



## Events and News Bulletin

### Spring Semester 2016

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** The Bucerius Institute (BI) hosted **Dr. Herbert Lappe** from the Jewish community in Dresden. Dr. Lappe spoke about **The Holocaust Remembrance in East Germany (GDR)**. In his lecture Dr. Lappe examined the inconsistently of the memory of the Holocaust in the communist East Germany. On the one part it was well known, but on the other part people knew nearly nothing about Jews, history of the Jews in Germany and the background of Antisemitism. Furthermore Dr. Lappe emphasized that the GDR narrative was focusing on Germans as victims of the Nazis rather than on being co-perpetrator of their crimes.

**The Holocaust Remembrance in East Germany (GDR)**  
Dr. Herbert Lappe  
(Jewish Community Dresden, Germany)

The memory of Holocaust in GDR had been forgotten. On the one part it was well known, on the other part people knew nearly nothing about Jews, history of the Jews in Germany and the background of Antisemitism. Finally most Germans were made by victims of the Nazis but the lecture shows the subtle dealing with Holocaust and the first collective camps. Elaborate these phenomena will be explained, considering the "Anti-Nazi Law" and its consequences in the end the lecture will present activities of remembering Holocaust regardless of the Communist Party and the government.

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016  
14:15 – 15:45  
Senate Room, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Eshkol Tower, University of Haifa

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**March 16<sup>th</sup>** A workshop reflecting the Israeli NGO bill and its possible impact on the work of foreign NGOs in Israel was held at the University of Haifa. This workshop was part of a cooperation with the HCGES and the Ruhr University of Bochum. The workshop was conducted by our PhD student **Katharina Konarek**.



**March 17<sup>th</sup>** **Prof. Derek Penslar** (University of Oxford and Toronto) gave a lecture on **"Theodor Herzl, Race and Empire"**. Prof. Penslar showed that Herzl was deeply imbedded in fin de siècle colonial and racial discourse. He also discovered in Herzl a complex blend of sympathy and antipathy towards colonized people, and a stark difference between Herzl's views of the Orient and Africa.



**March 31<sup>st</sup>** **Dr. Giacomo Petrarca** (University Vita-Salute San Raffaele – Milan) talked about **"The concept of silence in Franz Rosenzweig and Henri Bergson: a comparison."** In his lecture Dr. Petrarca analyzed the difference between the rosenz-weighian vision of silence and the bergsonian conception of silence. He put a special focus on the *Essay on the immediate data of conscience* (*Essai sur les données immédiates de la conscience*, 1889) and on other texts in which Bergson (1859-1941) considers the problem of silence related to the limits of language.



**April 14<sup>th</sup>** the BI hosted the historian **Mr. Doron Arazi** who spoke about: **"Ostracism, Acceptance, Admiration: German Brands in Israel between Holocaust Memory and Consumer Pragmatism, 1929-2016"**. In his lecture Mr. Arazi gave an overview of the development of the German-Israeli trade relations.

**Ostracism, Acceptance, Admiration: German Brands in Israel between Holocaust Memory and Consumer Pragmatism, 1929-2016**  
Mr. Doron Arazi

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016  
14:30 – 16:00  
Library Auditorium (Room 146), Main Building, University of Haifa

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** **Prof. Dietmar Goltschnigg** (University of Graz, Austria) gave a lecture on the German-Austrian publicist **Karl Kraus**. Prof. Goltschnigg presented his book and portrayed the unique character of Karl Kraus. The lecture was held in German at the "Jekkes-Home"- Rishoney HaCarmel in Haifa.

Dietmar Goltschnigg  
Herausgeber  
**Karl Kraus**  
im Urteil literarischer und publizistischer Kritik  
Studie und Kommentar, Analyse und Kommentare  
Band 1: 1892 – 1945  
ES Ebelin und Gerd Schmidt Verlag

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** The BI in cooperation with the HCGES and the Ruhr University of Bochum supported the international conference: **“A Player and not just a Payer?” The Work of German Political Foundations abroad with a special focus in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.** This conference was held in Bochum (Germany) and conducted by our PhD student **Katharina Konarek**. It dealt with the questions: What role do the German political foundations play in the international arena? What impact do they have on the German foreign policy? Are they think tanks, independent political actors or an instrument of the foreign office? How do they influence the political landscape in the countries, they are working in? How did and do they influence the development of German-Israeli relations? Israeli, German and Palestinian academics and experts from the field discussed these questions intensely. The main contributions will be published in a conference volume.

