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*Displacement and the return of Holocaust survivors: The case of Greece*

Once World War II began, Jews from all around Europe had to face the imminent threat of losing their civil liberties and, subsequently, many of them their lives. While most were murdered in Nazi camps, some made the decision to avoid the unpredictable danger through internal or external displacement once the Germans arrived and before local leaders applied harsh anti-Jewish policies. At the beginning, Balkan countries, including Greece, seemed to be at least a passage to safe haven. Soon, however, local Jewish populations were to encounter the same risks as their co-believers in most parts of occupied Europe. The frustration of the survivors was then multiplied by the postwar experience of return. Based on archival sources and personal accounts, in my lecture I focus on the dynamics of return shared by the Holocaust survivors of Greece in the context of the emerging Greek Civil War, and scrutinise the decision-making process of displaced Jews, which is the core of my ongoing book project.

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The lecture is open to the public. Please register in advance with the Institute’s secretariat; [nia@nia.gr](mailto:nia@nia.gr), tel. 210-9210760

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