



Identity Documents in Use

Workshop, University of Vienna
22.-23.09.2022

Convenor: Sigrid Wadauer
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“Co-Producing and Using Identity Documents.
Habsburg Monarchy/Austria ca. 1850–1938”

Location: University of Vienna
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna
seminar room 1 & seminar room 4

Registration: The workshop will take place in a hybrid format. Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, please send a mail to: sigrid.wadauer@univie.ac.at before 12.9.2022

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seminar room 1

9:00–9:20 **Sigrid Wadauer** (University of Vienna):
Welcome and Introduction

Documents – Local Authorities – Migration

Chair: Sigrid Wadauer (University of Vienna)

9:20–10:00 **Beate Althammer** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin):
Registering Migrants in Prussian Cities (ca. 1880 to 1914)

10:00–10:40 **Anne Winter** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and **Hilde Greefs**
(University of Antwerp / Zoom):
Identity Documents of Foreign Migrants Arriving in
Antwerp (1850–1910)

10:40–11:10 *Coffee Break*

Documents – Citizenship – Interactions

11:10–11:50 **Lida–Maria Dodou** (University of Vienna / Austrian
Archaeological Institute Athens): The Spectrum of
Belonging: Austrian “de jure subjects”, “de facto subjects”
and “protégés” in Fin-de-siècle Salonica

11:50–13:30 *Lunch Break*

Chair: Jessica Richter (Institute of Rural History, St. Pölten)

13:30–14:10 **Darren Wan** (Cornell University): Brokering Citizenship:
Illiteracy and Illegibility in the Production of Malayan
Identity Documents, 1957–1963

14:10–14:50 **Juanita Cox** (University of London): Identification
Documents: Practices and Perspectives from the Black
British Caribbean Community

14:50–15:10 *Coffee Break*

Documents and Categorization

15:10–15:50 **Michał Turski** (Center for Historical Research of the Polish
Academy of Sciences in Berlin): Meanders of Ethnic
Registration and Categorization of Polish Germans in the
Łódź Region during World War II.

15:50–16:30 **Christiane Weber** (Arolsen Archives / Germany): Who
Decides Who is a DP? Post–World War II Identification
Documents of Displaced Persons in the Arolsen Archives

16:30–16:50 *Coffee Break*

16:50–17:30 **András László Pap** (Centre for Social Sciences Institute for
Legal Studies / Budapest / Zoom): Ethno–racial Identity in
Documents: from Registration to Construction

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Documents – Work, Control and Coercion

Chair: Beate Althammer (Humboldt University zu Berlin)

9:00–9:40 **Paolo Raspadori** (University of Perugia): Demographic and Social Control Tool. Staff Papers of Industrial Companies as Identity Documents of Italian Workers (First Half of the Twentieth Century)

9:40–10:20 **Bernhard Kusena** (University of Zimbabwe): Forced Labour Recruitment and the Political Economy of Identity Documents: Clandestine Migration and Other Everyday Forms of Resistance in Southern Rhodesia, 1890–1980

10:20–10:40 *Coffee Break*

10:40–11:20 **Chris Holdridge** (North–West University, Potchefstroom / South Africa): Convict Mobility and Emergent Regimes of Paperwork and Interpersonal Status in Port Cities of the Anglo World

Illicit Uses and Forged Documents

Chair: Johanna Wassholm (Åbo Akademi, Finland)

11:20–12:00 **Cristina Diac** (National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism of the Romanian Academy): Navigating Multiple Identities. Romanian Communists and their Travels Abroad

12:00–13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30–14:10 **Burak Saiym** (New York University Abu Dhabi / Zoom): Crossing the Frontier: The Comintern, Forged Passports, and the Making of Interwar Border Regimes

14:10–14:30 **Conclusions**

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The workshop deals with the co-production and use of identity documents from a historical and interdisciplinary perspective. Establishing the identity of persons was (and still is) fundamental for multiple tasks and operations of the state. However, various other parties – beyond state authorities – could be involved in identifying, registering and categorizing individuals. To better understand the effects and effectiveness of identification practices and procedures, this workshop will examine how the parties involved interacted in various contexts and constellations, both in consensus and conflict. It will reflect on the involved parties' perspectives and the ways in which documents could be used and abused for different purposes.