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**3rd Annual
International Polish
Jewish Studies
Workshop
“*Doikeyt*, Diaspora,
Borderlands:
Imagining Polish
Jewish Territories”**

**April 10-12
2016**

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th

5:30–7:15 PM | Author Reading & Discussion with Olga Tokarczuk

2015 Nike-award winning author of *Księgi Jakubowe / The Books of Jacob*

Venue: Regents Hall, Lewis Tower, 16th Floor, Loyola University

MONDAY, APRIL 11th

9:45 – 11:30 AM | PANEL 1 – Re-Imagining POLIN “Yiddishland”, “Borderlands”, “Polin” and the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth in Contemporary Discourse / Post-National, Transnational and Postcolonial Approaches

Marcin Wodźniński, University of Wrocław, POLIN Museum. *Where is Polin? On Space and Place in Polish-Jewish Historiography.*

Krzysztof Czyżewski, Borderlands Foundation, Sejny

Eugenia Prokop-Janiec, Jagiellonian University. *The Postcolonial Paradigm in Research on Polish-Jewish Cultural Relations.*

Karolina Szymaniak, ŻIH, Warsaw and University of Wrocław. *Yiddishland - The Trouble with an Elusive Subject or How (Not) to Write the History of Yiddish Culture from a Polish Perspective.*

11:30–12:00 PM Guest Speaker: Mr. Sigmund Rolat, North American Council for the Legacy of Polish Jews

1:30-2:00 PM | Exhibition Opening: Jewish/Polish Avant-Gardes: Identity & The Artist in Interwar Poland

Discussants: Agnieszka Jeżyk, UIC and Karolina Szymaniak, ŻIH

2:00 – 3:30 PM | KEYNOTE I - Andrzej Leder, University of Warsaw: "Dream-State Revolution: The Shoah, (Non)Memory, and the Social Unconsciousness of the Polish Middle Class"

Discussant: Michał Paweł Markowski, UIC

3:30 – 4:45 PM | PANEL 2: Ethnography of Wounded Places

Roma Sendyka, Jagiellonian University. *Memorial Landscapes of Dispersed Holocaust: from Amnesia to Non-Memory.*

Konrad Matyjaszek, Polish Academy of Science. *Spaces of Monologue: Territorial Delimitations of Contemporary Polish Jewish Studies.*

Małgorzata Bakalarz-Duverger, New School for Social Research. *Owning Wounded Places: Jewish Communal Property in Contemporary Southeast Poland - Case Studies*

Yechiel Weizman, Haifa University. *Sanitizing the Ruins: The Two Lives of the Synagogue in Dąbrowa Tarnowska.*

Discussant: Erica Lehrer, Concordia University Chair: Richard Levy, UIC

5:00 – 6:30 PM | PANEL 3: Jewish/Polish Spaces of Encounter:

Beth Holmgren, Duke University. *The Polish II Corps in Mandate Palestine: Illusion and Escape.*

Marc Caplan, UM Frankel Institute. *A Disenchanted Elijah: Folklore, Conspiracy Theories, and Allegory in S. Ansky's Destruction of Galicia.*

Natalia Aleksium, Touro College, GSJS. *Female, Jewish and Educated: Jewish Women at Universities in the Second Polish Republic.*

Discussant: Bożena Shallcross, U of Chicago Chair: Keely Stauter-Halsted, UIC

7:45 – 9:30 PM | Film Showing : “Raise the Roof”

The Handhouse Gwoździec Synagogue Project

Followed by a Panel Discussion with Laura & Rick Brown, creators of Handhouse Studio, Norwell, MA, Agnieszka Rudzińska, Adam Mickiewicz Institute, and Irene Pletka, The Kronhill Pletka Foundation

TUESDAY, APRIL 12th

9:30 – 11:15 AM | PANEL 4: Jewish Revival and Nationalism: Key Tropes & Open Questions ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION led by Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan.

