

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## In Defence of Learning: The Past and the Present

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2008

6.00pm: Key Note Lecture: – ‘Nazi Persecution – Britain’s Gift.’ Dr Ralph Kohn

7.00pm: Evening Reception

The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG

### THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008

9.30am – 6.00pm: Conference Day 1

The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH

*Day 1 will focus on the Academic Assistance Council (AAC) and Society for the Protection of Science and Learning’s (SPSL) early work, 1933-45.*

<b>9.30am</b>	Registration, coffee and welcome: Sir John Ashworth
<b>9.45-11.00am</b>	<b>SESSION 1: <u>The Early Years: The Academic Assistance Council</u></b> <b>Chair: Professor Paul Broda</b>
<b>9.45-10.05am</b>	Professor David Zimmerman: <i>‘Lord Beveridge and the Rescue of Refugee Academics from Europe, 1933-1937.’</i>
<b>10.05-10.20am</b>	William Lanouette: <i>‘A Narrow Margin of Hope: Leo Szilard.’</i>
<b>10.20-10.30</b>	Professor Gabor Pallo: <i>‘The Hungarian Scientists’ experience in Britain.’</i>
<b>10.30-11.00am</b>	<i>Open discussion</i>

<b>11.00-11.20am</b>	Coffee Break
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<b>11.20 -1.00pm</b>	<b>SESSION II: <u>The Royal Society, Science &amp; Mathematics</u></b> <b>Chair: Mr Stephen Cox</b>
<b>11.20-11.35</b>	Professor Gustav Born:  <i>'Refugee Scientists in a new environment.'</i>
<b>11.35 - 11.50</b>	Professor Paul Weindling:  <i>'The Royal Society and Refugee Scientists: the Role of A.V. Hill.'</i>
<b>11.50-12.05</b>	Georgina Ferry  <i>'Max Perutz'</i>
<b>12.05-12.20</b>	Professor Reinhard Siegmund Schultze:  <i>'Mathematicians fleeing to the U.K from Hitler's Germany.'</i>
<b>12.20-1.00pm</b>	<i>Open discussion</i>

<b>1.00-2.00pm</b>	Lunch
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<b>2.00 – 3.45pm</b>  (parallel session)	<b>SESSION III: a</b>  <b><u>The British Academy, Humanities and Social Sciences</u></b>  <b>Chair: Mr Peter Brown</b>	<b>SESSION III: b</b>  <b><u>The British Academy, Humanities and Social Sciences</u></b>  <b>Dr Robin Jackson to welcome</b>  <b>Chair: Mrs Anne Lonsdale</b>
<b>2.00-2.20pm</b>	Professor David Simon:  <i>'To and Through the UK: Holocaust refugee ethnographies of escape, education, internment and careers in development.'</i>	Dr Antoon De Baets:  <i>'Plutarch's thesis: The Contribution of refugee historians in the twentieth century.'</i>

<b>2.20-2.40pm</b>	Dr Christian Fleck: <i>'Austrian Social Scientists'</i>	Dr Oswyn Murray: <i>'Arnaldo Momigliano on Peace and Liberty in the Ancient World.'</i>
<b>2.40- 3.00pm</b>	Professor Stina Lyon: <i>'Karl Mannheim and Viola Klein: Refugee Sociologists in Search of Social Democratic Practice.'</i>	Professor David Josephson: <i>'The Society's rescue of Musicians from Nazi Europe.'</i>
<b>3.00-3.45pm</b>	<i>Open Discussion</i>	

<b>3.45 – 4.15pm</b>	Tea Break
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<b>4.15-5.30pm</b> <b>(parallel session)</b>	<b>SESSION IV: a</b> <b><u>The Early Years: Other Rescue Efforts</u></b> <b>Chair: Prof Alan McCarthy</b>	<b>SESSION IV: b</b> <b><u>The Early Years: Other Rescue Efforts</u></b> <b>Chair: Prof Shula Marks</b>
<b>4.15-4.35pm</b>	Dr Henry Jarecki: <i>'Scholar Rescue Methodology. A Practical Man's Guide.'</i>	Dr Gerald Kreft: <i>'...dedicated to represent the true spirit of the German nation in the world. Philip Schwartz – Founder of the Notgemeinschaft.'</i>
<b>4.35-4.55pm</b>	Professor Tibor Frank: <i>'Rescue Organizations in Europe and the United States, 1933-1945'</i>	Dr Susan Cohen: <i>'Academic Refugee Women and the work of the Refugee Committee of the British Federation of University Women during the Nazi era.'</i>
<b>4.55 - 5.30pm</b>	<i>Open discussion</i>	<i>Open discussion</i>