and Authority, Sinai in Jewish Scripture and Tradition (Yale University Press, 2015)”

The Bucerius Institute thanks its interns Ms. **Roberta**



**Koulahoue** and Ms. **Zora Piskačová** for assisting the institute in this semester. *Ms. Koulahoue* was born in Togo and grew up in Germany. Currently, she is a

student at the University of Bremen and pursuing a Bachelor degree in Political Science, Media and Communication. She is a scholarship holder of the Robert Bosch Foundation and speaks four different languages. Roberta Koulahoue is actively involved in different social projects including a peer to peer project of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (BPB) in Germany. From March to August 2015, she worked as a volunteer for the Zambia National Commission for UNESCO in Lusaka, Zambia.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** The German Ambassador in Israel **Dr. Clemens von**



**Goetze** visited the University of Haifa. As part of our guest-lecture series he spoke about:

**“The Current Crises in Europe and Present and Future of German-Israel**

**Relations.”**

Ms. *Piskačová* is doing her B.A. in History and Germanic Studies at the Franklin University Switzerland. She is an active member of the Honors Society and works as a teaching assistant in the Department of Communications. In the past year, she has co-founded the Lugano section of International Students of History Association (ISHA) and became one of its leading board members.

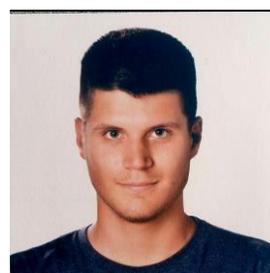
**June 16<sup>th</sup>** **Dr. Angelika Timm** (Berlin) presented her research



on the topic: **“Politics and Memory: Israel, the two German states and Austria”.** Dr. Timm analyzed the context of the West German, East German and Austrian policy towards Israel from

1948 to 1990, and addressed the main periods of bilateral relations.

The BI welcomes its new intern for this Sommer Semester Mr.



**Tobias Schminke.** Mr. Schminke is doing his Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies and Political Science at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. Since July 2015 he has been studying at the Haifa University. He is scholarship holder by the

German National Academic Foundation (SdDV), which is the largest organization sponsoring students of outstanding academic achievements in Germany. He speaks German, English and Swahili. Since May 2015, he is deputy editor in chief of the magazine “Treffpunkt Europa” that focuses on European politics.

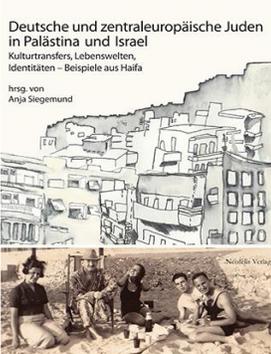
**June 16<sup>th</sup>** In the framework of the Departmental Seminar of the Department of Jewish History, the Department for Biblical Studies with the cooperation of the “George and Florence Wise Chair of Judaism in the Ancient World” and the BI, Prof. Benjamin Sommer (The Jewish Theological Seminary N.Y.) presented and discussed his Book: “Revelation

The institute congratulates Mr. **Micha Limor** for beginning his PhD. about the German Bet-El Community in Israel – “The New Templars”.

The institute also congratulates its associate researcher and PhD. student at the University of Constance, **Ms. Maya Hadar** for receiving the Heinrich-Heine-Scholarship. Furthermore Ms. Hadar received three (short term) lecture places in different Universities in Europa: at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, at the Charles University in Prague and at the Masaryk University in Brno.

### Publications

**Mai 2016** The BI congratulates its former research fellow **Dr.**



**Anja Siegmund (Ed.)** for publishing her Book: **“German and Middle-European Jews in Palestine and Israel. Transfer of Culture, living environments and Identities – Haifa as an Example.”** The book was published by the Neofelis Publishing House with the support of the ZEIT-Foundation and the Bucerius Institute

### Upcoming Events:

**July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** Our former administrative coordinator **Mrs. Lea Dror** will participate at the 3<sup>rd</sup> international multidisciplinary conference **“Children and War: Past and Present”**, which will take place in Salzburg. Mrs. Dror will talk about **“Vision of a Holocaust survivor to help other young survivors and DP's in the quest for a New Life and a New Identity”**.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** The Bucerius Institute and the University of Haifa will host the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Consortium for Research on Anti-Semitism and**

**Racism (ICRAR)**. The focal point of the conference is: **“The Classification of Humanity: Defining and Dividing Societies in the Modern Era”**.



The Bucerius Institute is mourning the loss of its colleague and associate researcher **Mrs. Meira Shacham**, who passed away at the end of April 2016

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