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Thursday 04 November, 5.30 pm

CEES Seminar Room, 8 Lilybank Gardens

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'A Community Under Siege: the Jews of Breslau (Wroclaw) under Nazism'

Tea and Coffee from 17.00

All Welcome

Professor Abraham Ascher

B.S.S., City College of New York, 1950

M.A. Columbia University, 1951

Ph.D. Columbia University, 1957

Major Publications:

Pavel Axelrod and the Development of Menshevism. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1972.

The Revolution of 1905: Russia in Disarray. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1988.

The Revolution of 1905: Authority Restored. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1992.

P. A. Stolypin: The Search for Stability in Late Imperial Russia. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2000.

Russia: A Short History. Oxford, UK: Oneworld Publications, 2002

The Revolution of 1905: A Short History.: Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2004.

A Community under Siege: The Jews of Breslau under Nazism. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2007.

(Translated into Polish and published by Via Nova, 2009.)

Articles in various scholarly journals.

Abstract

The lecture will focus on how the Jewish community of Breslau (now Wroclaw) – the third largest and one of the most affluent and accomplished in Germany -- coped with Nazi persecution. It will include references of my personal experiences and those of my immediate family, but the presentation will be based primarily on information in archival sources, the personal reminiscences of individuals living in the city during the 1930s, and on publications of the Jewish community.