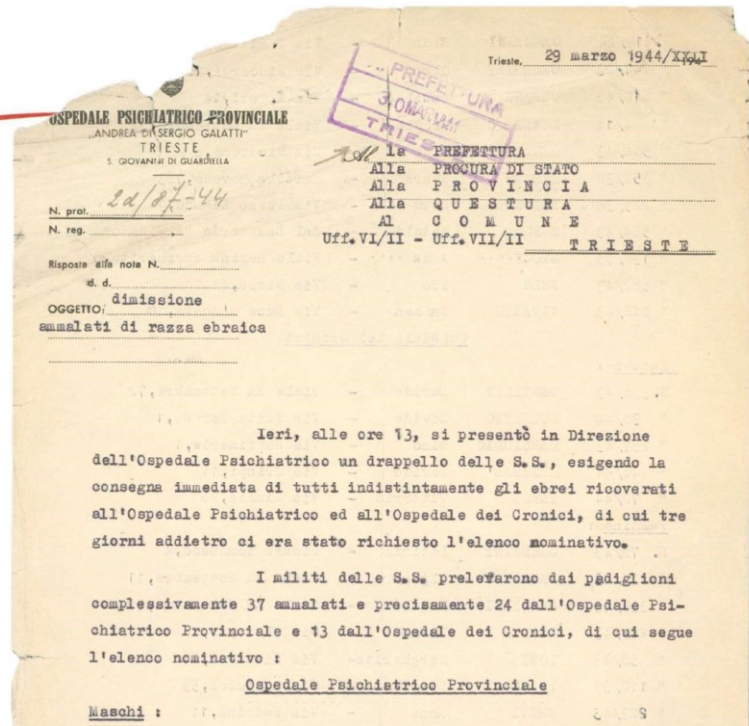




DEPORTATIONS FROM TRIESTE HOSPITALS DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION

TRIESTE
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Curated by the MUSEUM OF THE EBRAIC COMMUNITY OF TRIESTS 'CARLO AND VERA WAGNER' with the MENTAL DEPARTMENT AND DEPENDENCE OF THE UNIVERSITARY SANITARY COMPANY GIULIANO ISONTINA and the DIPARTMENT OF HUMANIST STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STUDI DI TRIESTE.

On 28 March 1944, SS squads appeared at the directorates of the two main hospitals in Trieste, demanding the surrender of inmates of the 'Jewish race', based on lists of names requested in the previous days. As a result, 24 people were arrested at the Provincial Psychiatric Hospital, 13 at the Chronic Care Hospital and 10 at the Maggiore Hospital. All these patients, including six over 80 years old, were taken to the San Sabba Rice Mill to be deported to the Nazi Lagers. None returned. For this reason, the Italian title of the event is *La cura tradita*, referencing the betrayal of Jewish patients who were promised care during the Nazi occupation.

This project aims to commemorate the tragic events of 1944 through educational public engagement activities aimed especially at younger generations. It is a painful but necessary reflective journey that winds its way through history, memory, bioethics and medicine today.

A number of everyday clinical practices in medicine - such as informed patient consent to treatment or experimentation, genetic screening, sterilisation, and the inclusivity of and free access to healthcare systems - can be better understood in the light of these stories.

The event is open to the public, but it is particularly designed for secondary school students, university students (in both medicine and the humanities) and health and social workers, that is, doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, midwives and social workers.

As the scientific journal *The Lancet* recently pointed out, studying the history of medicine, Nazism and the Holocaust can help to understand complex issues of modern biomedical ethics, including contemporary interactions between health professionals and the state, health equity, caring for vulnerable individuals, the responsibility to uphold patients' rights, combating anti-Semitism, racism and other forms of discrimination, and promoting public health.

PROGRAMME

All events are open to the public. ECM accredited events (7.7 credits) are highlighted in grey for doctors, nurses, midwives, psychologists, psychotherapists, socio-health workers.

Wednesday 27 March 2024

Franco and Franca Basaglia Theatre - Via Edoardo Weiss 13

AKTION T4 AND NAZI MEDICAL TRIALS

08.30 Registration for ECM participants.

08.45 MICHAEL VON CRANACH – Introduction. The role of doctors and health personnel in the Nazi euthanasia program.

09.30 MICHAEL VON CRANACH dialogues with the descendants of the victims of *Aktion T4* and with the sisters ANDRA and TATI BUCCI who were deported as children to Auschwitz and sent to the *Kinderblock* by Joseph Mengele. They travelled on the same convoy from Trieste on 29 March 1944 on which the arrested patients had been loaded onto the day before.

10.30am MICHAEL VON CRANACH and writer ROBERT DOMES present the film *Mist in August* by Kai Wessel (*Nebel im August*, DE 2 016.126 m) on the Nazi euthanasia programme through the story of one young victim. The story is based on a medical record from the psychiatric hospital in Kaufbeuren.

