



Jean-Marc Dreyfus

## **Corpses of genocide and the Holocaust. Material culture and human remains after 1945**

**Tuesday, October 17th, 18:30, Grodzka 64, room 06**

What status and what value do we give to corpses? What symbolic, social, religious, economic or political uses have been made of dead bodies? Bringing together perspectives from social anthropology, law, and history, and raising the central issues of destruction, identification and research, and the return of human remains to society, Dr. Dreyfus explores how various social and cultural treatments of dead bodies simultaneously challenge common representations, legal practices, and morality.

This talk will present the results of the research programme “Corpses of Mass Violence and Genocide” funded by the European Research Council.

After the lecture please join us for a discussion with the speaker, with Małgorzata Wosinska (cultural anthropologist, working in Rwanda), and Roma Sendyka (RCMC). The talk and the discussion will both be held in English.

Dr. Jean-Marc Dreyfus is Reader in Holocaust Studies in the Department of History at the University of Manchester. His publications include: *Pillages sur ordonnances. La confiscation des banques juives en France et leur restitution, 1940-1953* (2003); with Sarah Gensburger *Nazi Labor Camps in Paris* (2012); and *Il m'appelait Pikolo. Un compagnon de Primo Levi raconte* (2007). He is co-editor of *Dictionnaire de la Shoah* (2009). Currently his research focuses on the role of diplomats in the aftermath of the Holocaust and in the exhumations of mass graves.

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