



**PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES – SUMMER TERM 2012**

**Monday, 21 May**

***From Experience, to Memoir, to History:  
Henny Brenner in Nazi Dresden***

**an event co-sponsored by the Anne Frank Trust**



This event will feature a presentation and discussion with Henny Brenner, born in Dresden in 1924. Henny survived Nazi rule in Dresden as a forced labourer until being liberated by the firebombing of the city. Henny is author of *This Song is Over: A Jewish Girl in Dresden*, translated by the late Barbara Fischer. The book was originally published in German as *"Das Lied ist aus": ein jüdisches Schicksal in Dresden* (2001).

Henny's son, Michael Brenner, is one of the world's leading modern Jewish historians. Based at the University of Munich, he has been at the centre of reviving Jewish scholarship in Germany.

Henny will speak about her experiences as a child in Weimar Germany, a teenager under the Nazis, and the subsequent period under Soviet domination. Both Henny and Michael will address the process of Henny writing her memoir, its publication, translation, and the responses thus far.

*This Song is Over* has been described as "A rich and significant account . . . The fleshing out of the details of her family's normal bourgeois life, including wash-day and monthly theatre visits is exemplary. Likewise, Brenner's account of school life is illuminating from a number of perspectives, not the least of which is the initial lesson in racial 'biology' from a Nazi teacher, in which she was identified as a typical 'Aryan German girl.'"

Venue:

Gustave Tuck lecture theatre, second floor, Wilkins Building,  
UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT  
Reception from 6.15pm, lecture 6.45pm

***No need to book***

***Open to all***

***Free Admission -voluntary contributions welcome***

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