12.40 Discussion. Moderated by FEDERICA SCRIMIN.

13.30 Break.

INITIAL RESEARCH ON DEPORTATIONS FROM PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS IN TRIESTE AND VENICE THROUGH THE STUDY OF MEDICAL RECORDS

15:00 HELEN BRUNNER and LORENZO TORESINI – Initial research into hospital patients arrested at the Psychiatric Hospital of Trieste. With contribution from Dr. Bruno Norcio.

16:00 FIORA GASPARI and LORENZO TORESINI – The deportations from the psychiatric hospitals of San Servolo and San Clemente in Venice.

Moderated by PEPPE DELL'ACQUA and TRISTANO MATTA.

SAN SABBA RICE MILL MUSEUM - Via Palatucci 5

17:30 TRISTANO MATTA and MATTEO PERISSINOTTO – Guided tour of the San Sabba Rice Mill Museum and the exhibition December 7, 1943 Destination Lager.

Thursday 28 March 2024

Maggiore Hospital Technology Hub - Piazza dell'Ospitale 1

09.00 Welcome and unveiling of commemorative plaque.

San Giovanni Park - Piazzale Luigi Canestrini 2, former directorate

10.30 Unveiling of commemorative plaque.

11.15 Guided tour of the San Giovanni Park by the La Collina Cooperative.

12.30 Break

Franco and Franca Basaglia Theatre - Via Edoardo Weiss 13

FIRST DO NO HARM (*La cura tradita*) 1944-2024

14.00 Registration for ECM participants and welcome

14.30 TULLIA CATALAN and HELEN BRUNNER – Introduction.

15.00 MICHAEL VON CRANACH – Key note. The Importance of Memory.

16.00 ANNALISA DI FANT and UMBERTO ALBERT with the contribution of ANNA VAIVODA, RICCARDO MANDARA and FEDERICO STRANI, doctors specialising in psychiatry, Trieste – The Deportations from Trieste Hospitals.

16.45 FEDERICA SCRIMIN introduces a dramatic reading of the documents on the arrests of 28 March 1944.

17.15 Testimonials from the descendants of the deportees. The experience of families:

HELEN BRUNNER – The story of my great-uncle Egon Brunner (1888-1944).

HEIDRUN SCHRÖTER- MORASCH – ‘Mum, we have to look for them.’

RAYA HOFFMANN – My Aunt Berta Weill (1878-1941).

SIBYLLE VON TIEDEMANN – In memory of the victims in the city of Munich.

Moderated by TULLIA CATALAN and ALESSANDRA ORETTI.

18.30 PIERFRANCO TRINCAS – Conclusions.

18.45 ECM Practices.

SPEAKERS

- Umberto ALBERT, psychiatrist, Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Medicine, Surgery and Health Sciences, University of Trieste
- Helen BRUNNER, psychotherapist
- Andra BUCCI, witness
- Tatiana BUCCI, witness
- Tullia CATALAN, historian, Professor of Contemporary History, Department of Humanities, University of Trieste
- Michael VON CRANACH, psychiatrist, former Director of the Kaufbeuren Psychiatric Hospital, Honorary Professor at the University of Munich
- Peppe DELL'ACQUA, psychiatrist, former director of the Mental Health Department of Trieste
- Annalisa DI FANT, historian, curator of the 'Carlo e Vera Wagner' Museum
- Robert DOMES, writer and journalist
- Fiora GASPARI, Head of the historical archives of San Servolo, Venice
- Raya HOFFMANN, witness
- Riccardo MANDARA, medical specialisation student in psychiatry, University of Udine
- Tristano MATTA, historian, President IRSREC-FVG
- Alessandra ORETTI, psychiatrist, director of Psychiatric Diagnosis and Care Services, ASUGI
- Matteo PERISSINOTTO, historian, Department of Humanities -University of Trieste
- Heidrun SCHRÖTER-MORASCH, witness
- Federica SCRIMIN, obstetric gynecologist
- Federico STRANI, medical specialisation student in psychiatry, University of Udine
- Sibylle VON TIEDEMANN, witness and president of the Gedenkinitiative für die Euthanasie-Opfer Munich (Initiative in memory of victims of euthanasia, Munich)
- Lorenzo TORESINI, psychiatrist, former Head of Psychiatry at the Mental Health Department of Merano
- Pierfranco TRINCAS, psychiatrist, Director of Mental Health and Addictions, ASUGI
- Anna VAIVODA, medical specialisation student in psychiatry, University of Udine

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- Municipality of Trieste, Museum of the Rice Mill of San Sabba – National Monument
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OPTIONAL SATELLITE EVENTS (BOOKING REQUIRED)*

Tuesday 26 March

18.00 Guided tour (Italian/German) of the Synagogue of Trieste, via San Francesco 19.

Wednesday 27 March

16.00 Guided tour (Italian/German) of the Jewish Cemetery, via della Pace 4.

Friday 29 March

9.30: Guided tour (Italian/German) of the 'Carlo e Vera Wagner' Museum and the former Ghetto.

* Send us an email specifying which event you'd like to book by 25 March 2024 to lacuratradita@gmail.com

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