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CANADA 150

Lecture Series "Canada 150"

Invitation to the 9th lecture, by

Andrea Strutz

(Universität Graz)

Exile, Internment and a New Beginning after 1945: Experiences of Austrian and German Jewish Refugees in Canada and Subsequent Life Stories

Great Britain was one of the largest recipient countries for Jewish refugees who fled from Germany after 1933 and from Austria after 1938. However, after the outbreak of the 2nd World War, not only German nationals residing in Great Britain, but also German-speaking Jewish refugees became interned on British soil. Furthermore, several thousand German prisoners of war and civilian internees were deported to Canada. Drawing on recently investigated archival material, the lecture will give a historical overview why German-speaking Jewish refugees were deported in 1940 and how the Canadian state dealt with them. In addition, subsequent lives and careers of such "interned refugees" will be explored.

