

# Changing Perspectives on Resistance during the Second World War

18, 19 and 20 September 2024

University of Antwerp, Centre for Political History

## Wednesday | 18 September 2024

Klooster Grauwzusters | Promotiezaal | Lange Sint-Annastraat 7 | Antwerp

14:00 Registration

14:30 **Welcome and introduction: Prof. Marnix Beyen** | University of Antwerp

14:45 **Keynote lecture: Prof. Claire Andrieu** | Sciences Po | *The Resistance phenomenon between history and historiography*

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 **PANEL 1: The impact of prewar identities and experiences on resistance**

**Chair: Prof. Marnix Beyen** | University of Antwerp

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- **Chiara Bonfiglioli** | Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Vida Tomšič and the resistance in Slovenia: biographical and intersectional approaches
- **Guy Bud** | CEGESOMA  
“The Congo was our hope”: Colonial identities and resistance networks in German-occupied Belgium
- **Vincenzo Colaprice** | Roma Tre University  
Fighting far from home: Resistance as a voluntary or forced choice?
- **Saša Vejzagić** | Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts  
Rebuilding and Enduring in the Lion’s Den: The second phase of Peoples’ Liberation Movement in the Occupied Zagreb (1942-1943)

17:30 Reception | until 19:00

## Thursday | 19 September 2024

Klooster Grauwzusters | Chapel | Lange Sint-Annastraat 7 | Antwerp

- 9:00 Welcome with coffee
- 9:30 **Keynote lecture: Prof. Ismee Tames** | NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Utrecht University | *World War II resistance from a transnational perspective*
- 10:30 **PANEL 2: Female resistance**  
**Chair: Prof. Nel de Mûelenaere** | Vrije Universiteit Brussel
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- **Christina Chatzitheodorou** | University of Glasgow  
Resistance & Contested Memories: The Resistance of all-female group Spitha in Occupied Athens (1941-1944) and the Post-War Oblivion
  - **Michèle Corthals** | University of Antwerp  
Female resistance through clandestine aid: the Antwerp branch of Solidarity (1941-1944)
  - **Martina Gugglberger** | Johannes Kepler University Linz | and  
**Alexandra Wachter** | University of Vienna  
"Late Recognition" - Regional Commemoration of Women in Resistance against the Nazi Regime
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **Keynote lecture: Prof. Em. Paula Schwartz** | Middlebury College, Vermont, US  
*Occupying the Occupiers: Women versus the Wehrmacht*
- 14:00 Coffee break
- 14:15 **PANEL 3: Jewish resistance**  
**Chair: Prof. Em. Bruno De Wever** | Ghent University
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- **Lilly Maier** | Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich  
Rescue as Resistance – Jewish Female Rescuers in France
  - **Markus Roth** | Fritz Bauer Institut Frankfurt  
Forms and frameworks of Jewish resistance in German occupied Europe in a comparative perspective
  - **Dorien Styven** | Kazerne Dossin | and  
**Janiv Stamberger** | Institute for Jewish Studies | University of Antwerp  
Jewish resistance in Belgium: new perspectives and shifting paradigms
- 16:30 Guided visit to MAS museum: exhibition "City at War – Antwerp 1940-1944"
- 19:00 Conference dinner

## Friday | 20 September 2024

Brantijser Building | Room S.KS203 | Sint-Jacobsmarkt 13 | Antwerp

9:00 Welcome with coffee

9:30 **Keynote lecture: Prof. Emmanuel Debruyne** | UCLouvain  
*Resistance during the First and Second World War in a comparative perspective*

### 10:30 **PANEL 4: Expanding the notion of resistance**

**Chair: Dr. Nico Wouters** | State Archives of Belgium

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- **Rebekah Hodge** | University College London  
Food as Resistance in French North Africa, 1940-1944
- **Diego Marinozzi** | Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt  
Resistance or Eigen-Sinn? The Monks of the Abbey Val Dieu and the NS Regime (1940-1943)
- **Prof. Guillaume Piketty** | Sciences Po, Paris  
Resistance at the heart of the concentration camps system: what drawings tell us, or not
- **Rade Ristanovic** | Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade  
Invisible Soldiers: Residents of Belgrade and Resistance during World War II

12:00 Lunch

13:00 **Keynote lecture: Dr. Jelena Batinic** | Stanford University  
*Resistance, Gender, and Class: The Yugoslav Partisans in a Comparative Perspective*

### 14:00 **PANEL 5: Resistance at the dawn of postwar society**

**Chair: Prof. Koen Aerts** | Ghent University

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- **Marina Alia Jurišić** | University of Zagreb  
Contribution of Dalmatian Partisans in Liberation of Lika
- **Florent Verfaillie** | War Heritage Institute  
A Trustworthy Auxiliary? The Belgian Resistance and the internment of collaborators at the Liberation (1944)
- **Babette Weyns** | Ghent University  
"I truly have not forgotten the difficult occupation years". Resistance members in the aftermath of their experience - a case study of the Belgian 'White Brigade'

15:30 Coffee break

### 15:45 **Roundtable**

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16:45 **Closing lecture by Prof. Marnix Beyen** | University of Antwerp

17:30 Closing reception | until 19:00