Irena Grudzińska-Gross, Princeton University. *Polishness in Practice: A Language without Grammar.*

Anna Bikont, *Gazeta Wyborcza*. *What We Don't Talk About When We Talk About Irena Sendler.*

Shana Penn, Graduate Theological Union and Jagiellonian University. *Of Jews and Genders: Mixing Metaphors in Discourses of Prejudice.*

Jessie Labov, Ohio State University. *The Central European “Jewish Revival”: Polish and Hungarian Negotiations of Jewish Cultural Memory sinniezlych autorwce the 1980s.*

11:15 – 12:30 PM | Keynote II: Kenneth Moss, Johns Hopkins University “Polish Jewish Political Culture in the Shadow of a Polish Jewish Condition: Renegotiating Minorityhood, Diaspora, Zionism, and Home in the 1930s”

1:45 – 3:30 PM | PANEL 5: Doikety and Diaspora Nationalism in Politics and Literature

Sam Kassow, Trinity College. *Polish Jews, Know Your Land: Landekentenish in the 1930's.*

Mikhail Krutikov, UM Ann Arbor. *Belarus in Yiddish Modernist Poetry.*

Michael Steinlauf, Gratz College. *“Jews of All Lands and Peoples, Unite!...” Y.L. Peretz & Diaspora Nationalism.*

Karen Underhill, UIC. *Bruno Schulz and E.M. Lilien: On Zionism, Jewish Renaissance and the Literature of National Indifference.*

Chair: Agi Legutko, Columbia University

4:00 – 5:30PM | PANEL 6: Reconsidering Diaspora and Diasporisms ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION led by Jonathan Brent, Director, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York

Julie Cooper, Tel Aviv University. *A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism.*

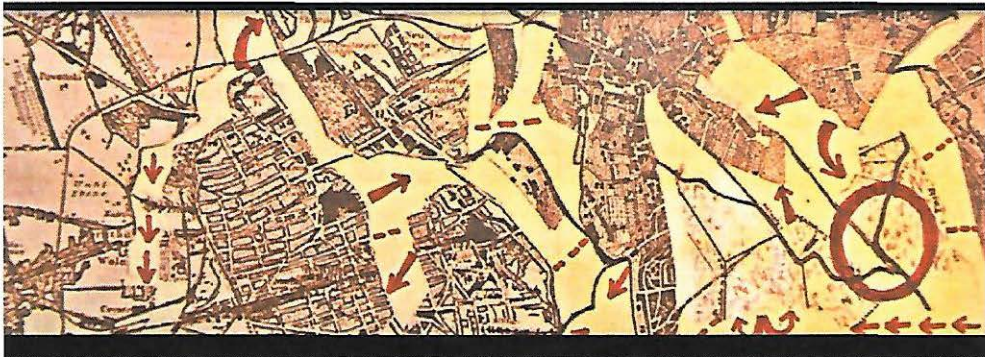
Daniel Kahn, Songwriter, Translator, Actor; Director, Maxim Gorki Theater, Berlin. *Subversive Song Smuggling and Universal Golus.*

Anita Norich, University of Michigan. *Yiddish Translation Matters.*

Nancy Sinkoff, Rutgers University. *How to Make Diasporas Meet: Pedagogical Approaches.*

Andrzej Brylak, UIC. *Exiled in the Promised Land: Marek Hłasko's Israeli Writings.*

5:45 – 6:15PM | Conclusions and Future Directions



SPECIAL EVENTS:

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th

4:15 PM | Stefan & Lucy Hejna Annual Lecture:
"Borderland as *Koinos Logos*" by Krzysztof Czyżewski,
Borderlands Foundation, Sejny
Venue: UIC Daley Library – Free & Open to the Public

7:30 PM | "Karski & the Lords of Humanity":
Filmmaker – Author – Critics Special Event
with Director Sławomir Grünberg,
E. Thomas Wood, Andrzej Rojek,
Bożena Nowicka McLees and Zbigniew Banaś
Venue: Copernicus Center – 5216 W. Lawrence Ave.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th

2:00 PM | „Karski & the Lords of Humanity”:
Discussion with Director Sławomir Grünberg
Venue: Illinois Holocaust Museum
9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, IL
TICKETS: www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/karskifilm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th

6 PM | SEE/NEXT Lecture Series,
"Gershom G. Scholem, Lucy S. Dawidowicz, and
Nathan Birnbaum: A Transnational Postwar
'Conversation' Contesting Jewish Secularism."
UIC Institute for the Humanities:
Lecture by Nancy Sinkoff, Rodgers University
Venue: UIC Stevenson Hall, Lower Level

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