

A cooperation between the **Center for Jewish Studies, University of Graz,**
and **WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center (WHISC)**

Women's Spaces of Existence

Gendered Everyday Perspectives
on the Holocaust

24–25 February 2025
(workshop part 1: online)

4–6 May 2026
(workshop part 2: in person
at the University of Graz)



Information

The online meeting will be held

24–25 February 2025

Monday, 24 February 2025

1.30 – 6.15 pm CET / 2.30 – 7.15 pm IST / 7.30 am – 1.15 pm EST

Tuesday, 25 February 2025

2.00 – 7.00 pm CET / 3.00 – 8.00 pm IST / 8.00 am – 2.00 pm EST)

Day 1: Presentations

Day 2: Presentations, formation of working groups

Discussants (in alphabetical order)

Joanna Bakon (Independent Scholar), Randi Becker (University of Passau), Francis-Romeo Behnemann (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena | Memorial Sites Sub-Camp Sömmerda and Forced Labour), Håkan Bengtsson (Uppsala University), Beverley Chalmers (Independent Scholar), Apeksha Gandotra (Amity Indian Military College for Women), Lisa M. Gottschall (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Sylvia Hershcovitz (Bar Ilan university), Iris Lin Hoi Ling (Royal Holloway University of London), Maja Hultman (University of Gothenburg), Trinity Johnson (Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center), Paula Klees (Marburg University), Orlando Materassi & Silvia Pascale (Centro Studi e Ricerche Treviso), Sonja Mues (University of Oxford), Milijana Pavlović (University of Innsbruck), Rade Ristanović (Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade), Yael Robinson Gottfeld (Tel Aviv University), Katrin Sippel (University of Vienna), Kara Torres-Kilgannon (Gratz College), Sarah R. Valente (Baruch College, CUNY), Lori R. Weintrob (Wagner College)



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Program Workshop 1

Day 1: 24 February 2025

1.30–2.00 pm CET

WELCOME

(Organizing Committee)

2.00–3.30 pm

Panel 1:

Strategies of Survival

Adél Nagy (Holocaust Memorial Center Budapest | Eötvös Lóránd University): *Hungarian Women's Experiences during the Holocaust, from Deportation to Return, Focusing on Aspects of Survival*

Alessandro Matta (Associazione Memoriale Sardo della Shoah): *Sardinian Jewish Women during the Holocaust: Spaces of Survival and Resistance*

Dragana Stojanović (University of Belgrade): *Everyday Perspectives of the Women Surviving the Holocaust in Yugoslavia*

Galyna Kutsovka (Uppsala University): *"I do not care what you do. Just live!": Survival, Resilience, and Agency of Jewish Families and Women during the Holocaust in Kharkiv*

3.30–3.45 pm Refreshment Break

3.45–5.00 pm

Panel 2:

Resilience

Anca Diana Axinia (USHMM): *After the Pogrom: Practices and Spaces of Everyday Life in the Jewish Community of Bucharest (1941–1944)*

Ayana Sassoon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Food, Eating and Identity Among Jewish Women in Germany and the Netherlands During the Holocaust*

Katarzyna Taczyńska (Polish Academy of Sciences): *Traces of Resistance: A Cultural History of Jewish Women's Relations in 20th-Century Croatia*

5.00–5.15 pm Refreshment Break

5.15–6.15 pm

Panel 3:

Female Doctors

Victoria Van Orden Martinez (Lund University): *A Prescription for Survival? Women Physicians' Experiences of Surviving the Holocaust Outside the Camps*

Yoel Yaari (Hebrew University School of Medicine): *A Doctor in Hell: Anna Weiss and the Ethics of Survival in Auschwitz*

Day 2: 25 February 2025

2.00–3.30 pm

Panel 4:

Hiding and Rescue

Alex Scheepens (University of Wisconsin-Madison): *Navigating Family and Survival: Jewish Women in Hiding During the Nazi Occupation of the Netherlands*

Miriam Shenkar (Ohio State University): *A Case Study of Gender in the Hungarian Cinema: Rescue and Punishment in WWII*

Justina Smalkyte (USHMM | Sciences Po Paris): *Facing Persecution: Jewish Women's Agency in the First Weeks of the Holocaust in Kaunas, Lithuania*

3.30–3.45 pm Refreshment Break

3.45–5.00 pm

Panel 5:

**Womanhood in
Marginalized Groups**

Alexandra Natoli (University of Southern Indiana): *"Her own little world:" Women's Memories of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Latrines*

Joanne Weiner Rudolf (Yale University): *Myths of Menstruation in Concentration Camps*

Aliena Stürzer (Gedenkstätte Ravensbrück | Stiftung Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten): *Marginalized groups, Including "Asocial" Women in Ravensbrück*

5.00–5.45 pm

**Breakout rooms to form
working groups**

5.45–6.00 pm Refreshment Break

6.00–7.00 pm

**Presentations of working groups
and farewell**

