

Lecture/Workshop Summary

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The victims of the Nazi "Final Solution" were equally men, women, and children. But gender played a key role in the ideology and practices of National Socialism and its genocidal politics. This presentation will focus on gendered experiences of Jewish women in Nazi-occupied Central-Eastern Europe in general, and in Ukraine, in particular. It will analyze how the identity of Jewish women, their gender, "racist sexism" of National Socialism, and genocidal settings determined their vulnerabilities, daily life practices, and survival strategies during the Shoah. Also, this presentation will explore how gender shaped the different roles of local women during the extreme violence in the Nazi East, including the roles of victims, perpetrators, bystanders, and saviors.