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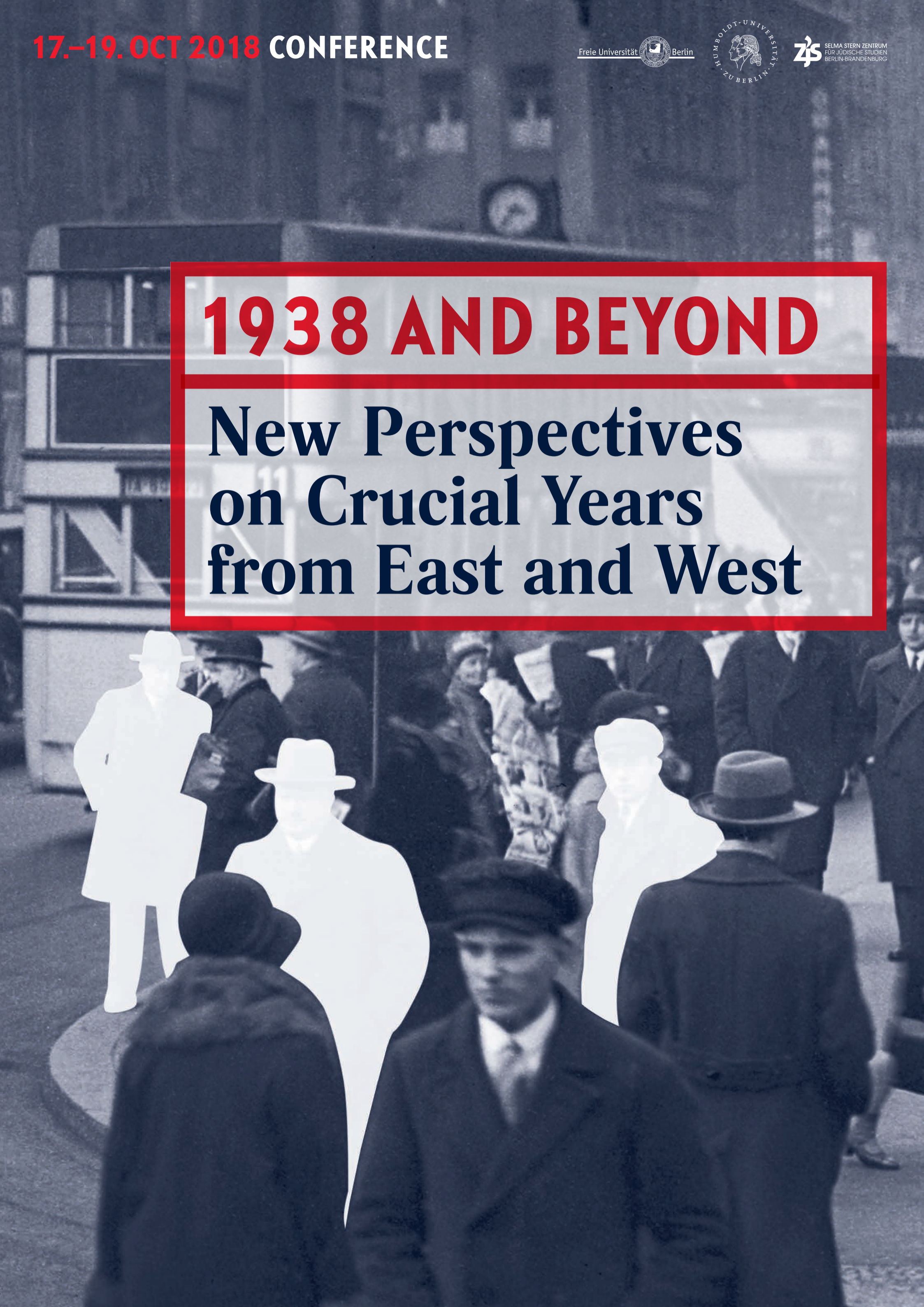
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1938 is considered the key year in the radicalization of the persecution of European Jewries as well as in preparations for the war of aggression against Poland. Two thematic areas are of particular interest for the conference: First, new interpretations of and research on the traditional narrative elements of 1938 and beyond, and second, new ways of looking at 1938 and beyond from the viewpoint of the East (Central) European states. Opening perspectives towards the East, to the Eastern and East-Central European states, which were transformed in the course of the years 1938/39 from independent state actors into occupied countries has been productive for the ongoing historical discussion. The aim of this approach is to provide a fresh perspective on otherwise overlooked actors and events.

