

SOCIAL & POLITICAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA, PRE- AND POST-1945

Callaghan Building
Swansea University
Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2009

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17.00 Wine reception

18.00 Keynote speaker: Dr Jill Lewis (Swansea), 'Vienna in 1948'

18.30 Screening of *The Third Man*

Saturday 4th July

9.00 Keynote speaker: Dr Karin Schmidlechner (Graz), title tbc

9.30-11.00 **Panel 1: LEGACY & JUSTICE**

(Chair: Barbara Rassi)

Alexander Gatos: The failure of tradition of the Wehrmacht through the case of Wilhelm Keitel in the Nuremberg Trial.

Jeff Porter: Before Wiedergutmachung: Nazi robbery, German Jews, Occupiers and Restitution 1945-1949

Shelley Rose: Alma Kettig: Pacifists and Social Democrats in postwar Germany

11-11.30 **Coffee**

11.30-13.00 **Panel 2: WOMEN & DAILY LIFE**

(Chair: Dr Karin Schmidlechner)

Elisa Gross: The Beatniks. A Portrayal of Adolescents in the Fifties

Ruth Easingwood: Our Daily Bread: Meanings of Food in the British Zone

Helen Steele: From organisation to chaos: Women's daily life in Vienna, 1944-45

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-16.00 **Panel 3: THE CREATION OF IMAGES**

(Chair: Isabel Schropper)

Paul Moore: 'Im Lande herrscht Ruhe': The German Concentration Camps and the Austrian Anhaltelager in the German and Austrian media, 1933-1939

Mark Wiggam: Nazi airmindedness and the nation – the threat of air war and its benefits during the interwar period

Eugen Pfister: The image and the concept of Europe in Newsreels in Austria and Germany from 1949-1958

Barbara Rassi: Creating myths in order to shape reality: the representation and construction of female gender in *Radio Österreich* in 1950s Austria

16.00-16.30 **Coffee**

16.30-17.30 **Panel 4: NATIONAL SOCIALISM & FAITH**

(Chair: Marc Wiggam)

Michael Carter-Sinclair: A Tale of Two Priests – Fr. Adam Latschka and Fr. Karl Schwarz, Alt-Ottakring, Vienna

Luke Fenwick: National Socialism, faith communities and mentalities after 1945

17.30 Screening of *A Defeated People*

19.30 Taxis from Fulton House

20.00 **Conference Dinner**- King Arthur's Hotel, Gower

Sunday 5th July

9.00 Keynote speaker: Professor Johannes-Dieter Steinert (Wolverhampton)

'Mind the gap: British humanitarian assistance in Germany after the Second World War'

9.30-10.30 **Panel 5: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS**

(Chair: Dr Jill Lewis)

Stefan Mueller: "Trade union co-determination policy in post-war Germany-The case of the AEG work council

Florian Wenninger: The Cold Civil War: Austria after 1945 and the heritage of Austrofascism

10.30-11 **Coffee**

11-12.30 **Panel 6: OCCUPATION IN GERMANY & AUSTRIA**

(Chair: Helen Steele)

Sabine Pitscheider: Political Reconstruction & De-nazification of local governments in the district of Osttirol under British control from May 1945 until April 1946

Chris Knowles: “The only really worth while thing he ever did in his life.” How three British army officers reacted to the transition from war to peace in Germany, 1945.

Ulrike Thieme: East Germany 1945: The Russians are here - now what ?

12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.30 **Panel 7: (RE) CREATING NATIONAL IDENTITIES**

(Chair: Professor Johannes-Dieter Steinert)

Helen Bluemel: National Libraries - Agents in History

Manya Elrick: Resisting the Cultural Mould – Reactions to Denazification and the Creation of New National Identities in Germany and Austria

Jenny Grogan: '*Die neue Heimat?* Expellee memories in the FRG and GDR up to the time of the Berlin Wall.'

Isabel Schropper: Austrian or British? – a question of the heart

15.30 **Conference close** (Coffee served)