Reparations for Nazi Victims in Postwar Europe

Reparations for Nazi Victims in Postwar Europe traces reparations back to their origins in the final years of the Second World War, when victims of Nazi persecution for the first time articulated demands for indemnification en masse. Simultaneous appearance of claims in New York, London, Paris, and Tel Aviv exemplified the birth of a new standard in political morality. Across Europe, the demand for compensation to individuals who suffered severe harm gained momentum. Despite vast differences in their experiences of mass victimization, postwar societies developed similar patterns in addressing victims’ claims. Regula Ludi chronicles the history of reparations from a comparative and transnational perspective. This book explores the significance of reparations as a means to provide victims with a language to express their unspeakable suffering in a politically meaningful way.

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<td>AN</td>
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<td>BEG</td>
<td>Bundesentschädigungsgesetz (1956)</td>
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<td>CAC</td>
<td>Centre des Archives Contemporaines, Fontainebleau</td>
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<td>CC</td>
<td>Central Committee for the Liberated Jews in the American Zone</td>
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<td>CDU</td>
<td>Christlich Demokratische Union</td>
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<td>CHAN</td>
<td>Centre Historique des Archives Nationales, Paris</td>
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<td>Claims Conference</td>
<td>Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany</td>
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<td>CNR</td>
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<td>CR</td>
<td>Conseil de la République</td>
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<td>CSU</td>
<td>Christlich-Soziale Union</td>
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<td>DIP</td>
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<td>DM</td>
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<td>DoDiS</td>
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<td>EPD</td>
<td>Swiss Foreign Service (Eidgenössisches Politisches Departement)</td>
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<td>FA</td>
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<td>FNDIR</td>
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<td>FNDIRP</td>
<td>Fédération nationale des déportés et internés résistants et patriotes</td>
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<td>FRG</td>
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<td>FRUS</td>
<td>Foreign Relations of the United States</td>
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<td>Gestapo</td>
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<td>HICOG</td>
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<td>International Military Tribunal</td>
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<td>JA</td>
<td>Jewish Agency for Palestine</td>
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<td>JRRO</td>
<td>Jewish Restitution Organization</td>
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<td>KNV</td>
<td>Kommission für Vorauszahlungen an schweizerische Opfer der nationalsozialistischer Verfolgung</td>
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<td>LBI</td>
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<td>LEA</td>
<td>Landesentschädigungsamt</td>
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<td>MG Law</td>
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<td>MinAC</td>
<td>Ministère des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre</td>
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<td>MP</td>
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<td>NARA</td>
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<td>NATO</td>
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<td>NR</td>
<td>Nationalrat</td>
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<td>NSDAP</td>
<td>Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei</td>
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<td>OMGUS</td>
<td>Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S)</td>
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<td>PCF</td>
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<td>POW</td>
<td>Prisoner of war</td>
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<td>RSHA</td>
<td>Reichssicherheitshauptamt</td>
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<td>SED</td>
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<td>SFH</td>
<td>Schweizerische Flüchtlingshilfe</td>
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<td>SHAEF</td>
<td>Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces</td>
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<td>SIG</td>
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<td>SS</td>
<td>Schutzstaffel</td>
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<td>Staatkommissariat</td>
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<td>StenBull</td>
<td>Stenographisches Bulletin der Schweizerischen Bundesversammlung</td>
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<td>UNHCR</td>
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<td>UNRRA</td>
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<td>VVN</td>
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