



The Holocaust in Western Europe

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This course will explore the specifics of the Holocaust in Western Europe with a particular focus on France. The course will examine the events of the Holocaust as they unfolded in France between 1940-1944, in course of World War Two. The study of France will highlight the complex relationship between the German occupying forces and the French State, the complex attitude of the Vichy government towards the French Jewry, the relations between Jews of foreign nationality who had found refuge in France in the interwar period, and the long standing French Jewish communities. The specificities of the Holocaust in other Western countries including Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Italy will serve us as a point of comparison, with a focus on the number of victims and rescue attempts, as well as mechanisms of persecution.

In addition to use of central studies written on different aspects of the Holocaust in Western Europe, in the course we will also rely widely and utilize relevant firsthand accounts and archival documentation, and we will engage with digital tools that connect with the course topics.

Course requirements:

Students will write two analytical response papers on readings. Students who opt for a term paper or seminar paper will write one paper of 8-10 pages, or those who choose to write a Seminar paper will present a 25-30 page paper. A proposal for the paper (both term paper or seminar paper) will be presented and the topic chosen must first be approved.

Those writing a Term paper or Seminar	Those not writing a Term Paper or Seminar
Active reading and participation – 20%	Active reading and participation – 30%
Response papers – 40% (20% each)	Response papers – 70% (35% each)
Term paper\seminar Paper – 40%	

Course Outline

1) **Introduction to the Course: The Holocaust in Western Europe: Historiography and Challenges**

Marrus, Michael R. "Reflections on the Historiography of the Holocaust." (1994): 92-116.

Michman, Dan, "Comparative Research on the Holocaust in Western Europe, its limits, and a plea for a more integrated approach," MORESHET Journal for the Study of the Holocaust and Antisemitism, special issue: Historiography of the Holocaust, 2020. https://www.academia.edu/43506701/Comparative_Research_on_the_Holocaust_in_Western_Europe_Its_Achievements_its_Limits_and_a_Plea_for_a_More_Integrative_Approach

2) **France (1): The French Jewish Community on the Eve of the Second World War**

Albert, Phyllis Cohen, *The Modernization of French Jewry: Consistory and Community in the 19th Century*. Hanover: Brandeis University Press, 1977.

Caron, Vicki. "The politics of frustration: French Jewry and the refugee crisis in the 1930s." *The Journal of Modern History* 65.2 (1993): 311-356.

Caron, Vicki. *Uneasy asylum: France and the Jewish refugee Crisis, 1933-1942*. Stanford University Press, 1999, Chapter 8: The Deluge, 171-186.

Corber, Erin. "Men of thought, men of action: the Great War, masculinity, and the modernization of the French rabbinate." *Jewish Culture and History* 14.1 (2013): 33-51.

3) **France (2): Occupation and Collaboration: The occupied and 'free' zones, and first anti-Jewish measures**

Marrus, Michael Robert, and Robert O. Paxton. *Vichy France and the Jews*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1981, 73-121.

Ryan, Donna F. *The Holocaust & the Jews of Marseille: the enforcement of anti-Semitic policies in Vichy France*. University of Illinois Press, 1996, 1-23.

Carroll, David. "What It Meant to Be" A Jew" in Vichy France: Xavier Vallat, State Anti-Semitism, and the Question of Assimilation." *SubStance* 27.3 (1998): 36-54.

Happe, Katja, Mayer, Michael and Peers, Maja. Western and Northern Europe 1940–June 1942, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2021, Introduction 22-29, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

4) France (3): Internment Camps, daily life, and Humanitarian Crisis

Poznanski, Renée. *Jews in France during World War II*. UPNE, 2001, 424-427, 185-190.

Saurel, Jacques, *From Paris to Bergen-Belsen memories of a deported child*, Foundation pour la mémoire de la Shoah, 2010, 85-105.

