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Remapping Death and Survival Shifting Geographies and Definitions

Seventy years after the end of World War II the definition of Holocaust “survivor” remains contested and confused; our conventional narrative and iconography still does not include the majority of the “saved remnant” of European Jewry who survived beyond the borders of National Socialist occupation, primarily in the Soviet Union. The lecture explores their complex story and why it was forgotten. It examines the implications and stakes – historical, political, and emotional – of remapping wartime death and survival and examining more closely the diverse experiences and memories of those we collectively name as survivors even as we often do not know or even recognize their paths to survival.

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With an Introduction by
Prof. Dr. Stefanie Schüler-Springorum

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Jewish Displaced Persons, Zeilsheim 1946. Credit: USHMM, Photo Archive

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This keynote lecture opens the international Workshop „Survivors - Politics and Semantics of a Concept“ organized by Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg and Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung in cooperation with Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

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