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Jewish Refugees in the British Empire, 1933 – 1948

Leo Baeck Institute London and the Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism,
University of London

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Birkbeck, University of London, Room 101, 30 Russell Square, London

Programme

- 09:45 – 10:15 Coffee and registration
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Welcome**
- David Feldman, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism,
University of London and Joseph Cronin, Leo Baeck Institute
London
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Keynote**
- Jewish Refugees Between "Orient" and European Catastrophe:
Trauma, Privilege, and Adventure in Iran and India*
Atina Grossmann, The Cooper Union
- Chair: Eliana Hadjisavvas, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of
Antisemitism, Birkbeck University of London
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Discussion and questions**
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 – 14:45 **Panel I: Geographies of Exile**
- Situating the Jew as immigrant within the British Imperial
imagination*
Hannah Ewence, University of Chester
- Jewish Detention and Displacement throughout the British Empire:
Reflections from Cyprus and Kenya*
Eliana Hadjisavvas, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of
Antisemitism, University of London
- Jewish Colonial Governors in the British Empire in the 20th Century:
An Introduction*
Joseph Finlay, University of Southampton
- Chair: Joanna Newman, SOAS, University of London
- 14:45 – 15:00 Tea

15:00 – 16:30

Panel II: Identities and Experiences

Jewish transit, Jamaica: disentangling the geographies of displacement, relief and remigration, 1940 – 1949

Simone Gigliotti, Royal Holloway, University of London

The Wiener Library's Early Eyewitness Accounts: Tracing Jewish Migration in the British Empire

Christine Schmidt, The Wiener Holocaust Library, London

Jews among Polish evacuees in British east Africa during WWII

Shirli Gilbert, University College London

Chair: Hannah Ewence, University of Chester

16:30 – 17:15

Closing remarks and discussion

Peter Gatrell, University of Manchester

17:15 – 18:00

Drinks reception

Workshop co-convenors: Joseph Cronin, Leo Baeck Institute London, and Eliana Hadjisavvas, Birkbeck Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, University of London

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