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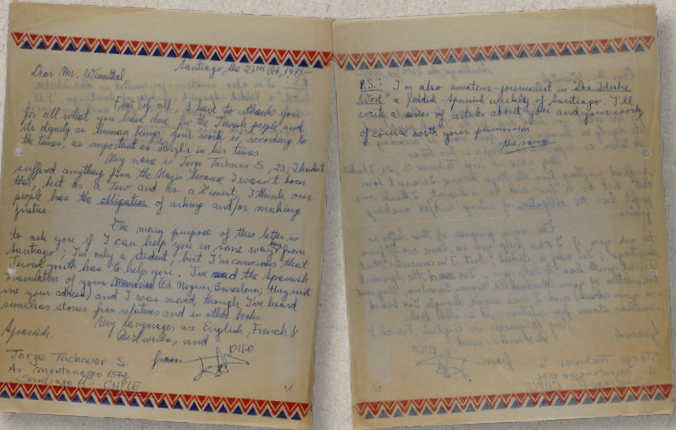
A la Sbernet Holoplastak
De mi mayor consideracion

Trongo el agrado de dirigirme a esa Constitucion con el objeto de anunciar a sus socios del A.S. los hechos que no tengo (ningun interes en su justificacion, condecorada ni mucho menos ya que entonces me convertiria en una vulgar especuladora y mercaderia. Soy incondicional en mi serbio de pasasa-purgativa con el pueblo de Terzail y solidaria con todos sus hijos, que buscan mas que pongan ya perdonacion y resarcimiento por tanta persecucion y ofensas de que han sido pasito por nuestros verdugos, del A.S. de Hitler, de la forma enteria en capturarlos, desde en la localidad de Villa Ballaster, Barrio Paz 554, (B. Aires). Como es mecanico-terico en me to. Terzail, responsablemente suelto en a hora actualizacion en pueblo poco o poco parame

se fue de su hogar para y hasta cuando se supiera trabajo en la Sbernet de la Sbernet (B. Aires), Junta Pac. N. 8, Km. 18. Es una un hijo de mas de 20 años.
El de nombre Rudolf Thomas Klement Pilsner, edad 54 a 56 años, nacido en Brusel (Alemania-limite con Austria), (mora de bajo, rostro duro y casi de apariencia semi-germanica fina, pelo blanco, ojos celestes. Se dio su apellido por los pasos a la Sbernet pero se sondeo (tome contacto en uno de los pasos, de quitarle el A. de pasasa, pasado y aprehendido por los serbios. Trabajó con el soporte-guajar-fraguado se embarcó en el barco de la Sbernet (Spania), rumbo a la Argentina. Esco que no apto por su curia mia de este país donde mora hace como 30 años. Es un terror-convencido a los hijos pues teme, justamente, que lo continúe con como colaborador por razones obras.
Exito para del A.S. y respetuosos saludos.
Rudolf M. Pilsner

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Vienna, 31 March – 1 April 2022

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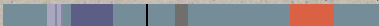
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Adolf Eichmann, Josef Mengele, Klaus Barbie, and Erich Priebke: These names are exemplary of the Nazi criminals who found refuge in South America after 1945. There, they either remained untroubled or were only made accountable for their crimes many years later.

Investigations into their whereabouts in South America – when they were still alive – were conducted painstakingly among others by Simon Wiesenthal as well as the Klarsfelds. Since then, many publications by historians and journalists have dealt with the biographies of individual former Nazis (with the focus always lying on men), their escape routes, their acceptance into their destination countries, and partly also with their political activities in their new homelands.

Aside from the prominent perpetrators and their thoroughly researched biographies, there were numerous other cases of more or less influential (former) Nazis and Nazi sympathizers who ended up in Argentina, Chile, and other South American countries. Their life trajectories and professional as well as private activities in their new homes have hardly been subject to systematic research to date. Their biographies and their new lives in South America will therefore be the focus of this workshop.

Now, more than 75 years after the end of the Second World War, the aim is first to take stock of the state of the field. On this basis, we wish to address new research questions and to identify hitherto unmined source bases and new groups of individuals to be researched. The objective is thus to redefine the research field focusing on German and Austrian Nazis in South America and their (inter-)national connections. We will discuss new insights on the forms, paths, and networks of flight and migration and will raise questions such as: which conditions did the (former) Nazis and Nazi sympathizers encounter in South America? Which opportunities were offered by the destination states and the local societies for their integration and who were their individual and institutional cooperation partners? In which professional areas could they establish themselves? Can we detect continuities from the Nazi-era and what impact did they have on their post-war careers? What was the relationship between the (former) Nazis to locals and what mutual influences can we observe, especially within the elites?