Rosenberg, Pnina. "Mickey Mouse in Gurs—humour, irony and criticism in works of art produced in the Gurs internment camp." *Rethinking History* 6.3 (2002): 273-292.

Guțerman, Belah, No‘omi Morgenshtern, and Aryeh Ludvig Tsuķerman, eds. *The Gurs Haggadah: passover in perdition*. Devora Publishing, 2003, 7-47.

Happe, Katja, Lambauer, Barbara and Maier-Wolthausen, Clemens. Western and Northern Europe June 1942–1945, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 65-87, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

5) France (4): Deportations from France and First Official Protests on Anti-Jewish Measures

Yad Vashem Transports to Extinction Project: <https://deportation.yadvashem.org/>

Griffioen, Pim, and Ron Zeller. "Anti-Jewish Policy and Organization of the Deportations in France and the Netherlands, 1940–1944: A Comparative Study." *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 20.3 (2006): 437-473.

Seibel, Wolfgang. *Persecution and Rescue: The Politics of the “Final Solution” in France, 1940-1944*. University of Michigan Press, 2016.

Adler, Jacques. "The French Churches and the Jewish Question: July 1940—March 1941." *Australian Journal of Politics & History* 46.3 (2000): 357-377.

Wellers, Georges, Testimony at the Eichmann trial - conditions in France and deportations from France, Holocaust education research project: <http://www.holocaustresearchproject.org/trials/wellers.html>

6) France (5): Jewish Responses to the Holocaust in France

Moore, Bob. *Survivors: Jewish Self-Help and Rescue in Nazi-Occupied Western Europe*. Oxford University Press on Demand, 2010.

Yerachmiel (Richard) Cohen, and Zosa Szajkowski. "A Jewish Leader in Vichy France, 1940-1943: The Diary of Raymond-Raoul Lambert." *Jewish Social Studies* (1981): 291-310.

Zuccotti, Susan, "Jewish Rescue Organizations" in *The Holocaust, the French, and the Jews*. New York: New York: Basic Books, 1993, 220-227.

7) The Holocaust in North Africa

Laskier, Michael M. "Between Vichy Antisemitism and German harassment: the Jews of North Africa during the early 1940s." *Modern Judaism* (1991): 343-369.

Kenbib, Mohammed. "Moroccan Jews and the Vichy regime, 1940–42." *The Journal of North African Studies* 19.4 (2014): 540-553.

Peterson, Terrence. "The 'Jewish Question' and the 'Italian Peril': Vichy, Italy, and the Jews of Tunisia, 1940–2." *Journal of Contemporary History* 50.2 (2015): 234-258.

8) Belgium (1): Occupation, Persecution and Jewish Responses

Happe, Katja, Mayer, Michael and Peers, Maja. Western and Northern Europe 1940–June 1942, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2021, Introduction 19-21, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

Happe, Katja, Lambauer, Barbara and Maier-Wolthausen, Clemens. Western and Northern Europe June 1942–1945, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 47-61, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

Michman Dan, "Research on the Holocaust in Belgium and in General: History and Context," 3-43, in *Belgium and the Holocaust: Jews, Belgians, Germans*. Berghahn Books, 1998, Ed Michman Dan.

Steinberg Maxime, The Judenpolitik in Belgium within the West European Context : Comparative Observations, 199- 225. in *Belgium and the Holocaust: Jews, Belgians, Germans*. Berghahn Books, 1998, Ed Michman Dan.

Steinberg, Maxime. "The trap of legality: the Association of the Jews of Belgium," In Gutman, Yisrael and Cynthia J. Haft (eds.), *Patterns of Jewish leadership in Nazi Europe*. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1979) : 353-376.

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<https://deportation.yadvashem.org/index.html?language=en&search=belgium>

9) Belgium (2) and the Case of Luxembourg

Kless, Shlomo. "The Rescue of Jewish Children in Belgium during the Holocaust." *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 3.3 (1988): 275-287.

