

“VWI goes to Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies”

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SHOAH, WARFARE AND OCCUPATION 1938-1945



Historians have long examined the complex, close relationship between the Holocaust and the German war effort. Using Lithuania as a case study, Dieckmann takes a new look at this relationship that includes German occupation policy. In doing this, Dieckmann provides a more plausible explanation of the development of Germany's murderous policies in Lithuania. Entangling warfare, occupation policy and the Shoah and integrating central as well as local perspectives Dieckmann's conceptual approach might possibly be applied to other countries and regions. In his lecture, Dieckmann will focus on German warfare during the year 1941, emphasizing the close relationship between alleged German military needs and German occupation policy in the occupied Soviet North. Working with previously underexamined German sources, he shows how the internal logic of German policy in 1941 resulted in mass crimes. Dieckmann plans to use his tenure as a Senior Scholar at VWI to extend his

analysis of the Holocaust in Lithuanian through the integration of relevant testimonies from the Fortunoff Video Archive.

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Dr. Christoph Dieckmann is currently Fortunoff VWI Senior Fellow and teaches at the University of Haifa in the Weiss-Livnat International Program of Holocaust Studies. His study 'German Occupation Policy in Lithuania 1941-1944' was awarded the Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research in 2012. The English translation of this will be revised as part of the fellowship. He co-edited *Der Dienstkalender Heinrich Himmler 1941/42* (1999).

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