PROBING THE LIMITS OF CATEGORIZATION: THE ‘Bystander’ IN HOLOCAUST HISTORY

Amsterdam, September 24-26, 2015

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<td><strong>Frank van Vree</strong> (Amsterdam)</td>
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<td><em>Raul Hilberg and the ‘Discovery’ of Bystanders in Holocaust Historiography</em></td>
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<td><em>René Schlott</em> (Potsdam)</td>
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<td><em>The Bystanders/Sąsiedzi in Poland since 1939</em></td>
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<td><em>From Victim to Perpetrator. The Changing Image of the Bystander in the Memory of the Holocaust in the Netherlands</em></td>
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<td>Film &amp; Discussion: Between Guilt, Heroism, and a Great Deal of Seductive Normality: Nazi Bystanders as Cultural Icons in Film and Television</td>
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<td><strong>Nicole Colin</strong> (Aix-en-Provence) &amp; <strong>Wulf Kansteiner</strong> (Aarhus)</td>
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<td><em>Natalia Aleksiun</em> (New York)</td>
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<td><em>‘He is not an Antisemite’: Early Attempts at Assessing Responsibilities for Anti-Jewish Persecutions in the Bulgarian People’s Court (1944-1945)</em></td>
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<td><em>The Bystander Category in Victims’ Narratives. The Example of Ida Fink’s Short Stories</em></td>
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<td>*The French Paradox: Is the Bystander Category Useful to Explain why 75% of the Jews Survived in this Country?</td>
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Dutch Local Authorities as Bystanders?  
**Peter Romijn** (Amsterdam)  
Commentary: **Ismee Tames** (Amsterdam)  
Chair: **Maurits Hortensius** (Amsterdam)

Transatlantic Reinventions of the Bystander. The Autobiographies of three Jewish German-American Historians: George Mosse, Peter Gay and Fritz Stern  
**Merel Leeman** (Amsterdam)  
Commentary: **Dienke Hondius** (Amsterdam)  
Chair: **Barbara Henkes** (Groningen)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:30

Panel 4: Depictions: Visual Evidence of and by Bystanders

**Photographing Bystanders**  
**Christoph Kreutzmüller** (Berlin)  
*The Figure of the Bystander between Onlooker, Spectator and Accomplice in Photographs of Wehrmacht Soldiers*  
**Petra Bopp** (Hamburg/Jena)  
Bystanders as Visual Subjects: Spectators, Observers, Onlookers?  
**Roma Sendyka** (Krakow)

Commentary: **Andrea Löw** (Munich)  
Chair: **Bas von Benda-Beckmann** (Amsterdam)

Panel 5: Social Dynamics 1: Societal Processes of Exclusion and Disintegration

**Indifferent Dutch and Valiant Danes. The Dangers of Teleology**  
**Bart van der Boom** (Leiden)  
*‘What Have you Done to these People?’ Bystanders in the End Phase of the Holocaust*  
**Adam R. Seipp** (College Station, Texas)  
Putting the By-Stander in Context: Public Spheres under Occupation and the Holocaust  
**Dieter Pohl** (Klagenfurt)

Commentary: **Frank Bajohr** (Munich)  
Chair: **Moritz Föllmer** (Amsterdam)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30

Panel 6: Attitudes and Agency: Shades of Bystanding Behavior

**The Bystander as a Non-Jew**  
**Remco Ensel** (Nijmegen)/**Evelien Gans** (Amsterdam)  
Guardians of Fatum  
**Bożena Keff** (Warsaw)  
Standing by on ‘The Invisible Front of the Secret Spiritual Germany’: Martin Heidegger’s Anti-Semitism in the Schwarze Hefte  
**Adam Knowles** (Drexel)

Commentary: **Bob Moore** (Sheffield)  
Chair: **Ilse Raaijmakers** (Utrecht)

Panel 7: Social Dynamics II: Interactions and Relations in Local Communities

**Agnieszka W. Wierzcholska** (Berlin)  
*Were There ‘Bystanders’ in Topolcany? Concept Formation and Stretching*  
**Hana Kubátová** (Prague)  
Recognition, Fear, Denial, Shame, Antisemitism. Responses by Amsterdam Citizens to the Genocide of the Jews 1938-1943  
**Guus Meershoek** (Enschede)

Commentary: **Katja Happe** (Freiburg)  
Chair: **Bas Kromhout** (Amsterdam)
16:30-17:00   Coffee Break

17:00-19:00   Panel 8 (plenary session):
Cultures of Violence: Presence, Participation, Incrimination

Stand by Your Man: Women in the SS-Sippengemeinschaft
Susanne C. Knittel (Utrecht)

Participating Observers? The German Project and the Local Contexts in Occupied Poland
Elżbieta Janicka (Warsaw)

Sensing Nazi Terror: Sensory Bystanding and the Volksgemeinschaft, 1933-1945
Paul Moore (Leicester)

Commentary: Tatjana Tönsmeyer (Wuppertal/ Essen)
Chair: Nicole Immler (Utrecht)

Saturday, September 26, 2015
Location: Felix Meritis, Keizersgracht 324, Amsterdam

9:00 -11:00

Panel 9:
Representations: Bystanders in Film and Museum

Cinematic Representation of Collective Active-Bystanding in Verhoeven’s ‘Human Failure’
Hilla Lavie (Jerusalem)

The Power of Reenactment: Bystanders Performing the Past
Aleksandra Szczepan (Krakow)

Uses of the Concept and Term ‘Bystander’ in Exhibitions at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 1993-2015
Susan Bachrach (Washington, DC)

Commentary: Jan Grabowski (Ottawa/Warsaw)
Chair: Hanco Jürgens (Amsterdam)

Panel 10:
Adaptions: In Search of New Categories

'I am not, what I am.' Thinking Beyond Perpetrators, Bystanders, Rescuers – A Typology of Action Roles in Genocide
Timothy Williams (Marburg)

Understanding Bystander Behavior as Social System
Froukje Demant (Amsterdam)

'The Bystander as a Philosophical and Discursive Entity'
Fabian van Samang (Brussels)

Commentary: Mary Fulbrook (London)
Chair: Katja Happe (Freiburg)

11:00-11:30   Coffee Break

11:30-13:30   Final Panel: The Holocaust and other Genocides: Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives on Social Violence and Human Agency

Tatjana Tönsmeyer (Wuppertal/ Essen)
Jacques Sémelin (Paris)
Ido De Haan (Utrecht)
Wulf Kansteiner (Aarhus)

Moderators: Christina Morina (Amsterdam) & Krijn Thijs (Amsterdam)

13:30    Lunch (to go)

14:00    End of conference