



Germany, Cologne, 1937. A big crowd of Germans participating in a Nazi Party rally. Source: USHMM. Photo: Julien Btyan

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON THE BYSTANDER

Venue: The department of Education at Uppsala University, Seminariegatan 1, Uppsala.

Time: 17-18 Oct 2008

Friday, October 17

9.15 Eskil Franck, head of the Living History Forum, welcomes all participants to the conference.

9.30 Christina Gamstorp, Project manager at the Living History Forum, talks about the project "Spelar Roll" ("Does it matter?").

9.50 Henrik Edgren, research coordinator of the project "Spelar Roll", talks about aims and results so far in the research work of "Spelar Roll".

10.10 Coffee break

Theme 1: The definition and use of the concept "bystander". How is it related to the concept "onlooker"?

10.30 Theme introduction

10.35 Victoria Barnett, Director at Church Relations, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum lectures on the bystander concept in relation to her research about bystanders during the Holocaust.

11.20 Questions and discussion

11.35 Paul A. Levine, Senior Lecturer in Holocaust History at Uppsala University and the Uppsala Programme for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, lectures about the "bystander" and "onlooker" concepts in relation to his research about Swedish policy during world war II.

12.20 Questions and discussion

12.35 Lunch

13.35 Johannes Houwink ten Cate professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Amsterdam lectures about how legal texts from international tribunals can be helpful for historians when discussing and defining the bystander concept.

14.20 Questions and discussion

14.35 Thomas Brudholm, Ph D and project researcher at the Department of Holocaust and Genocide studies in Copenhagen, lectures on "A philosophical perspective on historians' responses to discourses on the `bystanders'"

15.20 Questions and discussion

15.35 Coffee break

Theme 2: Different explanatory models of bystander behaviour, for example norm shifting processes.

16.00 Theme introduction

16.05 Lars Dencik, professor in Psychology at Roskilde University, lectures on why people become bystanders.

16.50 Questions and discussion

17.05 Paul Slovic, professor at University of Oregon, lectures on "If I look at the mass I will never act" – Psychic numbing and genocide.

17.50 Questions and discussion

18.05 End of conference, day one

Saturday, October 18

Theme 3: Methodological aspects of studying the bystander. How do we tell the story of passivity or inaction? How can researchers discover and interpret silence in different historical and present day contexts?

9.15 Theme introduction

9.20 David Gaunt, professor from Södertörn University College, lectures on "What about bystanders in the genocide on the Armenians during the 1910s?"

10.05 Questions and discussion

10.20 Coffee break

10.50 Dienke Hondius, associate professor of history at VU University in Amsterdam, lectures on her research about Dutch bystanders and eyewitnesses of the Shoah in the Netherlands.

11.35 Questions and discussion

11.50 Karin Kvist Geverts, scholar at Uppsala University and the Uppsala Programme for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, lectures on using the bystander concept when studying the Swedish policy concerning Jewish refugees in Sweden during the second world war.

12.35 Questions and discussion

12.50 Lunch

Theme 4: Pedagogical/didactical issues. How do we approach the bystander issue for an educational perspective?

13.50 Theme introduction

13.55 Dr Mark Levine, from the Psychology Department at Lancaster University lectures from a social psychological perspective on how we can promote intervention by bystanders.

14.40 Questions and discussion

14.55 Coffe break

15.10 Magnus Hermansson Adler, Senior Lecturer and Teacher Trainer at the University of Gothenburg lectures on teaching methods about the bystander perspective.

16.10 Questions and discussion

16.25 Panel discussion

17.25 End of conference