

Come Celebrate Archives Week 2006! Thursday October 12, 2006, 4:00 PM

University in Exile: Refugee Scholars in New York, the New School for Social Research, and the German and Jewish Intellectual Émigré Collection



Early photo of a meeting of the "University in Exile"

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Dr. John M. Spalek,
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Dr. Johannes Evelein,
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**Moderator: Dr. Joel
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of New York at Albany**

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4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Standish Room,
Science Library, 3rd Floor
University At Albany, SUNY
Albany, N.Y. 12222**

Reception to follow

During the 1920s and 1930s totalitarian countries expelled thousands of intellectuals who were threatened by the rising power of National Socialism in Europe. In *Intellectuals in Exile: Refugee Scholars and the New School for Social Research*, **Dr. Claus-Dieter Krohn** writes that in Germany roughly 4,000 academics lost positions, and 1,700 of those scholars came to the United States. Many of these émigrés came to New York City and were assisted by the “University in Exile”, an academic department at the New School for Social Research formed in 1933. The “University in Exile” became a safe haven for these scholars and artists who had a tremendous influence on American politics, introduced European theoretical approaches to their academic field and became an integral part of American intellectual history.

The program will include: **Dr. Claus-Dieter Krohn’s** discussion of this unique period of immigration; **Dr. Johannes Evelein’s** discussion of the role of émigré writers in American intellectual history; and **Dr. John M. Spalek’s** discussion of the founding and growth of the German and Jewish Intellectual Émigré Collection at the University at Albany Library.

The German and Jewish Intellectual Émigré Collection presently consists of more than 1,500 cubic feet of personal papers, organizational records, political pamphlets, tape recordings, photographs, and related research materials documenting the German intellectual exodus of the 1930s and 1940s. An exhibit of items will be available for program attendees.

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