



RETHINKING AND TEACHING NAZISM

Advanced Teacher Seminar for Italian speaking teachers and educators

Participants	25 Italian teachers*
Date	4-8 December 2013
Venue	Berlin
Language	English and French (simultaneous translation into and from Italian)
Coordinator	Laura Fontana, Head of the Italian Department

*The seminar is open to Graduates of the Italian University "Pensare e insegnare la Shoah" of the Mémorial de la Shoah

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PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Arrival of the participants at the Hotel Sylterhof (***) superior), Kurfürstenstraße 114-116, 10787 Berlin (www.sylterhof-berlin.de) and room check in.

7 to 8 pm

Welcoming of the participants.
Registration and Introduction by
Laura Fontana, EHRI scientific coordinator and head of the Italian Department of the Mémorial de la Shoah, and
Bruno Boyer head of the International Department Mémorial de la Shoah

8.30 pm

Welcome dinner at the hotel

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER

Stiftung Topographie des Terrors, Niederkirchnerstraße 8 – 10963 Berlin

8.20 am

Departure from the Hotel

9 - 9.30 am

Welcome address by
Andreas Nachama, director Stiftung Topographie des Terrors

9.30 am

Session I : Developments of perpetrator images in Germany

The concept and Picture of “the” Perpetrators from Nurnberg to the 1990s
Ingo Loose, Institut für Zeitgeschichte München-Berlin

Memorial Museums in Germany: Specifically dealing with perpetrators. Overview and Questions
Thomas Lutz, head of Memorial Museums Department, Topography of Terror Foundation

Coffee break (15 to 30 min).

Then debating and working with the participants

12.45 am – 2.15 pm

Lunch at the restaurant "Gropius" (Martin Gropius Bau)

2.30 - 4 pm

Guided tour (in 2 groups) of the exhibition in Italian
by **Tom Werner** and **Tommaso Speccher** , Topographie des
Terrors.

4 - 4.15 pm

Break

4.30 - 6.30

**Session II : Dealing with Perpetrators:
Perceptions of the Perpetrators in Teaching of the Nazism**

Workshop in two groups (each 12-13 persons) on the
biography on the perpetrators and discussion on the
differences and similarities of the pedagogical approach in
Italy, Germany and France regarding the teaching of
Nazism and the question of the perpetrators.
Participants can choose one of the following topics (in
Italian):

**The institutions of terror: SS (Protection Squad) and
Gestapo (Secret State Police) / Le istituzioni del terrore: SS
e Gestapo**

**“The People ´s Community” (Volksgemeinschaft):
mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion / La “comunità
popolare” “Volksgemeinschaft”: meccanismi di inclusione
ed esclusione**

by **Tom Werner** and **Tommaso Speccher**

Return to the hotel

Free evening

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2013

Stiftung Topographie des Terrors- Niederkirchnerstraße 8 – 10963 Berlin

8.50 am

Departure from the Hotel

9.30 am -1.30 pm

SESSION III : What is Nazism?

**Antisémitisme d’Allemagne : la force du ressentiment /
Antisemitism in Germany: the force of resentment**
Georges Bensoussan, historian at the Mémorial de la
Shoah, director of the *Revue d’histoire de la Shoah*

What is Nazism? / Qu'est-ce que le nazisme?

Johann Chapoutot, historian /maître de conférences en histoire à l'université Pierre Mendès-France, Grenoble

Discussion with the participants

Coffee break

SESSION IV : The German Resistance to Nazism

Zu wenig und zu spät? Der deutsche Widerstand gegen den Nationalsozialismus / (Too little and too late? The German Resistance to Nazism

Ekkehard Klaus, Freie Universität Berlin, The German Resistance Memorial Center

CHAIR: Christine Mueller-Botsch, The German Resistance Memorial Center

1.30 – 2.30 pm

Lunch at the Restaurant "Gropius" (Martin-Gropius-Bau)

2.45 – 3.00 pm

Transfer (by foot/bus) from the Topographie des Terrors to the Gedenkstätte deutscher Widerstand/The German Resistance Memorial Center - Stauffenbergstraße 13 – 14-Eingang über den Ehrenhof-10785 Berlin.

3.15 – 6.30 pm

SESSION V : What could they do? The German Resistance against Nazism

Welcome address and short introduction of the pedagogical approach of the memorial
by **Christine Mueller-Botsch**

Guided tour of the exhibition

by **Ugo Fazio**, Italian guide of the German Resistance Memorial Center

Break

German Resistance in comparison

Workshops in two groups

Feed back of the two groups with **Ugo FAZIO**

Return to the hotel

7.30

Dinner at the hotel

8.30-10.30 pm

**SESSION VI : New challenges facing Holocaust education
Making sense of history when touring class groups in Berlin.**

Round table discussion with some elements of workshops:
with Italian and German guides in Berlin

Coordinator : **Claudio Casseti**, Italian guide in Berlin,
researcher on the history of XX century

