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**“A WORLD WITHOUT JEWS: THE NAZI IMAGINATION FROM PERSECUTION TO GENOCIDE”  
PUBLIC LECTURE AT RUTGERS ON APRIL 14**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Professor Alon Confino will present the findings of his gripping and groundbreaking new book *A World without Jews: The Nazi Imagination from Persecution to Genocide* (Yale University Press, 2014), winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship, on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street in New Brunswick. Confino shows the great extent to which the mass murder of Jews during the war was powerfully foreshadowed in the culture of the prewar years. He focuses on the stories the Nazis told themselves in order to understand how Germans came to conceive of the idea of a Germany without Jews. He demonstrates how the Nazis’ narratives of their past and future led them to the conclusion that Jews must be eliminated for the new Nazi civilization to arise. As Germans imagined a future world without Jews, persecution and genocide became imaginable, and even justifiable.

The lecture “A World without Jews: The Nazi Imagination from Persecution to Genocide” is free and open to the public. Free parking is available behind the Campus Center. (For GPS search, use “57 Lipman Drive.”) Advance registration is requested by contacting 848-932-2033 or csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University, the talk is the Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program funded by Leon and Toby Cooperman. For more information, visit BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu.

Confino, a leading scholar of German memory and national culture, is a professor in the Department of History at the University of Virginia and at Ben-Gurion University in Israel. His publications include *Foundational Pasts: The Holocaust as Historical Understanding* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and *Germany as a Culture of Remembrance: Promises and Limits of Writing History* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006).

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