

Collaborationism with Nazi Germany. A European Controversy

The German invasion of Poland in September 1939 and the occupation of other European countries in the following years generated new military, economic and social constellations. The conflict areas were on the one hand characterized by fear, violence and terror; members of the resistance and people stigmatized by the racial policies were arrested, tortured and killed by the Nazis.

At the same time, different agents and individuals became interdependent; in this extreme state of emergency, people were confronted with new alternative attitudes and behaviors.

Collaboration, i.e. the pragmatic, at times open, cooperation of governments, military and political organizations, as well as individuals with the German overlords, the Gestapo and the Nazi authorities became the norm in the occupied countries and satellite states. The consequence was the wide-scale surrender particularly of the Jewish population and the rapid implementation of their deportation to concentration and extermination camps.

The international conference "Collaborationism with Nazi Germany. A European Controversy" brings together academics to the University of La Sapienza in Rome, where they will discuss the forms taken, motives, spectrum of actions and other facets of European collaboration with the Nazis. State authorities, local military organizations and individual players in different countries and areas including France, Scandinavia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Romania, Italy, Hungary, Portugal, the Netherlands and the countries of the former Yugoslavia will be discussed. In this time of increasing historical revisionism in Europe, such elucidating discourse has a special academic relevance.



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7 May, 2019
Aula Magna, Unitelma Sapienza
Viale Regina Elena 295

10:00 am Greetings

Antonello Folco Biagini
Rector of Unitelma Sapienza

Julius H. Schoeps
Director of the Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam

10:30 am Key note speech

Jan T. Gross, University of Princeton
Collaborationism in Europe. A Complex History

11:30 am Coffee break

12:00 am Collaborationism in North and
Central Europe between Past and Present

Chair: **Julius H. Schoeps**
Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam

Ruta Vanagaite, Lithuania/Israel
Executioners in Lithuania: Our People

Lars Rensmann, University of Groningen
*The History and Politics of Nazi Collaboration
in the Netherlands: Historical Legacies, Post-War Narratives,
Contemporary Debates*

Alessandro Vagnini, Sapienza University of Rome
*The Hungarian Jewish Laws and the Relations between
Hungary and Germany*

1:30 pm Lunch break

3:00 pm Axis Partners, Resistance and
Collaborationism in Eastern
and South Eastern Europe

Chair: **Lars Rensmann**, University of Groningen

Ivo Goldstein, University of Zagreb
Why Were the Chetniks Collaborators?

Meinolf Arens, International Institute for Ethnic Group Rights
and Regionalism - **Katerina Kakasheva**, Munich and Skopje
University
*The Case of IMRO in Aegean- and Vardar Macedonia, as well
as Conflicts of Nationalities and Conflicts of Interests in German
Occupied West Banat 1941-1945*

Giuseppe Motta, Sapienza University of Rome
*Beyond Nazism. Romanian Nationalists and
the Jewish Question*

Martina Bitunjac, Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam
*Croatia and Slovakia: Persecution of the Jews by Nazi Germany's
Political Allies due to Both Cooperation and Independent
initiative*

5:00 pm Coffee break

5:30 pm European Countries between Neutrality
and Collaborationism

Chair: **Elke-Vera Kotowski**, Moses Mendelssohn Center,
Potsdam

Fernando Clara, New University of Lisbon
*"Collaborating Neutrality"? Fascist Networks and
the Ambiguous Portuguese Neutrality*

Gideon Botsch, Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam
*Propaganda, Foreign Cultural Policy, and
the Establishment of pro-German Elites.
The Deutsches Auslandswissenschaftliches Institut
as a Coordinating Center for European Collaborationism*

Valentina Sommella, University of Perugia
*France Between Collaboration and Resistance.
The Armistice Decision and the Montoire Meeting
in the Gaullist Propaganda*

Lars Dencik, Roskilde University
*The Rationales Behind the Very Diverse Forms
of Collaborationism with Nazi Germany in the Four Nordic
Countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden*

7:30 pm Dinner at Casa dell'Aviatore
Viale dell'Università, 20

8 May, 2019
Aula Organi Collegiali, Rectorate Building
Sapienza University of Rome

10:00 am Greetings

Eugenio Gaudio
Rector of Sapienza University of Rome

Alessandro Saggiaro, Director of the PhD program
in History of Europe

Giovanni Solimine, Director of the Department
of Modern Literature and Culture

10:20 am On the Eve of the Second World War

Chair: **Alessandro Vagnini**, Sapienza University of Rome

Ester Capuzzo, Sapienza University of Rome
Italian Racial, Laws and the Jewish Community of Fiume

Roberto Sciarra, Sapienza University of Rome
*Fascism and the Racial Laws. The Historical Debate
in Italy Today*

Gabriele Mastrolillo, Sapienza University of Rome
Italian Communists and the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact

Olaf Glöckner, Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam
*Ukrainian Nationalist Movements and Collaborationism during
World War II*

12:15 am Brunch – Rectorate Building

12:45 am Jews as Holocaust Victims
and as "Traitors"

Chair: Ivo Goldstein, University of Zagreb

Serge Klarsfeld, Klarsfeld Foundation, Paris
*The Most Extreme of all of the French State's
Collaboration: The Surrender of the Jews*

Julius H. Schoeps, Moses Mendelssohn Center, Potsdam
*Collaboration and Betrayal. A Dark Chapter in the History of
European-Jewish Relations*

6:00 pm Exposition opening
"Silent heroes. Rescuers in Europe
during WWII" - Villa Sciarra