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2013

Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz / Gedenk- und Bildungsstätte- Am Großen Wannsee 56-58-
14109 Berlin

8 am

Departure by private bus

9 am

SESSION VII : The Genocide of the European Jews

**The Wannsee Conference in Holocaust history and
education**

Welcome Address and Introduction to the Haus der
Wannsee Konferenz by

Wolf KAISER, Deputy-Director of the Wannsee House and
Head of the Pedagogical Department

Guided tour of the exhibition

by **Tommaso Speccher**, Italian guide of the Haus der
Wannseekonferenz

Coffee break

11.30 am

**Der Prozess der Entscheidungsfindung für den Massenmord an
den europäischen Juden / The process of the decision-making of
the mass murder of the European Jewry**

Peter Klein, historian, Touro College Berlin

Chair: **Wolf Kaiser**, Deputy-Director of the Wannsee House

1 - 2 pm

Lunch at the Cafeteria of the Wannsee House

2.15 - 3.45 pm

Session VIII : Methodology of Holocaust Education

Workshops in 2 groups (each 12-13 persons). Participants can
choose one of the following topics :

**Using photos as primary source material in Holocaust
education**

by **Christoph Kreutzmuller**, historian and educator, Haus der Wannseekonferenz

Confronting Nazi crimes as human rights education? A multidisciplinary approach

by **Constanze Jaiser**, expert in Holocaust and human rights education, Haus der Wannseekonferenz.

Coffee break

4.30 - 6.30 pm

SESSION IX : Dealing with the History of Nazism in Germany

France and Italy - a tentative comparative approach
Round Table Discussion

The Nazi past today – culture of remembrance and historical learning in Germany,
Wolf Kaiser, Haus der Wannseekonferenz, Berlin

Learning and Teaching the history of Nazism in France,
Johann Chapoutot , Université Grenoble

Remembering Nazism and the Second World War in Italian political culture
Lutz Klinkhammer, Deutsches Historisches Institut Rome (German Historical Institute Rome)

Discussion

6.45 pm

Return to Berlin centre by private bus

8.30 pm

Dinner at the restaurant Kartoffelkiste at the Europacenter
Tauentzienstr. 9 – 12, 10789 Berlin

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2013

Gedenkstätte und Museum Sachsenhausen –Stiftung Brandenburgischer Gedenkstätten Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum -Brandenburg Memorials Foundation- Straße der Nationen 22-D-16515 Oranienburg

8 am

Departure by private bus to Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum

9 am - 1 pm

SESSION X : “The People ´s Community” (Volksgemeinschaft) and Nazi Concentration Camps

9 - 9.30 am	<p>Welcome address and introduction to the history of the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum by Günter Morsch, director of Brandenburg Memorials Foundation and head of the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum</p>
9.30 - 11 am	<p>Guided tour (in two groups) with a general overview of the memorial and a specific issue:</p> <p>The former concentration camp presented in a decentralized museological and educational concept by Arne Pannen, Italian speaking guide of the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum and by Claudio Cassetti Italian guide and collaborator of the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum, guide in Berlin and researcher on the history of XXth century.</p>
11 am	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12 am	<p>Video-Material from the exhibition in the Tower E, about the relationship between the Concentration Camp and the town of Oranienburg, with consecutive translation</p>
12 am – 1 pm	<p>Discussion with the participants: questions and answers on the visit and the pedagogical approach by Arne Pannen and Günter Morsch</p>
1 – 2 pm	Lunch at the cafeteria
2 - 5.30 pm	<p>SESSION XI : Deportation from Italy to the Nazi camps of Sachsenhausen and Ravensbrück. New research and perspectives</p> <p>Italiani nel KZ di Sachsenhausen, le vittime, ma anche i carnefici (Italians in KZ Sachsenhausen, the victims, but also some Executioners) by Claudio CASSETTI, Italian guide and collaborator of the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum, guide in Berlin and researcher on the history of XX century.</p> <p>Prigioniere italiane a Ravensbrück (Italian women imprisoned in Ravensbrück) By Johanna KOOTZ, sociologist, collaborator of the Ravensbrück Memorial.</p>

Discussion with the participants

Return by private bus to Berlin and free evening

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2013

Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas, Georgenstraße 23 D-10117 Berlin

8.30 am

Departure from the hotel

9 - 12.30 am

SESSION XII : Remembering the genocide: commemorate and educate?

Guided tour of the Memorial and the information center

Welcome and introduction

by **Uwe NEUMÄRKER**, Executive Director of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Foundation

Coffee break

Contemporary art and architecture for memorials dedicated to victims of Nazi persecution and new constellations in German remembrance policy
Lecture by **Stefanie ENDLICH**, Universität der Künste, Berlin

Discussion with the participants and conclusion
by **Laura Fontana**

1 - 2.30 pm

Lunch at the restaurant Hopfingerbräu at the Palais-Ebertstraße 24, 10117 Berlin

In the afternoon, departure of the participants from Berlin to Italy

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