

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON KRISTALLNACHT: AFTER 80 YEARS, THE NAZI POGROM IN GLOBAL COMPARISON

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Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.,
and the Center for Research on Antisemitism at the Technical University Berlin, Germany

November 5-7th, 2018 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Conference Program

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

USC, Main Campus, Doheny Memorial Library, Room 240

9:30 am – 9:40 am

Welcoming Remarks

Wolf Gruner, Founding Director of the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, **Steve Ross**, Director of the USC Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life, **Stephen Smith**, Finci-Viterbi Executive Director, USC Shoah Foundation

9:40 am – 10:20 am

Introductory Panel

Chair: **Stefanie Schüler-Springorum** (Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Technical University Berlin, History)

François Guesnet (University College, London, History), **Ulrich Baumann** (Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Berlin, History)

Kristallnacht – Pogrom or State Terror? A Terminological Reflection

10:20 am – 12:20 pm

The Pogrom

Chair: **Stefanie Schüler-Springorum** (Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Technical University Berlin, History)

Mary Fulbrook (University College, London, German History)
Bystanders to Violence

Maximilian Strnad (Town Archive, City of Munich, History)
A Question of Gender! Spaces of Violence and Reactions to Kristallnacht in Jewish-Gentile Families

Wolf Gruner (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Jewish Studies and History)
Mass Attack on Privacy and Stories of Resistance

Lunch break

1:50 pm – 3:10 pm

Protest in Germany and Abroad

Chair: **Shira Klein** (Chapman University, Los Angeles, History)

Michael Geheran (United States Military Academy, West Point, History)
Between Defiance and Conformity: The Case of Julius K.

Dov Ber Kotlerman (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Literature)
From the Manila Protest to Philippine Visas

Coffee break

3:40 pm – 5:00 pm

Reactions in Print Media

Chair: **Wendy Lower** (Claremont McKenna College and Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Norman Domeier (University of Stuttgart, History)
The “Reichskristallnacht” and the American Journalists in Nazi Germany

Paul Moore (University of Leicester, UK, Modern European History)
“La Nuit de Cristal”: The November Pogrom as a Transnational Media Moment

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

USC, Main Campus, Doheny Memorial Library, Room 240

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Reactions in the Jewish Press

Chair: **Marla Stone** (Occidental College, Los Angeles, History)

Anne-Christin Klotz (Freie Universität Berlin, Eastern European History)

The Warsaw Yiddish Press and the Persecution of Jews in the Third Reich: 1933 to 1938,
A Comparative Analysis

Jeffrey Koerber (Chapman University, Los Angeles, History)

What Did Soviet Jews Make of Kristallnacht?

Kiril Feferman (Ariel University, Israel, History)

Public Responses to Kristallnacht in the Jewish Community in Japan-controlled Harbin

Coffee break

12:00 pm – 1:20 pm

Reactions in Audiovisual Media

Chair: **Michael Renov** (University of Southern California, Cinema & Media Studies)

Stephanie Seul (University of Bremen, Cultural Studies)

The Absence of Kristallnacht and Its Aftermath in BBC German-language broadcasts
during 1938-1939

Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University, Modern Jewish History)

Kristallnacht in Film: From Reportage to Reenactments, 1938-1948

Lunch break

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Reactions in Jewish Communities

Chair: **Paul Lerner** (University of Southern California, History)

Hasia Diner (New York University, American Jewish History)

1938: A Moment of Reckoning for American Jews

Steven Ross (University of Southern California, History)

The Ambiguous Legacy of Kristallnacht: Nazis, Resisters and Anti-Semitism in 1930s-
1940s Los Angeles

Gershon Greenberg (American University, Washington, DC., Philosophy and Religion)
Orthodox Jewish Religious Responses to Kristallnacht: Globally Considered

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7,
Villa Aurora, Pacific Palisades



9:45 am – 10:15 am

Coffee and pastries

10:15 am – 12:15 pm

The Event and Beyond

Chair: **Jean-Marc Dreyfus** (Manchester University, History)

Jason Lustig (Harvard University, Jewish Studies)

Out of the Ashes: Jewish Community Records and Archives after Kristallnacht

Alexander Walther (Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena, History)

Jewish Anti-Fascism? 'Kristallnacht' Remembrance in the GDR Between Propaganda and Jewish Self-Assertion

Mark Wolfgram (McGill University, Political Science)

From the Visual to the Textual: How Nazi Control of the Visual Record of Kristallnacht Shaped the Postwar Narrative

Lunch break

1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Comparative Perspectives

Chair: **Brenda Stevenson** (University of California Los Angeles, History)

Baijayanti Roy (University of Frankfurt, History)

The Long Shadow of Reichskristallnacht on the ‘Gujarat Pogrom’ in India: A
Comparative Analysis

Nathalie Segeral (University of Hawaii-Manoa, French)

Reclaiming Kristallnacht: The Nazi Pogrom as Transnational Trope in Narratives of the
Rwandan Genocide and the Migrants Crisis

Liat Steir-Livny (Sapir Academic College & The Open University, Israel, Cultural Studies)

The Contemporary Politics of Memory: “Kristallnacht in Tel-Aviv”

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Concluding Discussion