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WED, 17.10.18

Selma Stern Zentrum Berlin Sophienstraße 22, Seminarraum 1. OG

- 18.00 | **OPENING**  
Prof. Dr. Rainer Kampling (Berlin)
- KEYNOTE** Prof. Dr. Dan Diner (Jerusalem)  
„1938“ in Context: The Continental, the Imperial,  
and the Global
- 19.30 | **RECEPTION**

THU, 18.10.18

Grimm-Zentrum Berlin, Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 1/3, Auditorium Souterrain

- 09.30 | **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
Prof. Dr. Gertrud Pickhan, Prof. Dr. Michael Wildt, Berlin
- 10.00 | **PANEL 1** 1938 in contemporary reflections  
Comment: Prof. Dr. Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Berlin
- Anne Klotz (Berlin)  
“...there are no words of consolation.” – Polish-Jewish  
Intellectuals’ comments on the year 1938: Theoretical approaches,  
personal experiences, and political answers
- Dr. Norman Domeier (Stuttgart)  
„That horrible year 1938“: The „Reichskristallnacht“  
and the American Journalists in Nazi Germany
- Prof. Dr. Nathan Cohen (Bar Ilan)  
1938 as Reflected in Warsaw Yiddish Newspapers
- 12.30 | **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.00 | **PANEL 2** Revisiting Évian  
Comment: Dr. Stefanie Fischer, Frankfurt am Main
- Dr. Bonnie Harris (San Diego)  
The Évian Conference and Jewish Refugee Rescue in the Philippines
- Martin Jost (Leipzig)  
Actual and Potential Refugees. The Significance of threatened  
East European Jewry on the Évian Conference
- Dr. Gerhard Wolf (Sussex)  
A global solution to a European problem: The Evian Conference  
and US population planning for a new European order
- 16.30 | **COFFEE**
- 17.00 | **PANEL 3** Beyond Évian: Re-visiting 1938  
(Comment: Prof. Dr. Gertrud Pickhan)
- PD Dr. Philipp Müller (Bochum)  
Humanitarian aid in the face of violence.  
The history of the Kindertransport revisited
- Jan Kreutz (Hamburg)  
The “Novemberpogrome” in Silesia. A New Look at the Evidence
- Prof. Dr. Oded Heilbronner (Tel Aviv/ Jerusalem)  
Between the Private and the Public: The Heilbronner family  
experience in Erfurt January-December 1938
- 19.15 | **END OF DAY 1**
- 19.45 | **DINNER FOR SPEAKERS**

FRI, 19.10.18

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- 09.30 | **PANEL 4** [Untold] Histories of Violence  
Comment: Prof. Dr. Michael Wildt
- Dr. Winfried R. Garscha (Wien)  
The “Anschluss” and the Austrian Jews: Patterns of Persecution  
between the two Pogroms of March and November 1938
- Dr. Alexandru Muraru (Iasi)  
“The Romanian Kristallnacht”. First Anti-Jewish Persecutions,  
Terror and Blood during the Romanian Retreat from Bessarabia  
and North Bukovina in 1940: Pogroms, Perpetrators, Murders
- 11.00 | **COFFEE**
- 11.30 | **PANEL 5** Fragile Citizenship  
Comment: Dr. Miriam Rürup
- Dr. Alina Bothe (Berlin)  
Citizenship on the borders: Forced emigration, expulsions  
and deportations from the German Reich 1938–1940
- Dr. Michal Frankl (Prag)  
From Citizens to Refugees. Revising Jewish Citizenship  
in Poland and Czechoslovakia, 1938–1939
- 13.00 | **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.00 | **PANEL 6** Beyond  
Comment: Dr. Elisabeth Gallas
- Dr. Victoria Vasilenko (Belgorod)  
Polish and Czechoslovak Governments in Exile and Their Postwar  
Planning for East Central Europe: What Room for Agency?
- Dr. Kobi Kabalek (Tel Aviv)  
The Munich Agreement Beyond Europe: The “Czech Example”  
and Zionist Policy Toward the British
- 15.30 | **FINAL DISCUSSION**
- 16.00 | **END OF CONFERENCE**