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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE
STUDENT CONFERENCE ON
HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES



Fourth International Graduate Students' Conference

Call for Papers

**Fourth International Graduate Students' Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies
The Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (Clark University)
12-15 April 2018**

The Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University will host the Fourth International Graduate Students' Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies (April 12 to 15, 2018), in cooperation with the Research Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew

University, Jerusalem. The conference will provide a forum for advanced doctoral students and early post-docs to present their research projects to peers and established scholars.

Professor of Anthropology Victoria Sanford (Lehman College, and Director, Center for Human Rights & Peace Studies, Graduate Center, City University of New York) will deliver the keynote address.

Professors Daniel Blatman and Amos Goldberg (Hebrew University), Dagmar Herzog (Graduate Center, CUNY), and Elisa von Joeden-Forgey and Raz Segal (Stockton University) will serve as discussants.

This interdisciplinary conference will reflect the full range of issues, concepts, and methods in current Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Accordingly, we invite pertinent applications from all fields and disciplines and from countries around the world. Students working on genocides and other forms of mass violence in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Australia, and America as well as on the aftermath and collective memorialization of genocides are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants should submit for consideration 1) a short curriculum vitae (one page max.) including name, address, email, and telephone number; 2) the title and an abstract of your paper (approx. 300 words, one page max. in English), addressing your basic arguments and sources, and how they relate to your dissertation project (for instance: summary, proposal, or chapter of the dissertation); and 3) a brief letter from your advisor indicating your enrollment in a doctoral program or the status of your dissertation work.

The costs of accommodation, registration, and meals will be covered for applicants whose papers are accepted. We also anticipate offering stipends to defray travel expenses for participants.

The application deadline is August 31, 2017. Please email materials to StrasslerGradConference@clarku.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Kühne, Director, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and Strassler Chair in the Study of Holocaust History, Clark University, under the same email address.

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Speaker

Our speaker this year will be Victoria Sanford, Professor and Chair of Anthropology, and founding director of the Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Lehman College, City University of New York.

[Learn more about Professor Sanford](#)

Victoria Sanford is professor and chair of Anthropology, and founding director of the Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies at Lehman College. She is a member of the anthropology doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She holds a doctorate in Anthropology from Stanford University where she studied International Human Rights Law and Immigration Law at Stanford Law School. She is the author of six books including *Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala* (2004) and the forthcoming *Bittersweet Justice: Femicide, Impunity and Courts of Last Resort*. Her work examines post-conflict Central America and Colombia with a focus on gender violence, genocide, and the role of truth commissions and NGOs in community healing and local peacebuilding. She recently won the University of California Press Public Anthropology competition for her latest book project –*The Surge– Central American Border Crossings in the United States, 1980-2015*.

Program

[Thursday, 12 April](#)

7:30 pm

**Dana Commons,
Higgins Lounge**

KEYNOTE:

Anthropological Methods for Documenting Human Rights Violations and Genocide

Victoria Sanford, Professor and Chair of Anthropology, and founding director of the Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Lehman College, City University of New York

9:00 pm

Dessert Reception

[Friday, 13 April](#)

8:45 am
Dana Commons,
Higgins Lounge

WELCOME
Thomas Kühne, Clark University

9:00-10:15 am
SESSION I: GENOCIDE IN ARGENTINA

Chair: **Thomas Kühne**, Clark University

The Reception of Survivors of the Shoah in Buenos Aires, Recreated in Their Narratives

Malena Chinski, National University of General Sarmiento and Institute for Economic and Social Development, Buenos Aires, Argentina

"Not Six Million nor Thirty Thousand": From "Holocaust Revisionism" to State Terrorism Denial in Argentina, 1973-1990

Boris Matías Grinchpun, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Struggles over the Military Archives and Political Disputes in Post-dictatorship Argentina

Déborah Cinthia Balé, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

10:30-11:45 am
SESSION II: GENDER AND GENOCIDE

Chair: **Ani Ohanian**, Clark University

"I think it is (the) mother who keeps the things going": Gender and Post Memory of the Armenian Genocide

Öndercan Muti, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

"Then, My Father Gave Me a Rope": Women in Genocide and Mass Violence

Nomi Landau, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Women and Men in the Labor Camp Sereď, Slovakia (1942-1944)

Denisa Nešt'áková, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

12:00-1:30 pm
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1:45-3:00 pm

SESSION III: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Chair: **Burçin Geçek**, Clark University

The Geopolitics of Genocide in the Middle East: Armenian Terrorism and Israeli-Turkish Relations (1980 - 1985)

Eldad Ben Aharon, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

Denying Genocide, Rejecting Knowers

Melania Altanian, University of Bern, Switzerland

Into the Abyss: Mise-en-Abîme, Multidirectional Memory, and the Armenian Genocide in Atom Egoyan's Ararat

Nora Nunn, Duke University, North Carolina

3:15-4:30 pm

SESSION IV: DYNAMICS OF VIOLENCE AND MEMORY

Chair: **Emil Kjerte**, Clark University

Locally Sourced Hate, Locally Sourced Resistance: Dynamics of Mass Violence in the Municipality of Vukovar from the Killing Pits of Dudik to Jasenovac Death Camp, 1941-1943

Danijel Matijević, University of Toronto, Canada

The Holocaust in the Soviet Memory Culture of World War II

Alexandra Tcherkasski, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

4:45-6:00 pm

SESSION V: WOMEN AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

Chair: **Rebecca Carter-Chand**, Clark University

Dagmar Herzog, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Andrea Löw, Institute for Contemporary History, Munich, Germany

Victoria Sanford, Lehman College, City University of New York

6:15-8:00 pm

DINNER

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