



Call for Applications for Doctoral
and Post-Doctoral Fellowships

**70 Years of Holocaust
Compensation and Restitution**

On September 10, 1952, historical agreements were signed in Luxembourg between the government of Israel, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and the government of West Germany regarding the provision of reparations and compensations. To mark the event and within the framework of an international conference on the topic “70 Years of Holocaust Compensation and Restitution”, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will provide five fellowships of \$5,000 each to outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral scholars whose research deals with topics relating to the agreement and its various past and present implications, such as social, diplomatic, legal, and economic aspects. The conference will be organized jointly by the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center at Tel Aviv University, the Claims Conference, and Yad Vashem, in cooperation with a number of additional institutions, and will be held at Tel Aviv University on November 14–16, 2022.

Projects should involve approximately a one-year study, including presentation of a paper at the conference, and submission of an article in English based upon the research. In addition, Fellows will be invited to take part in a research group that will hold monthly online seminars organized by the Leo Baeck Institute, the Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights, and the Minerva Center for Human Rights as well as any related academic events on the topic.

The academic committee will be pleased to receive proposals concerning the Luxembourg Agreement as well as previous and subsequent campaigns for compensation and restitution of property related to the Holocaust and will review any proposal that directly or tangentially touches on the following fields:

- Early compensation claims before Luxembourg Agreements
- Issues relating to the Luxembourg Agreements
- The impact of the agreements on Israeli law, society and economy
- The impact of the compensation on Germany (including politics, society, Holocaust awareness etc.)
- The impact of the agreements on Jewish-German relations or Israel-German relations
- Legislations and litigation re indemnification in Germany, Israel, and the public and political criticism and debates over the years

- Evaluation of the compensation to individuals – how it affected the individuals (psychologically, economically, relationship with Germany, etc.); how the process worked, adjudication of claims
- The GDR and its position and actions regarding compensation for Holocaust survivors
- Negotiations between the German government and the Claims Conference during the last seven decades
- The negotiation with Austria regarding personal compensation or the restitution of Jewish property
- The claim for property and assets (including books, archives and art) throughout Europe
- Issues relating to agreements with industrial companies
- Restitution lawsuits brought against Swiss banks and German corporations and museums

The Academic Steering Committee will select a total of five doctoral and post-doctoral scholars to receive a \$5,000 fellowship funded by the Claims Conference, to be paid directly to the recipients in two installments: \$2,500 upon being selected and another \$2,500 upon submission to the Diaspora Research Center of the paper based upon their research. In the event that a volume of proceedings will be prepared after the conference, the committee will consider including these papers in the volume; otherwise, the recipients will be encouraged to publish their papers in other publications.

The selected scholars will be expected to physically attend the Conference to be held in November 2022 at Tel Aviv University (unless it will be held virtually). They will be invited to deliver a 20-minute lecture and present their research as well as to submit an article for inclusion in the proceedings volume. Transportation and accommodation will be covered in addition to the fellowship.

Doctoral students and post-doctoral candidates who have received their Ph.D. in the last five years and who have not yet entered a tenure-track position at a university are eligible to apply and are invited to submit proposals to the steering committee (see address below) by **November 30, 2021**.

