



From the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust: The Foundations of Modern Human Rights

April 2-4

Organizers: Ronald Grigor Suny, Charles Tilly Collegiate Professor of Social and Political History, U-M; and Fatma Müge Göçek, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, U-M.

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Thursday, April 2, 2015

West Conference Room, Rackham Graduate School, 915 E. Washington St.

7:30-9:00 pm **The Modern Imagination and the Vocabulary of Transgression**

Introduction: Ronald Grigor Suny

Keynote Address: Dirk Moses, European University Institute

Friday, April 3, 2015

Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Ave.

10:00-12:30 pm **Orphaned Nation: Armenians in WWI**

Chair: Fatma Müge Göçek

Discussant: Francesca Piana, University of Michigan

Melanie Tanielian, University of Michigan

"Narratives of Suffering and Saving: The Orphan Child as Historical Agent in Post-WWI Syria"

Keith Watenpugh, University of California, Davis

"The Practical Failures of the League of Nations Interwar Humanitarian Project for Armenian Genocide Survivors and the Possible Origins of International Human Rights Talk"

12:30-2:00pm Break

2:00-4:00 pm **Constructions of the Other: Jews, Muslims, Poles, and Germans**

Chair: Kathryn Babayan

Discussant: Serap Ruken Sengul, University of Michigan

Lerna Ekmekcioğlu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"Step-Citizens of Post-Genocide Turkey"

Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan

"Rediscovering Jewishness and Resurrecting the Jew: Nationalism and Philosemitism in Contemporary Poland"

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Ave.

10:00 am-12:30 pm **Responses to the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust**

Chair: Kevork Bardakjian

Discussant: Geoff Eley, University of Michigan

Hülya Adak, Sabanci University

"Human Rights in the interwar period: The Case of André Nicolayévitch Mandelstam and his Reception among Turkish Intellectuals"

Corinna Guttstadt, University of Hamburg

"Commemoration and Denial: Turkish reactions to the Holocaust and to the Armenian Genocide"

Rolf Hosfeld, Lepsius House (Potsdam)

"From Moral Politics to International Justice"

12:30-2:00 pm Break

2:00-4:00 pm **Genocide and the Birth of Human Rights**

Chair: Ronald Grigor Suny

Discussant: Margaret Somers, University of Michigan

Peter Holquist, University of Pennsylvania

"The Origins of the Concept of 'Crimes against Humanity': The Allies' May 24, 1915 note, its Nineteenth-century Precedents and its Twentieth Century Afterlife"

Eric Weitz, City College of New York

"Creating Rights in the Aftermath of Genocide: Property and Citizenship in Southwest Africa and Republican Turkey"