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1939-1945**

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Tal Bruttman, Researcher, is working on anti-Jewish policies (French and German) implemented in France between 1940 & 1944. He has published several books on the role of French administrations (among them *Au bureau des Affaires juives*, La Découverte, 2006, and “*Aryanisation*” *économique et spoliations en Isère, 1940-1944*, PUG, 2010). He was between 2001 and 2011 a researcher for the City of Grenoble, on a project about the “aryanization” in the area during the war. Currently finishing his PhD at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

László Csósz is a historian at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest, Hungary. He received a PhD in History from the University of Szeged in 2011. His main fields of research interest include the social history of the Jews in Hungary as well as antisemitic social and economic policies and the Holocaust in Hungary, with special regard to the complicity of the state apparatus and the „bystanders”.

Martin C. Dean, Applied Research Scholar with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, received his B.A. and his Ph.D in History from Queens' College, Cambridge in 1984 and 1989 respectively. From 1992 to 1997, he was the Senior Historian for the Metropolitan Police War Crimes Unit in London. He has worked on the preparation of Nazi-related war crimes cases for trials in Australia, Great Britain, and Germany. In 1997-1998, he received the Pearl Resnick Fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is the author of *Collaboration in the Holocaust: Crimes of the Local Police in Belorussia and Ukraine, 1941-44* (2000) and *Robbing the Jews: The Confiscation of Jewish Property in the Holocaust, 1933-1945* (2008), which won a National Jewish Book Award for Writing Based on Archival Material in 2009. He is also the volume editor of *The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos 1933-1945*, vol. 2 *Ghettos in German-Occupied Eastern Europe*, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2012).

Christoph Dieckmann, lecturer, teaches modern European history at Keele University, UK. Currently he is researching at the Fritz-Bauer-Institut in Frankfurt am Main early Jewish reactions both to the stereotype 'Jewish Bolshevism' and the anti-Jewish pogroms in the Russian Civil War. He has published widely on concentration camps, ghettos and collaboration. His main study concerns German occupation policy in Lithuania 1941 to 1944, which was published in 2011. He was part of the team, which edited the desk-diary of Heinrich Himmler 1941/1942.

Cyrille Fijnaut (SESSION LEADER) is professor emeritus, previously senior professor of penal law and criminology at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the University of Leuven and the University of Tilburg. He is specialised in the history of the police. His PhD research dealt with the political history of police organization in Europe. Between 2002-2007, in joint cooperation, he edited a four volume history of the Dutch police. The last years, he has been actively involved in research projects on the history of police forces in the former Dutch colonies: Dutch-India, Suriname and the Antilles (Curacau, Aruba). He is planning to write a comprehensive study on the history of the Belgian police.

Martin Milan Koljanin (1953) PhD, Research Fellow in the Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade, Serbia. His scientific research work is centered on the study of the Serbia in the World War Two, especially the repressive system and camps, the repressive legislature, the Holocaust in Serbia, the systematic use of historical sources regarding the Holocaust in Yugoslavia, especially in Serbia, the use of film and anti-Semitic stereotypes in propaganda in Serbia, the history of the Jews and anti-Semitism in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. He has published three monographs.

Sergei Kudryashov (1961) studied history at the Russian Academy of Sciences. From 1997 through 2005 he was an Editor-in-Chief of journal ISTOCHNIK, which published declassified archival sources from the Russian archives. In 2005 he joined the newly opened German Historical Institute in Moscow as a scientific researcher (Mitarbeiter). He has published on the Second World War and Soviet history.

Benoît Majerus is Associate Professor for European History at the University of Luxembourg. He has extensively published on World War One and World War Two. He is currently working on a history of psychiatry in the 20th century.

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Niklas Perzi, born 1970 in Waidhofen/Thahy (Austria) studies of east-european history at the university of Vienna, longer studies and resarches in Prague. Main research areas: History of Czechoslovakia and of the czech lands in the 20th Century, particularly the time of the Protectorate and the "normalization" Member of the Austrain-Czech Commission of Historians numerous publications

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Leonid Rein. PhD degree from Haifa University (Israel). Most recent publications are: *The Kings and the Pawns: Collaboration in Byelorussia during World War II* (New York 2011), a chapter "The Radicalization of Anti-Jewish Policies in Nazi-Occupied Belarus", in a book *Nazi Policy on the Eastern Front, 1941: Total War, Genocide & Radicalization*, edited by Alex J. Kay, Jeff Rutherford, and David Stahel (Rochester NY 2012), "Untermenschen in SS Uniforms: 30th Waffen-Grenadier Division of Waffen SS", *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 20 (April 2007),

"Local Collaboration in the Execution of the "Final Solution" in Nazi-Occupied Belorussia", *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, vol. 20 (3), winter 2006 ". Currently is a Senior Researcher at International Institute for Holocaust Research Yad Vashem.

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Veerle Vanden Daelen (SESSION LEADER) has a BA and MA in History from Ghent University and a PhD (2006) from the University of Antwerp. Maurice De Wilde's documentary series on the Second World War were the subject of her MA thesis. Her PhD work concerned the return and reconstruction of Jewish life in Antwerp after the Second World War (1944-1960). She has held fellowships at the University of Michigan (Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, 2007-2008 fellowship "Jews and the City") and at the University of Pennsylvania (Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 2008-2009 fellowship "Jews, Commerce, and Culture"). She coordinates the work package Identification

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Herman Van Goethem is doctor Iuris and Master in History and full professor at the University of Antwerp. From 2000 till 2009 he had the Chair of the Department of History. He is founding member of the Board of the Flemish Institute of Jewish Studies, member of the Royal Academy of Belgium. His field of research is the political history of Belgium, with a particular attention to the complex relations between Flemings and Walloons. He is also curator of Kazerne Dossin: Memorial, museum and Documentation Center on Holocaust and Human Rights.

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