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Dealing with Jewish Refugees during World War II: Conflicts and Cooperation

November 14th–15th, 2018

University of Basel, Regenzzimmer 111, Kollegienhaus –
Petersplatz



International Workshop

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Wednesday, November 14th, 2018

13:00–13:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

13:30–15:30 **Panel I: Individuals and International Organizations in Switzerland**

Chair: Patrik Süess (Basel)

Barbara Häne (Basel):

"The VSJF assisted these emigrants 100%, which (...) would not have been possible without the generous help of AJDC." - The relationship between the Association of Swiss Jewish Refugee Aid and Welfare Organisations (VSJF) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC) during World War 2

Andrea Kirchner (Frankfurt/Jerusalem)

Richard Lichtheim (Jewish Agency/Geneva) and the Jewish refugee problem

Anne Lepper (Berlin)

"Fire extinguisher and a Jewish Red Cross" - Adolf Silberschein's RELICO and the Jewish Relief and Rescue activities in Switzerland during the Shoah

Respondent: Prof. Dr. Erik Petry (Basel)

15:30–16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00–18:00 **Panel II: International Organizations between Asia and Europe**

Chair: Olga Pollack (Basel)

Sarah Hagmann (Basel)

"Then he can emigrate to the Far East at his own risk": Cooperation between the Far Eastern Central Jewish Information Bureau in Harbin and the Hilfsverein der deutschen Juden in Berlin, 1938-1939

Dr. Katharina Friedla (Jerusalem/Warsaw)

Lithuania – Japan – Shanghai: Jewish Refugees Trajectories of Survival and Rescue during the Second World War.

Amelia Allsop (London)

'Shanghai's problem is Hong Kong's concern also': Baghdadi Jews and the Hong Kong Jewish Refugee Society, 1938-1940

Respondent: Dr. Gabriele Anderl (Vienna)

18:00–18:30 **Coffee Break**

18:30–19:30 **Key note lecture**

Dr. Marc Perrenoud (Neuchâtel)

1938, 1948. Two crucial moments for the Jewish Refugees and for Switzerland??

20:00 **Workshop Dinner**

For invited speakers, respondents and chairs only. Registration mandatory.

Venue: Restaurant Za Zaa, Petersgraben 15, 4051 Basel

Thursday, November 15th, 2018

09:00–10:30 Panel III: Arriving in New Countries

Chair: Rhea Rieben (Basel)

Dr. Joseph Cronin (London)

"I do not trust her protestations of life-long admiration for the British": The rhetoric of visa applications, affidavits and responses to Jews seeking refuge in colonial India, 1938-1941

Dr. Philipp Strobl (Innsbruck/Melbourne)

From "Dago" to "Reffo" – Ambivalent Experiences of Encounter of Jewish refugees in Australia (1938-1942)

Respondent: Dr. Stefanie Mahrer (Basel)

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–13:00 Panel IV: Camps

Chair: Lisa-Marie Zoller-Blundell (Basel)

Catrina Langenegger (Basel)

"Housing in an Institution like this is in itself Humiliating for the Refugees." Reception Camps in Switzerland 1942-1945.

Katrin Sippel (Vienna)

Jewish refugees in Portugal 1938-1945

Dr. András Szécsényi (Budapest)

The Liberated Hungarian Deportees of Bergen-Belsen in Sweden (1945-1946)

Respondent: Dr. Simon Erlanger (Lucerne)

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 Roundtable Discussion

Moderation: Dr. Stefanie Mahrer (Basel)

Dr. Gabriele Anderl (Vienna)

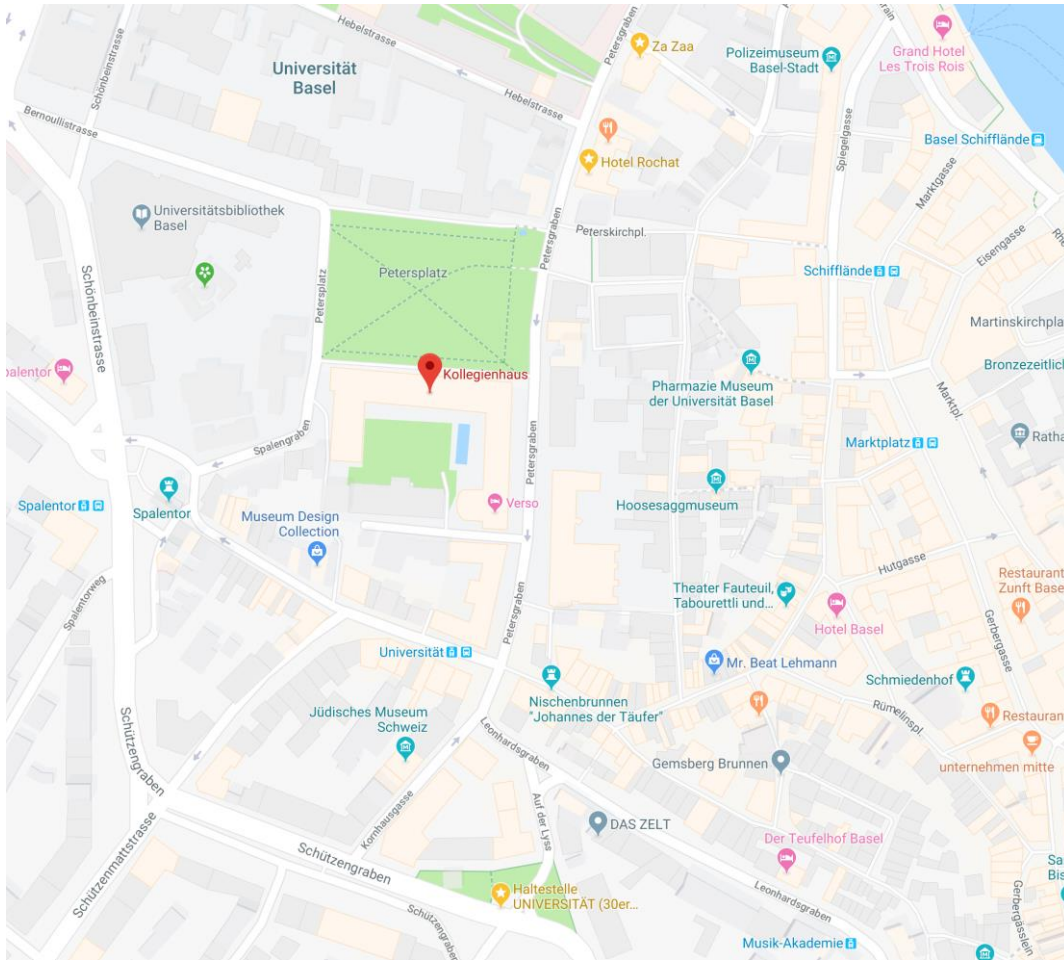
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