



INVITATION

You are herewith cordially invited to a public lecture presented by the Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French at the University of the Free State.

SIXTH lecture: Introducing *The Cambridge History of Holocaust Literature*

Speaker: Prof Stuart Taberner, Department of German, Leeds University

The Cambridge History of Holocaust Literature, to be published in 2026, presents a new history of Holocaust Literature through a dynamic understanding of its multiple levels of operation and the ways these levels interconnect and interact, particularly across temporal periods, geographical and political borders, and languages. Chapters in the book explore Holocaust Literature as a response to the horror of the event itself, as a product (in part, at least) of the contexts in which it is written, and as an assemblage of literary artefacts that circulate—or do not circulate—according to the vagaries of publishers' choices, the politics and practices of translation, evolving genre conventions, geo-political relationships, and readers' changing tastes.

Stuart Taberner is one of two editors of *The Cambridge History of Holocaust Literature*, along with Erin McGlothlin. In this short talk, he will outline the theoretical complexity of writing a history of Holocaust Literature, set out the conceptual underpinnings of the new volume—involving 44 contributors from around the world—describe some of the volume's innovations (including the 'Holocaust in Africa'), and, finally, focus on 'circulation' as a key term for the *Cambridge History's* rethinking of Holocaust Literature as a world literary system operating across languages and contexts and intersecting with discourses of power, prestige, and privilege.

Prof Taberner is Professor in the Department of German, Leeds University. He is a research fellow of the German section of the Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French at UFS.

The lecture will be presented in English. Please let us know if interpreter services will be needed.

Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2024

Time: 11:00 - 12:00

Venue: FGG201, University of the Free State

RSVP: Friday, 25 October 2024, at meiringi@ufs.ac.za

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