Happe, Katja, Mayer, Michael and Peers, Maja. Western and Northern Europe 1940–June 1942, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2021, Introduction 21-22, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

Happe, Katja, Lambauer, Barbara and Maier-Wolthausen, Clemens. Western and Northern Europe June 1942–1945, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 21-22, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

Marc Schoentgen in Wolf Gruner and Joerg Osterloh (eds), *The Greater German Reich and the Jews* (New York: Berghahn, 2010), pp.289-315.

Yad Vashem Transport to Extinction online Database:

<https://deportation.yadvashem.org/index.html?language=en&search=Luxembourg>

10) Netherlands (1): Occupation, Persecution, Jewish Responses

Happe, Katja, Mayer, Michael and Peers, Maja. Western and Northern Europe 1940–June 1942, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2021, Introduction 15-19, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

Happe, Katja, Lambauer, Barbara and Maier-Wolthausen, Clemens. Western and Northern Europe June 1942–1945, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 31-47, in *The Persecution and Murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany 1939-1945*.

de Haan, Ido. "The Holocaust in the Netherlands: National Differences in a Western European Context." *Ab Imperio* 2019.2 (2019): 83-93.

Tammes, Peter. "Jewish immigrants in the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 37.4 (2007): 543-562.

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11) Netherlands (2)

Foray, Jennifer L. "The nation behind the diary: Anne Frank and the Holocaust of the Dutch Jews." *The History Teacher* 44.3 (2011): 329-352.

Bob, Moore. "Jewish Self-Help and Rescue in the Netherlands during the Holocaust in Comparative Perspective." *Tijdschrift voor Geschiedenis* 124.4 (2011): 492-505.

Griffioen, Pim, and Ron Zeller. "The Netherlands: the greatest number of Jewish victims in Western Europe." *Anne Frank House* (2018). 1-21.

Croes, Marnix. "The Holocaust in the Netherlands and the rate of Jewish survival." *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 20.3 (2006): 474-499.

12) Italy (11), Anti-Jewish measures, Persecution, Jewish responses

Zuccotti, Susan. *The Italians and the Holocaust: Persecution, Rescue, and Survival*. U of Nebraska Press, 1996.

Zimmerman, Joshua D., ed. *Jews in Italy under Fascist and Nazi rule, 1922-1945*. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Gordon, Hirsch Loeb. "Development of the Anti-Jewish Policy in Italy." *Commentary* 1.2 (1938): 37.

13) Italy (2) and the Vatican

Levis Sullam, Simon. "The Italian executioners: revisiting the role of Italians in the Holocaust." *Journal of Genocide Research* 19.1 (2017): 22-38.

Herr, Alexis. *The Holocaust and compensated compliance in Italy: Fossoli di Carpi, 1942-1952*. Springer, 2017.

Wistrich, Robert S. "The Vatican and the Shoah." *Modern Judaism* 21.2 (2001): 83-107.

Suzanne Brown Fleming, Pollard, John F., et al. *The Vatican and Permanent Neutrality*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2022, chapter 6, Pope Pius XII, Vatican Neutrality and the Holocaust.

Rozett, Robert, and Iael Nidam-Orvieto, eds. *After So Much Pain and Anguish: First Letters after Liberation*. Yad Vashem, The International Institute for Holocaust Research, 2016.

14) Post-War Memory of the Holocaust in Western Europe

The Sorrow and the Pity: film excerpts

Wolf, Joan Beth. *Harnessing the Holocaust: The politics of memory in France*. Stanford University Press, 2004.

Gordon, Robert SC. "Which Holocaust? Primo Levi and the field of Holocaust memory in post-war Italy." *Italian Studies* 61.1 (2006): 85-113.

Clifford, Rebecca. *Commemorating the Holocaust: The dilemmas of remembrance in France and Italy*. Oxford University Press, 2013.

Lagrou, Pieter. "Victims of genocide and national memory: Belgium, France and the Netherlands 1945-1965." *Past & present* 154 (1997): 181-222.