

November 14 – 16

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# 70 Years of Holocaust Compensation and Restitution

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Conference on Jewish Material Claims  
Against Germany

# Monday | November 14, 2022

10:00 – 11:00 Reception

11:00 – 12:30 Opening Session

## Chair and Opening Remarks:

### Roni Stauber

Director of the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center

### Greetings

#### Dani Dayan

Chairman of Yad Vashem

#### Greg Schneider

Executive Vice President of the Claims Conference

#### Steffen Seibert

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the State of Israel

#### Stuart Eizenstat

Former US Ambassador to the EU and US Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (Pre-recorded)

#### Milette Shamir

Vice President, International, Tel Aviv University

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:00 Keynote

### Constantin Goschler

Some Reflections on the Historiography of Holocaust Reparations and the Future of Reparations for Genocides

**Respondent: José Brunner**

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch Break

15:30 – 18:00 First Session:  
The Origins of the Luxembourg Agreement

**Chair: Dina Porat**

### Ronald Zweig

Nehemiah Robinson, the Institute for Jewish Affairs and the Origins of Reparations

### Gideon Reuveni

The September 27 German Declaration on the 'Judenfrage': A Misread Turning Point?

### Jacob Tovy

Post-Holocaust Reckoning: The Public-Political Campaign in Israel over the Issue of Reparations, 1951–1952

### Shlomi Chetrit

"Battlefield in Front of the Knesset":  
The Police and the Restitution Riots, January 7, 1952

18:00 – 18:30 Coffee Break

18:30 – 20:00 Screening of the film Reckonings

**Presented by the producer, Karen Heilig**

**Tuesday | November 15, 2022**

**10:00 – 12:30 Second Session:  
The Negotiation Process and Implementation of the  
Luxembourg Agreement**

**Chair: Michael Borchard**

**Kai Wambach**

German Theme Portal Wiedergutmachung – Impact, Challenges, Opportunities

**Lorena De Vita**

Negotiating the Luxembourg Agreements: On the Local, National and International Significance of the Talks in Wassenaar

**Daniel Siemens**

British Perspectives on the West-German-Israeli Negotiations and the Luxembourg Agreement, 1951–1955

**Irit Chen**

Between Material Baggage and Past Baggage: The Israeli Purchasing Mission to Cologne and Implementation of the Reparations Agreement

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 16:00 Third Session:  
Conflicts and Consequences in Israeli Society**

**Chair: Amb. Colette Avital**

**Tzachi Cohen**

Alterman's Poems Regarding the "Shilumim"

**David Witzthum**

The Paradigm Shift in Germany's Image in the Israeli Public Discourse following the Shilumim Agreement: From "Amalek" to a Friendly Partner in Less than a Decade, 1952–1960

**Yael Mishly**

Do Reparations Increase Intergenerational Mobility? Evidence from Israel's Holocaust Survivors

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 19:00 Fourth Session:  
The Consequences of Compensation for Individual Claimants**

**Chair: Leora Bilsky**

**Iris Nachum**

Complicated Encounters:  
Jewish Claimants and German Legal Categories

**Regula Ludi**

What Do Reparations Do to Claimants? Looking at Reparations from a Praxeological Viewpoint

**Joanna Sliwa**

Compensation Programs for Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors

**Gustavo Guzman**

On Nationality, Property, and Re-Migration:  
The Impact of German Reparations on the Jews of Chile, 1952–1977

# Wednesday | November 16, 2022

## 10:00 – 12:30 Fifth Session: The Struggle for Compensation and Restitution of Jewish Property (I)

**Chair: Rudiger Mahlo**

### **Kim Wünschmann**

The Luxembourg Agreement as a Comic: A Graphic History of Restitution and Compensation

### **Ingo Loose**

Equalization of Burdens versus Restitution: Postwar Battles between Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust and Former “Aryanizers” – Some Case Studies from Lower Silesia, 1936–1978

### **Rachel Blumenthal**

“The Austrians Got Away with Murder”: The Difference between Germany and Austria in Dealing with their Past

### **Shir Kochavi**

Art Restitution and National Responsibility: Israel’s Shifting Policy towards Nazi-looted Art

## 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00 – 16:00 Sixth Session: The Struggle for Compensation and Restitution of Jewish Property (II)

**Chair: Mark Weitzman**

### **Avi Weber**

Late Recognition of Holocaust Survivors from Behind the Iron Curtain: Legal History of German Compensation Legislation Changes Recognizing the Rights of Holocaust Survivors from the Eastern Bloc

### **Stefan Cristian Ionescu**

Courts Reversing Robbery: Implementing the Reversal of Romanianization of Jewish Property, 1944–1950

### **Ana Ciric Pavlovic**

Delayed Restitution of Jewish Property in Bosnia and Hercegovina: Challenges and Perspectives

## 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

## 16:30 – 19:00 Seventh Session: Subsequent Developments of the Luxembourg Agreement and Recent Campaigns

**Chair: Dan Michman**

### **Wesley Fisher**

From the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization to the 2018 Jerusalem Declaration: The Handling of Looted Cultural Property by the Claims Conference

### **Ovidiu Creanga**

From Protocol II to Germany's “Last Gesture”: Legal Precedent, Uncompensated Shoah Survivors, and the Creation of the Hardship Fund (1980)

### **Meir Bnaya**

Holocaust Compensations for North African and Middle Eastern Jews?

### **Blandine Landau**

Local Context and Long-term Echoes of the Luxembourg Agreement of 1952 in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

## 19:00 – 19:30 Concluding Remarks

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Photo: The signing of the Reparations Agreement between the German Federal Republic, the State of Israel, and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Benjamin Ferencz

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