

CONFERENCE • 16 — 17 MAY • IN ENGLISH

JUDGMENT IN EXTREMIS

INSPIRED BY THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
HANNAH ARENDT'S

Hannah Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, based on a series of articles for *The New Yorker*, was published in 1963. An account of the trial and execution of Adolf Eichmann, one of the main organisers of the Holocaust, the essay provoked enormous controversy. Objections were made to Arendt's diagnosis of the "banality of evil" and to her view of the structures of complicity that facilitated the perpetration of the Nazi genocide. This conference considers the legacy of Arendt's analysis. Do her conclusions hold? What are the resonances of her claims today for a philosophical and legal confrontation with extreme instances of human destructiveness and wrongdoing?

EICHMANN IN JERUSALEM

A REPORT ON THE BANALITY OF EVIL

WITH:

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PROGRAM:

16 MAY

19:30

OPENING KEYNOTE PANEL

WHAT DOES ARENDT'S JUDGMENT OF EICHMANN MEAN FOR US TODAY?

JAY BERNSTEIN, ROGER BERKOWITZ, CATHERINE TOAL

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10:00 - 12:00

SESSION I

THE BANALITY OF EVIL IS EVIL BANAL?

BARBARA HAHN, DAVID KISHIK, WOLFGANG HEUER

12:30 - 14:00

BREAK

14:00 - 15:30

SESSION II

HUMAN RIGHTS, INHUMAN CRIMES HOW SHOULD WE TODAY RESPOND TO INHUMAN CRIMES?

ANDREAS NACHAMA, GERD HANKEL, STEVEN MASLOW

15:30 - 16:00

BREAK

16:00 - 17:30

SESSION III

PROCESSING THE PAST: ARENDT'S LESSONS FOR HISTORICAL RECKONING. HOW OUGHT WE TODAY TO JUDGE ARENDT'S FACTUAL REPORT OF THE EICHMANN TRIAL?

SEYLA BENHABIB, ANNETTE WEINKE, THOMAS WILD

18:00

CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE

EICHMANN IN JERUSALEM: ARENDT'S REPERFORMANCE OF THE TRIAL

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