

Anti-communist persecutions in the 20th century

University of Bern, 21-23 April 2017



21 April

14:00 Welcome

14:30 Introductory remarks: Christian Gerlach
(Universität Bern)

15:00-16:30 Panel 1: State control and anti-communist persecution

Chair: Padraic Kenney (Bloomington)

Frank Jacob (City University of New York):
*Continuities and Discontinuities of Anti-Communist
State Action in Modern Japan*

Martin Schröder (Universität Halle-Wittenberg):
*Governing the hinterland – anti-communist action and
the establishment of state power in rural Venezuela
during the 1960s and 1970s*

James Shrader (University of California, San Diego):
*A Laboratory of Violence: Race, Nation-Building, and
Latin America's Cold War in Comparative Perspective*

16:30- 16:50 Break

16:50 – 18:20 Panel 2: Religion, race and anti-communism

Chair: Julia Richers (Bern)

Christoph Dieckmann (Fritz-Bauer-Institut, Frankfurt
a.M.): *Anti-communist persecutions in Lithuania
1918-1944*

Robbie Lieberman (Kennesaw State University): *The
Black and Red Scare in the 20th Century United
States*

Clemens Six (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen): *Christian
agency in anti-communist persecution? A historical-
theological approach*

19:30: Catered Dinner for Conference

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9:30- 11:00 Panel 3: Legal persecution

Chair: Robbie Lieberman (Kennesaw)

Daniel Vallès Muñoz (Universitat Autònoma de
Barcelona): *The Spanish anti-communist judicial
system, results and solutions from the Spanish
transitional justice*

Barbara Falk (Canadian Forces College/Royal
Military College of Canada/University of Toronto): *The
Smith Act Trials and Systemic Violence: Anti-
Communist Persecution and Prosecution in America,
1949-1957*

Martin Löhnig (Universität Regensburg): *Political
Justice in Western Germany during the 1950s*

11:00-11:20 Break

11:20- 12:20 Panel 4: Persecutions of communists in socialist countries

Chair: Brigitte Studer (Bern)

Cristina Diac (National Institute for the Study of
Totalitarianism-Romanian Academy, Bucharest):
*Symbolic violence against veterans of the Spanish
Civil War in Central and Eastern Europe*

Wendy Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University,
Pittsburgh): *The Social Origins of Terror and
Repression in the Soviet Union: Victims and
Perpetrators, 1936-1939*

12:30- 2:00 Lunch break

14:00- 15:00 Panel 5: Nation-building and anti-communism

Chair: Frank Jacob (New York)

Kim Dong-Choon (Sung Kong Hoe University, Seoul):
*Anticommunism as Continuation of Colonialism in
Northeast Asia*

Elisa Kriza (Universität Bamberg): *"We don't want the
Olympics, we want a revolution!" Communism and
Anti-Communism in the Student Massacre on
Tlatelolco Square in Mexico City (1968)*

15:00 - 15:20 Break

15:20- 16:50 Panel 6: Non-state persecutors

Chair: Moritz Feichtinger (Bern)

Ernesto Bohoslavsky (Universidad Nacional de
General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires) and Magdalena
Broquetas (Universidad de la República,
Montevideo): *Non-state anti-communism and political
violence in Argentina and Uruguay, 1958-1973*

Amaryllis Logotheti (Pantheon University, Athens):
*The religious justification of the anti-communist
persecutions in Greece (1945-1955)*

Jan-Philipp Pomplun (Technische Universität Berlin):
*Anti-communist Mass Violence and Political
Radicalisation – German Paramilitarism after the
Great War*

16:50- 17:10 Break

17:10-18:30 Panel 7: Paradigms of violence

Chair: Elisa Kriza (Bamberg)

Kiril Feferman (Hebrew University, Jerusalem/
University of Southern California): *From "Bolshevik
Plague" to Victims of "Judeo-Bolshevism": Nazi
policies towards Communists in the Occupied Soviet
Territories, 1941-44*

Janis Nalbadidacis (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin):
*The Role of Communism in Greek and Argentine
Torture Centres during the Military Dictatorships*

Martina Safitry (Indonesian Historical Society,
Jakarta): *Clean Body and Clean Environment: Health
Metaphor in an anti-communist campaign in
Indonesia; a preliminary analysis*

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9:30- 11:00 Panel 8: Survival strategies

Chair: Daniel Vallès Muñio (Barcelona)

Christian Gerlach (Universität Bern): *Indonesian
narratives of survival and their relation to societal
persecution*

Natalia Jarska (Institute of History of the Polish
Academy of Sciences/Institute for National
Remembrance, Warsaw): *Anti-communist
persecution and gender in interwar Poland*

Padraic Kenney (Indiana University): *"So that they
leave the prison cage as conscious revolutionaries":
Performing Communism in the Polish Prison*

11:00- 11:20 Break

11:20- 12:50 Panel 9: Experience, memory, trauma

Chair: Wendy Goldman (Pittsburgh)

Amurwani Dwi L (Direktorat Sejarah, Kementerian
Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia,
Jakarta): *From the Political State to Plantungan*

Grace Leksana (Universiteit Leiden): *Remembering
1965 in Indonesia: Complexities of the memory of
violence against communists*

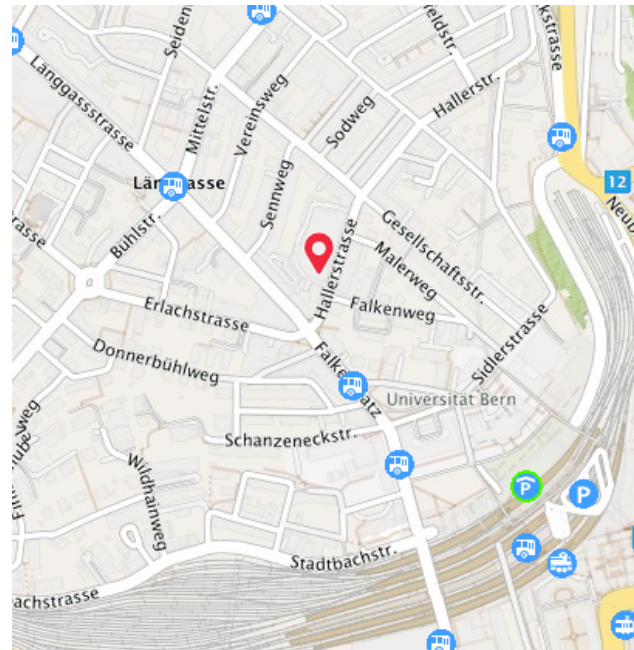
Manon Bourguignon (Université de Lausanne):
*Political affiliation, a transmitted feature?
Transmission dynamics for the children of Chilean
political exiles living in Switzerland*

12:50 - 13:50 Final discussion

13:50 End of conference

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