

**Tracing and Documenting
Victims of Nazi Persecution:
History of the International
Tracing Service (ITS) in Context**



→ To this day, the consequences of Nazi persecution were and are manifold: the loss of relatives, the search for a new home, physical or mental injuries, existential problems, social support and recognition, but also continued exclusion or discrimination have shaped the experiences and memory of those who were once persecuted, their relatives, and society as a whole. In this field, tracing bureaus, archives and others played an important role which so far has not been critically researched in detail.

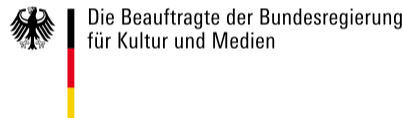
Against this background, the ITS will host an international conference looking back on more than seven decades of tracing and documenting victims of Nazi persecution. The event marks the 70th anniversary of search bureaus from various European states meeting with the recently established International Tracing Service (ITS) in Arolsen, Germany, in the autumn of 1948. One aim is to discuss new findings on the history of the ITS in a broader context.

**If you would like to attend
the conference, please register
here by September 30th 2018:
registration.its-arolsen.org**

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Programm

Day 1: October 8th 2018

13:00 – 13:30 → Welcome: Floriane Azoulay and Henning Borggräfe (ITS)

**13:30 – 15:00 → Panel 1:
The Early Search for Missing Persons
and Documents (Part I)**

Introduction: Christian Höschler (ITS)

René Bienert (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies): Überlebende(n) helfen: Simon Wiesenthal und die frühe Suche nach NS-Verbrechern

Silke von der Emde (Vassar College): Recovering a Displaced Archive: DP Employees of the ITS in Bad Arolsen

Chair: Suzanne Brown-Fleming
(United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

15:00 – 15:30 → Coffee

**15:30 – 17:30 → Panel 2:
The Early Search for Missing Persons
and Documents (Part II)**

Rüdiger Overmans: Die »anderen« Suchdienste. »Suchkulturen« in Deutschland von den 1920er Jahren bis in die Nachkriegszeit

Christine Schmidt (Wiener Library): Those Left Behind. Early Search Efforts in Wartime and Postwar Britain

Linda G. Levi (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee): Family Search and Tracing Services of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in the World War II Era

Maren Hachmeister (University of Munich): Suchdienste in Polen und der Tschechoslowakei nach 1945 – zwischen humanitären Prinzipien und sozialistischer Ideologie

Chair: Akim Jah (ITS)

17:30 – 18:00 → Coffee

18:00 – 19:00 → Keynote: Dan Stone (Royal Holloway, University of London): On the Uses and Disadvantages of the ITS for History

**19:00 → Reception with
Presentations on ITS-Related Activities
in Research and Education**

Elizabeth Anthony (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum): Primary Source Supplements Based on Documents from the ITS Archive

Leonardo de Araújo (University of Bremen): Marbles of Remembrance

Alina Bothe (Free University of Berlin): Ausgewiesen! Berlin, 28. Oktober 1938. Die Geschichte der »Polenaktion«

Ute Hoffmann (Bernburg Memorial): »Sonderbehandlung 14f13«

Sebastian Huhn (Osnabrück University): Transnationale Erinnerung an Zwangsarbeit und Migration

Anja Kruse (Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial): NS-Zwangsarbeit in Leipzig und beim Rüstungskonzern HASAG

Elisabeth Schwabauer (ITS): Archivpädagogik und Bildungsformate des ITS

Christiane Weber (ITS): The e-Guide – an Online Tool for International Documents from the ITS Archive

Gjora Zwilling (ITS): ITS Digital Collections Online

Day 2: October 9th 2018

**09:00 – 11:00 → Panel 3:
Tracing Methods and the Clarification
of Fates over Time**

Introduction: Anna Meier-Osiński (ITS)

Zvi Bernhard (Yad Vashem): From Shaaraliya to IAJGS – Changes in Yad Vashem's Role in Rebuilding Families' Ties

Jost Rebentisch (Federal Association Information and Advice for Survivors of Nazi Persecution): Verweigerte Anerkennung – Von der Nachweissuche für NS-Zwangsarbeiter/innen zu offenen Fragen deutscher Entschädigung und Unterstützung der Folgegenerationen

Diane Afumado (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum): ITS Research at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for Descendants of Holocaust Victims and Survivors

Chair: Constantin Goschler (Ruhr-University Bochum)

11:00 – 11:30 → Coffee

**11:30 – 13:30 → Panel 4:
The Search for Documents and
the Structuring of Archives**

Introduction: Henning Borggräfe (ITS)

Kerstin Hofmann (ITS): »Schock ob der Fülle des Materials« – die Zentrale Stelle in Ludwigsburg und die langwierige Suche nach Beweisdokumenten

Haim Gertner (Yad Vashem): »To Collect, Examine and Publish all Testimony on the Shoah« – the Development of the Documentation Collection Process at Yad Vashem from 1946 until Today

Edwin Klijjn (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies): Linking and Enriching Archival Collections in the Digital Age – the Network Oorlogsbronnen Project

Chair: Christian Groh (ITS)

13:30 – 14:30 → Lunch

**14:30 – 16:30 → Panel 5:
Archives and the Politics of History
and Remembrance**

Introduction: Isabel Panek (ITS)

Tobias Herrmann (German Federal Archives): Das Bundesarchiv als Akteur in der deutschen Erinnerungspolitik

Andreas Hilger (German Historical Institute Moscow): Erinnerungslücken und Erinnerungsschlechten. Erinnerungspolitik in Osteuropa

Rebecca Boehling (University of Maryland, Baltimore County): From Tracing and Fate Clarification to Research Center: The Role of International Players and Cultures of Memory in Shaping the Identity of the ITS

Chair: Jens-Christian Wagner (Lower Saxony Memorials Foundation)

16:30 – 17:00 → Coffee

**17:00 – 19:00 → Panel Discussion
about Online Archives and Interactive
Digital Services**

Sheila Anderson (King's College London)

Haim Gertner (Yad Vashem)

Floriane Azoulay (ITS)

Christoph Rass (Osnabrück University)

Arye Schreiber (MyEDPO)

Chair: Puck Huising (Network Oorlogsbronnen)