Thursday, 31 March 2022

10:00 WELCOME NOTES

Éva KOVÁCS (WVI)

Linda ERKER (Vienna University)

Susanne HEIM (WVI-International Academic Advisory Board)

10:15 KEYNOTE

Raanan REIN (Tel Aviv University)

From the Blue Book to the CEANA Report and Back. Narratives of Argentina's Complicity with the Third Reich and Nazi Fugitives

11:00 OLD AND NEW CONNECTIONS: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUGITIVE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Martin FINKENBERGER (Bonn)

"But it was a long and difficult road until we had become established". The Networks of NS-Propagandists Johann von Leers and Wilfred von Oven on the Rio de la Plata

Gustavo GUZMÁN (University of Potsdam/Tel Aviv University)

A Story of Silence. The Life and Networks of Walther Rauff in Chile, 1958–1984

Commented by

Dorothee SCHLÜTER

(Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation)

& discussion

12:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30 NS-CONTINUITIES IN GERMAN INSTITUTIONS AFTER 1945

Daniel STAHL (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

German Embassies and the Nazi Exile in South America

Christian CWIK (University of Graz)

The NSDAP/AO and its Substructures in the Aftermath of World War II

Holger M. MEDING (University of Cologne)

A Menacing Past. Spies with a National Socialist Background on Mission for the West German Secret Service in South America

Commented by

Linda ERKER

(Vienna University)

& discussion

15:00 *Coffee Break*

**15:15 ROME AS A HUB FOR NAZIS ON THE RUN:
MIGRATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR
WAR CRIMINALS AFTER 1945**

Suzanne BROWN-FLEMING

*(United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.)
"Il Papa Tedesco" (The German Pope). Pius XII and German War
Criminals*

Klaus TASCHWER (Vienna)

*Alois Hudal and the Ratline Revisited. New Findings on the
Bishop's Help for War Criminals and other National-Socialists
on Their Way to South America*

Commented by
Kerstin von LINGEN
(Vienna University)
& discussion

**17:00 GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE SIMON WIESENTHAL
ARCHIVE**

Kinga FROJIMOVICS/Marianne WINDSPERGER (WWI)

*"via área"/"por correo aéreo". Correspondence with Jewish
Communities in South America in the Simon Wiesenthal Archive*

**19:00 PODIUM DISCUSSION,
BOOKSHOP SINGER AM RABENSTEIG 3**

*The Legacies of Simon Wiesenthal: The Simon Wiesenthal Center
and the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies – Looking
Back, Moving Forward*

Participants: **Brigitte BAILER** (DÖW), **Shimon SAMUELS** (SWC
Paris), **Efraim ZUROFF** (SWC Jerusalem)

Moderated by **Alexia WEISS** (WINA)

Friday, 1 April 2022

**9:30 AUSTRIAN NATIONAL SOCIALISTS IN ARGENTINA:
OLD COMRADES FROM VIENNA**

Robert OBERMAIR (University of Salzburg)

*The Broad Support for a National Socialist on the Run.
Oswald Menghin's Safety Net Created by Religious, Political
and Scientific Networks*

Jutta FUCHSHUBER/Andreas SCHRABAUER (Vienna University)

*Hans Fischböck. An Economic Careerist and his Antisemitic
Networks*

Commented by
Margit REITER
(University of Salzburg)
& discussion

11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:10	EXPORT/IMPORT. CHEMISTS IN MILITARY RESEARCH IN ARGENTINA UNDER PERÓN
	Jason LEMBERG (<i>Goethe-University Frankfurt a. M.</i>) <i>Warfare Research and the two Careers of Hans-Joachim Schumacher</i>
	Linda ERKER (<i>Vienna University</i>) <i>Armin Dadieu. A Chemist as SS-Oberführer, Gauhauptmann, Rocket Scientist for Perón and Re-integrated Returnee</i>
	Commented by Sandra CARRERAS (Ibero-American Institute Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation) & discussion
12:40	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:45	NEW PERSPECTIVES ON FAMILIAR FACES. WRITING HISTORY IN A DIFFERENT WAY
	Karin HARRASSER (<i>University of Art and Design Linz</i>) <i>Monika und Hans Ertl. Family as a Tangle of Symptoms for a Transatlantic Contemporary History</i>
	Ursula PRUTSCH (<i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</i>) <i>The Ammunition-King Fritz Mandl. How an Emigrant of Jewish Origin was Turned into a Nazi</i>
	Commented by Erhard STACKL (Vienna) & discussion
15:15	CLOSING SESSION

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Image: Letters to Simon Wiesenthal supporting his investigations on Nazis in South America, Correspondence 1945–2015, WVI.SWA.III.9

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