

The Uses of Testimony
Birmingham-Nottingham Workshop
Monday, 23 June 2013
Venue: University of Nottingham, TRENT BUILDING LG 6

Programme

09.00 – 9.15 Arrival, Coffee, Welcome

9.15 – 9.30 Aims of the Day (Roger Woods, Franziska Meyer)

9.30 – 10.30 Panel 1

Bill Dodd (Modern Languages, UoB):

“I will bear witness, to the bitter end”. Observations on different modes of ‘bearing witness’ during and after the Nazi regime

Roger Woods (German Studies, UoN):

Post-1945 German Life Writing as Testimony

Isabel Wollaston (Theology and Religion, UoB):

“Screaming truth to the world” or hidden in plain sight? Celebration, marginalization and mythologization in contemporary usage of testimonies of the Auschwitz Sonderkommando

10.30 – 10.45 Tea

10.45 – 11.45 Panel 2

Maiken Umbach (History, UoN):

Historical Photography: Testimony, Ego-Document, or Evidence? A Historian's Perspective

Sara Jones (Modern Languages/Political Science, UoB):

“Approaching Witnessing from the Wrong End”: Memory, Testimony and Mediation

Ute Hirsekorn (German Studies, UoN):

GDR political elite and their post-Wende public engagement as testimony

12.00 – 12.45 Panel 3

Vanessa Pupavac (Politics and IR, UoN):

Testimony in Shakespearean Tragedy and its critical insights for contemporary international politics and concepts of global justice

John Curtis (Shakespeare Institute, UoB):
Citing Shakespeare in judicial contexts

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch at the Orchard Hotel

14.30 – 15.30 Panel 4

John Jackson (Law, UoN):
The peculiar demands of legal testimony

Christian Karner/David Parker (Sociology & Social Policy, UoN):
Twitter as Testimony: Reflections on the Alum Rock Road

Nigel Hunt (Division of Psychiatry and Applied Psychology, Medicine, UoN):
Use of Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) to deal with traumatic stress

15.30 – 16.15 Panel 5

Stephanie Lewthwaite (American and Canadian Studies, UoN):
Latino and Latina art as testimony

Sofia Mason (Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, UoN):
Memory and Latin American Testimonies Written by Women

16.15 -16.30 Coffee

16.30 – 17.30 Plenary discussion: identifying areas of common interest and of potential for collaborative research applications

17.30 Conclusion of Workshop