

**International Conference
University of Toruń, Poland
28 - 30 May 2014**

***“Himmler’s Supranational Militia:
Indigenous Participation in SS- and Police Units
during the Second World War”***



The existing literature on non-German volunteers in the Waffen-SS and police formations in occupied Europe is highly uneven, both in terms of quality and geographical coverage. While non-German soldiers fighting alongside the Wehrmacht have received some scholarly attention, even the more academically sound publications on the Waffen-SS of recent years have tended to prioritize a national or German-centric perspective over transnational, cultural history approaches.

Our international conference, co-organized by the University of Toruń, the University of Jena and the Centre for War Studies at University College Dublin, is generously supported by the Fritzy-Thyssen-Foundation. With contributors from virtually all countries affected by collaboration, the conference will seek to address some of the gaps in the existing scholarly literature. Held in three languages (English, German, Polish, with simultaneous translations) the event will take place in Toruń from 28 to 30 May 2014.

For any questions about the event, please contact the Project Coordinator: Dr. Jacek Andrzej Młynarczyk, Toruń University (mlynarczyk@umk.pl).

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 28 May

06:00 p.m.

EVENING LECTURE

Christopher Hale (London / Singapore)

Reception

Thursday, 29 May

09:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION – THE EUROPEANIZATION OF THE SS

Robert Gerwarth (Dublin) / Jochen Boehler (Jena)

10:00 a.m.

THE SS LEADERSHIP (THE VIEW FROM THE CENTRE /BERLIN)

Martin Gutmann (Lucerne) / Peter Black (Washington)

11:00 a.m.

“GERMANIC“ VOLUNTEERS IN NORTHERN EUROPE (NORWAY, DENMARK, SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, FLANDERS)

Peter Scharff Smith (Copenhagen) / Claus Bundgård Christensen (Copenhagen) / Niels Bo Poulsen (Copenhagen)

12:30: Lunch Break

2:00 p.m.

"ROMANIC" VOLUNTEERS

(FRANCE, ITALY, ALSATIA, MOSELLE, LUXEMBOURG, FRANCOPHONE BELGIUM)

Paul Dostert (Luxembourg) / Jean-Luc Leleu (Caen) / Carlo Gentile (Cologne)

3:30 p.m.: Coffee Break

4:00 p.m.

BALTIC VOLUNTEERS (FINNLAND, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA)

Matthew Kott (Uppsala) / Ülle Kraft (Talinn) / Arunas Bubnys (Vilnius)

5:30 p.m.

SLAVIC VOLUNTEERS (POLAND, UKRAINE, WHITE RUSSIA)

Jacek Mlynarczyk, (Toruń) / Leonid Rein (Jerusalem) / Oleg Romanko (Simferopol) / Andrij Bolianovskii (Kiev)

Thursday, 29 May, 7:30 p.m.: Close of Day 1

PROGRAMME

Friday, 30 May

9:00 a.m.

“GERMANIC” VOLUNTEERS IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (HUNGARY, RUMANIA, SLOVENIA)

Thomas Cassagrande (Frankfurt am Main) / Ottmar Trașcă (Cluj-Napoca)

10:30 a.m.

MUSLIM VOLUNTEERS (BOSNIA, CROATIA, ALBANIA)

Franziska Zaugg (Bern) / Alexander Korb (Leicester) / Stefan Petke (Berlin) / Xavier Bougarel (Berlin)

12:00: Coffee Break

12:30 p.m.

GREEK VOLUNTEERS

Georgos Antoniou (Thessaloniki) / Stratos Dordanas (Thessaloniki)

1:30 p.m.: Lunch Break

3:00 p.m.

POSTWAR: PROSECUTIONS AND ‘CAREERS’ AFTER 1945

Mats Deland (Uppsala) / Gerald Steinacher (Lincoln NE) / Sabina Ferhadbegovic (Jena) / Immo Rebitschek (Jena)

5:00 p.m.: CONCLUDING REMARKS

6:00 p.m.: Close of Conference