The Ravensbrück Memorial Site has been running an annual summer university dedicated to a specific topic since 2005. This year’s European Summer University will take place under the patronage of the Minister of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg, Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka and will focus on “Forced Prostitution and War in the 20th and the Beginning of the 21st Century”, the theme of the exhibition in progress “Forced Sex Labour in Nazi Concentration Camps”, which will be hosted at the Ravensbrück Memorial until 30th September 2007.

This conference shall question on the relationship between sexual violence and war. Forced prostitution in Nazi concentration camps and in the territories occupied by Japan during World War II will be particularly discussed. The main focus shall therefore be put on the narrations of the victims. Other key aspects will be representation of forced prostitution as well as legal dealings in the international framework.

According to our schedule, two introductory presentations focusing on the main topics will be organized every morning. In the afternoons we will broaden our perspective and study specific aspects of these topics more in depth in study groups which will take place simultaneously. The languages of the conference will be German and English. We will provide simultaneous translation into English for all morning presentations which will be held in German.

Thursday, 6th September 2007

International Law, Criminal Prosecution, NGOs

10.00 am – 1.00 pm Lectures
Moderator
Regina Mühlhäuser
Gabriela Mischkowski
Medica Mondiale, Cologne
History, Problems and Dilemmas of International Criminal Law in Prosecuting Sexual Violence in Wartime
Dr. Birgit Beck-Heppner
University of Bern
Triviality or Crime? Wehrmacht Justice and Sexual Violence in World War II

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Study groups
1. Prof. Chin-Sung Chung
Seoul National University, South Korea
The International Women’s Tribunal against Military Sexual Slavery by Japan. NGO Activities and Legal Approaches (in English)

2. Selmin Çalışkan
Medica Mondiale, Cologne
The Current Situation of Afghan Women in the Framework of International Politics (in German)

3. Karin Jurschick
Cologne
„The Helpers and Women“. A Documentary on the Relationship Between Forced Prostitution and ‘Humanitarian Interventions’ (Film with English subtitles)

5.30 pm Plenary assembly

Friday, 7th September 2007

10.00 am – 11.30 am
Networking of projects and initiatives

12.00 am
Transfer to Berlin (Shuttle service)

2.00 pm
Reception at the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin

2.30 pm – 5.00 pm Panel discussion
Future Prospects Into the 21st Century: How To Avoid Forced Prostitution in War and Conflict Areas? (in German)
Moderator
Dr. Marianne Zepp
Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin

Participants
Marion Böker Berlin
Dr. Monika Hauser
Medica Mondiale, Cologne
Lotte Leicht
Human Rights Watch, Zürich

Patronage
Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka, Minister of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg
Conception of the Summer University 2007:
Insa Eschbach, Katja Jedermann, Johanna Koezt, Thomas Lutz, Regina Mühlhäuser, Verena Paetow, Robert Sommer, Silke Wenk, Marianne Zepp

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Monday, 3rd September 2007

Welcoming and Introduction

11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Dr. Insa Eschebach
Ravensbrück Memorial
Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka
Minister of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg
Dr. Marianne Zepp
Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
Dr. Christel Trouvé
Foundation Topography of Terror

History, Function, Myth

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Lectures
Moderator: Dr. Insa Eschebach

1. Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Lautmann
University of Bremen
Sexuality and Enforcement – Representations of Male Sexuality

2. Dr. Brigitte Halbmayr
The Hamburg Institute for Social Research
Wartime Masculinity, Sexuality and Violence – On the Systematics of Sexual Violence and Forced Prostitution

Tuesday, 4th September 2007

Experience and Narration

10.00 am – 1.00 pm Lectures
Moderator: Dr. Christa Schikorra

Regina Mühlhäuser
Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Culture in Hamburg
The Conditions of Discourse. Narratives of Women who Survived Sexual Enslavement

Robert Sommer
Berlin / Florence
Why the Silence? Testimonies of Victims, Prisoners and SS-men on Sexual Slavery in Nazi Concentration Camps

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Study groups
1. Prof. Dr. Myung-Hae Kim
Chonnam National University, South Korea
Interviewing Korean Women who Experienced Sexual Enslavement by the Japanese Army (in English)

2. Duška Andrić Ružičić
Medica Zenica, Bosnia
Sexual Violence in Wartime Bosnia: Experiences of Women (in German)

3. Christa Paul
Hamburg
Narratives of Experiences of Sex Slave Workers in the Context of Politics of Compensation – Three Examples (in German)

4. Karin Heddinga, Ulrike Jensen
Neuengamme Camp Memorial
The Topic of Camp Brothels in the Educational Work of the Neuengamme Camp Memorial (in German)

5.30 pm Plenary assembly

Wednesday, 5th September 2007

Representation and Ways of Representing

9.30 am – 1.00 pm Lectures
Moderator: Johanna Koozt

PD Dr. Barbara Drinck
University of Leipzig
Sexual Violence and Sexual Slavery as Topoi of Politics of Memory

Dr. habil. Marcus Stigleger
University of Mainz
Sadiconazista - Creating Stereotypes of the Holocaust in Italian SS-Sexploitation Movies

Prof. Dr. Silke Wenk
University of Oldenburg
Figures of Hell, Or: Functions of the Obscene in Dealing with the Nazi Past

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Study groups
1. Mina Watanabe
Women’s Active Museum on War and Peace, Tokyo
The Inconsistent Dealing with Sexual Slavery by the Japanese Army (in English)

2. Dominique Hurth, Irina Novarese, Zala T.S. Unkmeir, Sabe Wunsch, Katja Jedermann
Project Group of the Institute of Art in Context, University of the Arts, Berlin
Verena Paetow
Ravensbrück Memorial
The Exhibition in Progress „Forced Sex Labour in Nazi Concentration Camps” – Workshop on Representation, Methods of Mediation and Press Review (in German)

5.30 pm Plenary assembly

Information and Registration
Conference Office:
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Participation Fee: 30€

Accommodation
We have made a reservation for rooms for participants of the summer university in the nearby Youth Hostel. The costs of accommodation there will be paid by the organizers (limited number).
For reservation call +49 (0) 33093-60590
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Conference Location
Ravensbrück Memorial
Mahn-und Gedenkstätte Ravensbrück
Strasse der Nationen
16798 Fürstenberg / Havel

How to get there
By train: a regional express train departs from Berlin Hauptbahnhof (main train station) to Fürstenberg / Havel every hour (direction: Stralsund / Rostock).
From the Fürstenberg train station, walk for 2 km or take a taxi.
By car: Fürstenberg is situated approximately 80 km north of Berlin on the B 96 Highway Berlin-Stralsund; in Fürstenberg please follow indications.