Within the framework of the International Workshop
Nationalism in the History of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence

Imploding Societies across the Twentieth Century

Monday, 10 July 2017, 17:30-19:30
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The panel will discuss how different people in different multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies at different times of crisis came to see the world and think about themselves, their neighbors, and strangers through national lenses. How did Europeans make sense of the Balkan wars in 1912-1914? How did neighbors in numerous towns in east Galicia come to see each other in the first half of the twentieth century as a society of Poles, Ukrainians, and Jews in conflict? To what extent and how did this process determine behavior and actions during World War II? How did Jews who settled in Palestine in the decades prior to 1948 perceive Palestinians who had lived on the land for generations? And how did these perceptions shape the course of the war and mass violence in Israel/Palestine in 1948 and until the present?

Chair: Dr. Amos Goldberg, Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Prof. Omer Bartov, Department of History, Brown University
The Use of Testimonies in Reconstructing Mass Violence in the Holocaust

Prof. Cathie Carmichael, School of History, University of East Anglia
War before Wars: Europe, 1912-1914

Dr. Adel Manna, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
A Reading of the Nakba in Light of the Settler-Colonial Paradigm

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