Dr. Hödl and our audience rounded off the evening.



3



[Dr. Herbert Lappe](#) from the Jewish Community of Dresden gave a lively and well-visited talk on Jewish life in the former GDR on March 17, 2013. Based on his personal biography, Dr. Lappe spoke about his ambivalent position as Jewish citizen of the GDR. Both a member of the socialist youth organization, and the Jewish community in Dresden, Dr. Lappe illustrated how he attempted, on the one hand, to help the country move forward from inside the official structures, but at the same time used these structures to divert from the path outlined by the party. Dr. Lappe ended his talk with a presentation of the New Dresden Synagogue (2001), that was awarded the prize for best European Architecture in 2001, and that he was instrumental in building.

4



On March 13, 2013 the [Sixth Annual Bucerius Research Workshop](#) took place and offered a platform to Bucerius scholarship recipients and fellows to present their PhD and M.A. research. The young scholars gave papers on various topics from different disciplines, such as Jewish Studies, Political Sciences and Law. Dr. Morris-Reich, Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger, Dr. Khalid Ghanayim, and Prof. Gilad Margalit commented on the presentations that were followed by lively and fruitful discussions.



5



A delegation of the Bucerius Institute, including Dr. Amos Morris Reich; Lea Dror-Batalion; Katharina Konarek, PhD candidate from the University of the German *Bundeswehr* (Federal Armed Forces) and Meira Shacham, research fellow at the Institute, took part in the [Eighth Annual Seminar of Young Researchers of German History in Israel](#) at the University of Tel Aviv on January 28, 2013. The conference offered a platform to young scholars to present and discuss research works with other PhD students or professors. The conference was concluded with a round table discussion on written German history in Israel.

6



Dr. Steffen Hagemann

On February 10, a group of students from Kaiserslautern, majoring in sociology visited the Bucerius Institute and the HCGES. Together with Dr. Steffen Hagemann, a former Bucerius scholarship recipient, they gained insight into the work and research of both institutes and were informed about the possibilities of internships and scholarships. Afterwards the students participated in a discussion with Ward Taye, Minority Representative of the Student's Union at the University of Haifa, about the coexistence between Jewish and Arab students in Israel and particularly Haifa.

7



The Bucerius Institute warmly congratulates Tally Gur, PhD Candidate at the Department of Jewish History and fellow at the Institute on being accepted into the [2013-2015 Posen Society of Fellows](#). The Posen Society is a unique international fellowship for junior scholars and emerging fiction writers. Tally Gur works under the supervision of Dr. Amos Morris-Reich on the topic "Jews, Non-Jews and Jewish Studies in Post WW II Germany (1960-1989)".

8



In a festive ceremony on March 20, 2013, Lea Dror-Batalion opened her exhibition "The Jewish Vocational School Masada Darmstadt" in the foyer of the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library at the University Haifa. The exhibition tells the story of a unique institution that, during 1947-48, prepared young Holocaust survivors for their immigration to Israel. Speakers at the event were Prof. Gilad Margalit from the Department of History, and Michael Pappe, Honorary General Consul of Germany in Haifa. [The exhibition is free of charge and open to the public until May 15.](#)

For more information please contact: Lea Dror-Batalion

Bucerius Institute for Contemporary German History and Society

Education Building, Room 646, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel 31905

Phone (972) (4) 8288232/3 | Fax: (972) (4) 8288282