

**Elfriede Pekny-Gesellschaft zur Förderung von Southern African Studies cordially invites you to the**

**Academic Colloquium (online)**

April 14, 2021, 15 hrs CET

**Black Presence in Mauthausen**

**Non-European, in particular African prisoners in the Nazi Concentration Camp**

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Colloquium will be held online via Zoom. The access link will be provided after registration: [epg@sadocc.at](mailto:epg@sadocc.at)

**Proceedings:**

**Part 1: „Black Presence in Mauthausen“ – an overview**

- „Prisoners of African descent (and other non-Europeans) in the Mauthausen concentration camp“. Presentation of new research by Walter Sauer and Nikos Stamatiou
- „Notes on Algerian prisoners and preliminary research design“ by Viktoria Metschl
- Questions and answers

**Part 2: International Comparative Research: Case Studies**

- „An Afro-Caribbean in KZ Mauthausen: One Survivor's Story“ by Mary Romney
- „The search for traces of the memory of French-Moroccan Mohamed Ben-Lhasen“ by Patrice Lafaurie
- „Manoli Basilio Spiru in KZ Dachau (and Afro-German prisoners)“ by Thomas Wagner
- other contributions, questions and answers

**Panelists:**

Patrice Lafaurie is the stepson of Gusen-Mauthausen French survivor Jean Gavard (1923-2016), member of the board of Amicale de Mauthausen (France); together with Chantal Lafaurie in charge of remembrance trips to Austria & relations with the Austrian activists of the memory of Mauthausen; activist for the memory in Lorraine of the deportation to the Nazi concentration camps. Publication to come: Raids in Nancy, March 1943, and the fate of those deported to Mauthausen.

Viktoria Metschl is a translator and researcher in Film Studies and Algerian history. She currently lives between Berlin, Marseilles and Vienna and works as a post-doc research assistant for the University of Applied Arts Vienna.

Mary Romney-Schaab is a retired educator who has researched the history of KZ Mauthausen and Black people in the Nazi era. Author of „An Afro-Caribbean in the Nazi era: From Papiamentu to German“ (2020). She presently lives in the US.

Walter Sauer, Univ. Prof., historian at the University of Vienna. Numerous publications on Afro-Austrian relations, incl. migration, and on Austrian colonial history. Chairperson of the Southern Africa Documentation and Co-operation Centre in Vienna ([www.sadocc.at](http://www.sadocc.at)).

Nikos Stamatiou, graduated in history from the University of Vienna, researcher in the current project.

Thomas Wagner is a historian at the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site; author of „Zum Sterben für Deutschland geboren‘. Die Hitlerjugend in Südbayern und ihre Hochlandlager (2018).

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