

UCSD public lectures on the Holocaust to continue through June 5

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Fifty years ago, millions of Jews were brutally murdered in the Holocaust of World War II. To commemorate the lives touched by this tragic fate, the University of California, San Diego is hosting a free, weekly public lecture series through June 5 on "Racism, Genocide, and the Holocaust."

The first three lectures in the series, which began on April 3, provided insight into the psychological dynamics of the Holocaust. The middle four lectures will discuss the potential causes of genocide, as well as provide examples of genocide in the modern world and ways of preventing genocide in the future. All lectures will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on UCSD's Muir Campus.

On Wednesday, April 24, UCLA Professor Leo Kuper will present numerous examples of genocide in the modern world, and discuss how to prevent this massive annihilation of populations from occurring in the future. In his lecture, titled, "Genocide in the Twentieth Century and Its Prevention," he will share the research he completed for his critically acclaimed books "Genocide" and "The Prevention of Genocide."

Kuper is chairman of the UCLA Committee on Genocide and its Prevention and a vice-president of the off-campus organization, International Alert Against Genocide.

On Wednesday, May 1, UCLA Professor Richard Hovannisian will recapture the Armenian genocide in a lecture titled, "The Armenian Genocide: Denial and Remembrance." Hovannisian, a professor of Armenian and near eastern history for UCLA, has authored numerous books on the Armenian genocide, including "Armenia on the Road to Independence," "The Republic of Armenia," and "The Armenian Holocaust."

Hovannisian also serves on the board of several scholarly organizations, including the Facing History and Ourselves Foundation, the International Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide, and International Alert Against Genocide.

On Wednesday, May 8, Professor Christopher Browning from Pacific Lutheran University will discuss some of the causes of the Holocaust. His lecture, titled, "Perpetrators of the Holocaust: Desk-Murderers and Shooters" will focus on the people who contributed to the Holocaust crimes, both the decision makers and those who carried out the atrocities.

Among his other accomplishments, Browning has authored several books and articles on the Holocaust instigated by Nazi Germany, including "The Final Solution and the German Foreign Office" and "Bureaucracy and Mass Murder: The German Administrator's Comprehension of the Final Solution."

On Wednesday, May 15, Professor Peter Hays from Northwestern University will discuss corporate involvement in the Holocaust in a lecture titled, "Profits and Persecution." After co-editing the book "Imperial Germany, Hays wrote "Industry and Ideology: IG Farben in the Nazi Era," a book which focuses on the largest

corporation in Germany between 1925 and 1945 and its supportive role in the Holocaust. Hays is currently researching German big business and the dispossession of the German Jews.

The lecture series is being held in conjunction with an internationally acclaimed exhibit from the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945," which will open at UCSD on May 7. The lecture series is sponsored by the UCSD Division of Social Sciences and the UCSD Division of Humanities. Series coordinator is UCSD Sociology Professor Gershon Shafir, whose father was a friend of Anne Frank's father Otto. The exhibition is being sponsored by the Anne Frank Foundation of the Netherlands and the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center.

School teachers can earn two units of credit through UCSD Extension by attending all 10 lectures in the series, paying a \$25 fee, and writing a paper about how they would use what they learned from the lectures and the exhibition in their classes.

Parking permits are required for evening events at UCSD. They can be purchased for \$1 at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus. For further information, contact Gail Phillips at 534-0706.

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