



Università Ca'Foscari Venezia

PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: Between Humanitarian Practices and Youth Aliyah Policy: Jewish Displaced Children and Youths in a Transnational Perspective (1943-1948)

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HOST DEPARTMENT/CENTRE: Department of Asian and North African Studies

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ABSTRACT:

The project focuses on the Jewish displaced children and youths in the aftermath of World War II and aims at exploring the dynamics that promoted Jewish younger DPs generations' self-determination and made their experience of displacement a springboard for shaping a new collective and national identity. I will expand upon the fields of the Post-Holocaust Studies and the Refugee Studies, privileging a novel transnational approach to the topic. In doing so, I will combine different kinds of hitherto unexplored primary sources (available in archives located in Israel, Germany and France) related to the children and young Jewish DPs' life in children's home (in Hebrew, kfarei ha-no'ar) and collective farms (in Hebrew, hachsharot); the involvement of the Jewish Agency in rescuing and resettling the Jewish children and youths who survived the War and the emerging humanitarian practices adopted on behalf the younger Jewish DPs. Thus, the main goal of the project will be to shed light on the awareness of a social, cultural and political distinctiveness which developed towards a national consciousness among the younger generations of Jewish DPs in post-war Europe.

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