

Metropolitan Catastrophes

Scenarios, Experiences and Commemorations in the Era of Total War

Programme

Monday 12 July 2004 (Wolfson Room)

09.15 Registration

09.30 **Derek Keene** and **Stefan Goebel** (CMH)
Introduction

Chair: **Derek Keene** (CMH)

09.40 **Eric Homberger** (University of East Anglia)
Dress-rehearsal for catastrophe: New York City, 1863

10.20 **Carl Abbott** (Portland State University)
Big blowups and quiet catastrophes: imagining the death of American cities

Susan Grayzel (University of Mississippi)
'A promise of terror to come': the threat of air power and the destruction of cities in British imagination and experience, 1908–1939

11.30 Coffee

11.50 **Keynote: Patrice Higonnet** (Harvard University)
Paris under the impact of total war

12.50 Lunch

Chair: **Eric Homberger** (University of East Anglia)

14.00 **Roxanne Panchasi** (Simon Fraser University)
The Seine is burning: mapping catastrophe in interwar Paris

Janet Ward (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
On the transformative challenge of urban catastrophe

14.45 **Keynote: Jay Winter** (Yale University)
Configuring catastrophe: Paris, London, Berlin 1914–1919

15.45 **Keith Grieves** (Kingston University)
Experiencing the relational difference of life in metropolitan London and the countryside in two world wars

16.15 Tea

Chair: **Pat Thane** (Centre for Contemporary British History, IHR)

16.45 **Keynote: Antony Beevor** (London)
Stalingrad and Berlin – total warfare in a city?

17.45 **Peter Stansky** (Stanford University)
September 7, 1940: the first day of the London Blitz

Helen Jones (Goldsmiths College, University of London)
Visualising London in total war

18.30 **Reception (IHR Common Room)**

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- 09.15 Chair: Stefan Goebel (CMH)
Maureen Healy (Oregon State University)
Total war and local space: Vienna in the two world wars
- 10.00 **Tim Cole** (University of Bristol)
Ghettos and the remaking of urban space: a comparative study of Hungarian cities, 1944
- 10.40 Coffee
- 11.10 Chair: Carl Abbott (TBC) (Portland State University)
Bernhard Rieger (International University Bremen)
National Socialism, air war and local memory in Bremen after 1945
Julie Higashi and **Lim, Bon** (Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto)
The spirit of war remains intact: the politics of space in Tokyo and the Yasukuni Shrine
- 12.20 Lunch
- 13.30 **Keynote: Lisa Yoneyama** (University of California, San Diego)
Memories in ruins: politics of remembering and forgetting Hiroshima's atomic annihilation
- 14.30 **Parallel sessions: Session 1 (International Relations Room)**
Chair: Peter Stansky (Stanford University)
Eyal Ginio (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Transmitting the agony of a besieged population: Edirne (Adrianople) in Ottoman propaganda during the Balkan Wars, 1912–1913
Jovana L. Knezevic (Yale University)
Balancing information and anxiety: propaganda, mail and rumours in occupied Belgrade, 1915–1918
Mark R. Hatlie (Tübingen University)
Re-mapping Riga: sudden regime change during war and revolution
- Session 2 (Wolfson Room)**
Chair: TBA
Clara M. Oberle (Princeton University)
Times of transit, spaces of transit: train stations in Berlin, 1945–1949
Daniel Prosterman (New York University)
New York City and the American homefront: local politics, world war, and the spectre of totalitarianism, 1933–1947
- 15.30 Tea
- 15.50 Chair: TBA
Joe L. Nasr and **Peter J. Larkham** (University of Central England)
From vestiges to mementoes: the treatment of churches and other special buildings after the Second World War
Fiona Henderson (Royal Holloway, University of London)
Gazing at ruins: the politics and poetics of bombsite tourism in London and Berlin post-1945
- 16.50 **Stefan Goebel (CMH)**
Commemorative cosmopolis: Coventry after 1945
Lisa A. Kirschenbaum (West Chester University)
National mythmaking and forgetting: the siege of Leningrad
- 18.00 **Conclusion**