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A Cleveringa Lecture by Sarah Cramsey

The Other Holocaust: Care, Children and the Jewish Catastrophe

We continue to know very little about how the Holocaust happened to a majority of victims and survivors: babies, toddlers, children designated as Jews by Nazi law and those who cared for them during this extraordinary event. This absence of care and inattention to the “invisible work” of caretaking in existing Holocaust histories is surprising, exceptional and intellectually dangerous. Strikingly, the absence of very young children and their caretakers from the stories we write about the Jewish tragedy warps our most basic understanding of the genocidal crimes that unfolded during the 1930s and 1940s, our consequent memories of this genocide and the longer history of early child-rearing across the Jewish experience. This talk draws from Sarah Cramsey’s new book, *The Other Holocaust: Care, Children and the Jewish Catastrophe*. *The Other Holocaust* reconfigures what we think we know about the Jewish catastrophe and the seemingly-timeless but always-contingent process of nurturing the youngest in our collective midsts across historical time.



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Date: 2 December 2024
Time: 15:30 – 17:30
Location: Residence of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Vienna (Jacquingasse 8-10, 1030)

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Programme

15:30	Welcome
15:45	Opening remarks by host H.E. Ambassador Peter Potman, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Austria
15:50	Student speech on the meaning of the Cleveringa Lecture (tbc)
15:55	Introduction by the Austrian and Central European Center Vienna Mr. Christoph Ramoser, Head of the Department for International Academic Mobility, Ministry of Education, Science and Research
16:00	Lecture Sarah Cramsey
17:00	Closing remarks & networking reception