<b>5.30 – 6.30pm</b>	Tea/Drinks
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<b>6.30 -7.30pm</b>	<p><b><u>A ‘conversazione’ with threatened academics.</u></b></p> <p><i>4 threatened academics from Iraq, Sudan, Libya and Algeria will discuss and provide illustrations of the right to free enquiry and academic freedom in their home countries.</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Jacqueline Bhabha, Jeremiah Smith Junior Lecturer, Harvard Law School and Director, University Committee on Human Rights Studies</p> <p><b>Panel Expert:</b> Professor Stephen Ball FBA AcSS, Karl Mannheim Professor in the Sociology of Education</p> <p>at The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH</p>
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**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

9.30am – 6.00pm: Conference Day

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*Day 2 will explore the post war years and related contemporary issues and emerging lessons.*

<b>9.45am</b>	Coffee and welcome: Professor John Akker	
<b>10.00-11.20am</b> (parallel session)	<p><b>SESSION V: a</b></p> <p><b><u>1940s-1980s</u></b></p> <p><b>Chair: Mr Robert Molteno</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION V: b</b></p> <p><b><u>1940s-1980s</u></b></p> <p><b>Chair: Professor Margot Light</b></p>
<b>10.00-10.20am</b>	<p>Alan Phillips:</p> <p><i>‘Refugee Academics from Latin America.’</i></p>	<p>Antonin Kostlan and Prof. Sona Strbanova</p> <p><i>‘Czech Scholars in Exile, 1948-1989.’</i></p>
<b>10.20-10.40am</b>	<p>Professor Shula Marks:</p> <p><i>‘Breaking the rules”. South African refugees, 1960s – 1980s.’</i></p>	<p>Marina Sorokina:</p> <p><i>‘Russian Academy of Sciences’</i></p>
<b>10.40-11.20am</b>	<i>Open discussion</i>	<i>Open discussion</i>

<b>11.20-11.40am</b>	Coffee
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<b>11.40-1.30pm</b>	<b>SESSION VI: <u>Refugee academics: Past and Present</u></b> <b>Chair: Professor Michael Yudkin</b>
<b>11.40-11.55am</b>	Anna von Villiez: <i>'The German Physician.'</i>
<b>11.55-12.10pm</b>	Professor Lewis Elton: <i>'Eva and Esther.'</i>
<b>12.10-12.25pm</b>	Henry Kum and Dr. Geri Smyth <i>'Refugees into teaching in Scotland: Understanding the challenges facing refugee teaching professionals.'</i>
<b>12.25-12.40pm</b>	Professor Peter Smith: <i>'Supporting refugees into further and higher education. A practical case study.'</i>
<b>12.40-1.30pm</b>	<i>Open Discussion</i>

<b>1.30-2.30pm</b>	Lunch
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<b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	<b>SESSION VIII: <u>Current and Future Activities: The Way Forward</u></b> <b>Chair: Sir John Ashworth</b>
<b>2.30-2.45pm</b>	Robert Quinn <i>'Lessons from a 75th Birthday: Strategies for Global Higher Education Wellness.'</i>
<b>2.45-3.00pm</b>	Dr Henry Jarecki <i>'Scholar Rescue: What we found.'</i>

<b>3.00-3.15pm</b>	Kees Bleichrodt <i>'The Dutch UAF model'</i>
<b>3.15-3.30pm</b>	Professor Anatoli Mikhailov <i>'The European Humanities University.'</i>

<b>3.30-4.00pm</b>	Tea break
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<b>4.00-4.15pm</b>	Terri Kim <i>'Transnational academic mobility in a global knowledge economy.'</i>
<b>4.15-4.30pm</b>	Professor John Akker <i>'The way forward.'</i>

<b>4.30-5.30pm</b>	<b>Conclusions and Summing Up</b> Sir John Ashworth
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