



Call for Papers

**70 Years of Holocaust
Compensation and Restitution**

International Conference, Tel Aviv University,
November 14-16, 2022

On September 10, 1952, historical agreements were signed in Luxembourg between the government of Israel, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and the government of West Germany regarding the provision of reparations and compensations. Both the government of Israel and the Claims Conference emphasized that the agreements were meant to provide compensation for material claims alone, and not for the murder of six million Jews for which no compensation was possible. The agreement signed by the government of Israel established that West Germany would pay Israel the sum of three billion marks (~\$715,000,000) over the course of 12–14 years, mostly in the form of various goods and means of production. The agreement signed by the Claims Conference included two protocols: one concerned Germany's promise to enact legislation that would directly compensate the victims of persecution, and the second concerned Germany's agreement to transfer 450,000,000 marks (~\$110,000,000) to provide assistance and rehabilitation to Nazi victims around the world. The agreements have had a considerable impact on Israel's economy and society. At the same time, it has been a cornerstone in prolonged campaigns for compensations and restitutions in which the Claims Conference has played a crucial role.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Luxembourg Agreement, the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center at Tel Aviv University, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and Yad Vashem are organizing an international conference to be held at Tel Aviv University on November 14–16, 2022, in cooperation with a number of additional institutions, whose names and logos appear below.

The aim of the conference is to consider the development and impact of the Reparations Agreement from a broad range of perspectives – historical, diplomatic, legal, economic, social, etc. – and provide a platform for presenting new research in the field and promoting fruitful academic discussion. The academic committee will be pleased to receive proposals concerning the Luxembourg Agreement as well as previous and subsequent campaigns for reparations, compensation and restitution of property related to the Holocaust and will review any proposal that directly or tangentially touches on the following fields:

- Early compensation claims before Luxembourg Agreements
- Issues relating to the Luxembourg Agreements
- The impact of the agreements on Israeli law, society and economy
- The impact of the compensation on Germany (including politics, society, Holocaust awareness, etc.)
- The impact of the agreements on Jewish-German relations or Israel-German relations
- Legislations and litigation re indemnification in Germany, Israel, and the public and political criticism and debates over the years
- Evaluation of the compensation to individuals – how it affected the individuals (psychologically, economically, relationship with Germany, etc.); how the process worked, adjudication of claims
- The GDR and its position and actions regarding compensation for Holocaust survivors
- Negotiations between the German government and the Claims Conference during the last seven decades
- The negotiation with Austria regarding personal compensation or the restitution of Jewish property
- The claim for property and assets (including books, archives and art) throughout Europe
- Issues relating to agreements with industrial companies
- Restitution lawsuits brought against Swiss banks and German corporations and museums

All lectures will be delivered in English, and it is planned to subsequently publish a volume of the conference proceedings in English. The conference will be recorded and the full lectures will be made available online by Tel Aviv University and/or Claims Conference and/or Yad Vashem, for public access following the event.

Scholars who wish to present twenty-minute papers are invited to submit proposals to the steering committee (see address below) by **October 31, 2021**.

The steering committee will consider the submitted proposals and will inform the candidates of its decision by the end of November 2021.

Proposals should be written in English and include:

- Full name and academic title
- Academic affiliation
- Contact details
- Curriculum Vitae
- Title and abstract of proposed lecture

Please send your submissions electronically to Adi Moskovitz, Conference and Publications Coordinator, the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center: adip@tauex.tau.ac.il

Academic Steering Committee:

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In appreciation to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) for supporting this Conference.

The Leo Baeck Institute, the Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights, and the Minerva Center for Human Rights will also hold a one-day symposium on Global Aspects of the Luxembourg Agreement. The event will take place on November 17, 2022 at the Hebrew University.

[For further information on this event >](#)



Photo: The signing of the Reparations Agreement between the German Federal Republic, the State of Israel, and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Benjamin Ferencz

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