

Call for Applications

Leo Baeck Summer University (LBSU) 2020

Survival

Biographies – Spaces – Narratives

July 06–17, 2020, Berlin

Organized by

Selma Stern Zentrum für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg

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Deadline for applications: March 15, 2020

More than 90 years ago, the renowned historian Salo W. Baron critiqued that the "lachrymose conception of Jewish history" is a narrowing of Jewish history, as it limits the history of Jews between coexistence and exclusion to negative experiences alone. Nevertheless, it is undeniable that questions of survival concern not only individual fates, but also the existence of an entire collective. This history encompasses testimonies and memories of events, their presence in literature and religious practice, strategies of survival, and new beginnings.

The interdisciplinary Leo Baeck Summer University aims at doctoral students from all disciplines who deal with aspects of "survival" in their dissertations. The program will focus on applying theoretical approaches and research to the fields of Jewish history, literature, culture, and religion. This two-week workshop includes guest lectures, seminar-style discussions, as well as excursions in Berlin, and students are required to present and discuss their own research projects; guest lecturers with expertise in the field will provide feedback. The final program will be developed in accordance with the participants' research topics. The summer school will be conducted in English.

The Leo Baeck Summer University aims to lay the foundation for an international network of doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers in the interdisciplinary field of Jewish studies.

Team:

Academic directors are Prof. Stefanie Schüler-Springorum and Prof. Rainer Kampling. They will be supported by an international team of experts in German-Jewish history, philosophy, literature, culture, and religion.

Executive Manager: Adina Stern

Application requirements:

The program is open to doctoral students, postdocs, and in exceptional cases masters program students shortly before completion of their degree.

Application documents:

Please send your application documents as a pdf-file to info@lbsu.de by **March 15, 2020**.

Incomplete applications will not be considered:

- Completed application form: www.selma-stern-zentrum.de/projekte/lbsu
- Copy of passport / identity card
- Brief description of project proposal (max. 2 pages) – please provide a maximum of ten book titles in your bibliography
- Academic résumé (maximum 2 pages, including publications list)
- Letter of recommendation by a university instructor (should be sent separately as a pdf-file to info@lbsu.de by **March 15, 2020**)

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Participation fee:

300.00 euros

Upon request, funds may be made available to contribute partly to travel costs.

Schedule:

Application deadline: March 15, 2020

Decisions will be announced by April 15, 2020

Submission of a discussion paper: June 01, 2020

Summer school dates: July 06–17, 2020

In cooperation with:

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