

LECTURE/WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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New interpretations about the Auschwitz album

Between May and August 1944, two SS photographers commissioned by Rudolf Höss created a photo album to document the murder of Hungarian Jews. In almost 200 photos, they show how the SS successfully organised the mass murder. The photos in the "Lili Jacob's Album", which is sometimes also called the "Auschwitz Album", that we acquired nearly by accident, became iconic decades ago. Nevertheless, the narration delivered by the SS through this album and the photographs themselves represent, to a great extent, staging that needs to be re-examined in order to understand what photos actually show, and what is missing from these photographs.