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# Negotiating Global Migrations, 1944-1959

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Photo: departure of displaced persons from Salzburg to Bremerhaven,  
May 17, 1951. Source: ÖNB/Wien, US 9366/62.

## Monday, 15.04.2024

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- 9.30-10.00 **Welcoming remarks** (Christoph Rass, Kerstin von Lingen)
- 10.00-11.00 Keynote speech by Peter Gatrell (University of Manchester):  
**Appointment in Geneva: Refugees' encounters with UNHCR, 1951-1975**
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 ■ **Panel I – Interaction of International Organizations with States and Local Actors**  
Chair: Christoph Rass  
Ismee Tames (NIOD Amsterdam & University of Utrecht): **Traces of illiterate stateless refugees in the correspondence of the Nansen Delegation in Berlin, 1921-1938**  
Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck University of London): **UNRRA in the Archives**  
Katarzyna Nowak (University of Vienna): **Knocking on the Vatican's Gates – Refugees and the Holy See in the Early Cold War**
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30-16.00 ■ **Panel II – Refugee Integration and Belonging**  
Chair: Kerstin von Lingen  
Anna Holian (Arizona State University): **Refugee Integration in 1950s West Germany: The Early History of Economic "Self-Reliance"**  
Linda Erker (University of Vienna): **Displaced Nazi Scholars and the Global Refugee Regime between Austria and Argentina after 1945**  
Sebastian Huhn (University of Osnabrück): **Negotiating Global Resettlement Within the Refugee Regime After the Second World War**
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-18.00 ■ **Panel III – Agency of Victims of Violence-induced Mobility During the Interactive Process of Norm Application and Resettlement**  
Chair: Frank Wolff  
Dariusz Stola (Polish Academia of Sciences): **Refugees from Communism and Refugees Protected by Communists: the Case of Poland**  
Roderick Bailey (University of Oxford): **Stranded: The Struggles of a Displaced and Stateless IRO official in Italy, 1945-50**  
Philipp Strobl (University of Vienna): **Negotiating the Post war Migration Regime: Refugee Agency in Postwar Austria (1945-1955)**
- 18.30 Conference Dinner

## Tuesday, 16.04.2024

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- 9.00-11.00 ■ **Panel IV – Role of International Organizations and Experts in Formulating Policies**  
Chair: Katarzyna Nowak  
Rachel Blumenthal (Hebrew University Jerusalem): **Divided Loyalties: UNRRA, Refugees and Compulsory Labour in Postwar Austria**  
Susanne Korbel (University of Graz): **The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the "Control" over Jewish DPs, 1945 to 1951**  
Franziska Lamp (University of Vienna): **"Are you sufficiently informed?" The Gender-specific Dimensions of Information Campaigns for the Resettlement of DPs**  
Jessica Wehner (University of Osnabrück): **Norms, Practices and Marginality. The Production of non-Western Others in the Postwar Refugee Regime**
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 ■ **Panel V – Identity and Historical Narratives of Displacement**  
Chair: Philipp Strobl  
Kerstin von Lingen (University of Vienna): **Migrating Objects. Displacement and loss of property as loss of belonging and identity**  
Frank Wolff (University of Osnabrück): **The Ambiguities of European Unification between Peace-Building, Cold War Bordering, and Coloniality (post-1945)**  
Klaus Neumann (Hamburger Stiftung zur Förderung von Wissenschaft und Kultur): **Looking Back, but Not Too Closely – Mobilisation of Historical Narratives in Current Debates About Irregular Migration**
- 13:00 Concluding remarks (Frank Wolff)

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### Seats for participants are limited:

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