SYMPOSIUM
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Post World War I Aid in
Austria & Central Europe

September 26-27, 2019
Great Hall, Austrian Academy of Sciences
1010 Vienna, Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2
Program

Thursday, September 26

10.00-11.00 Opening and Welcome
Gregor Medinger, President Emeritus, American Austrian Foundation
Eva Nowotny, Vice President, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation
Siegfried Beer, Director, Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies
Katrin Keller, Director, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Historical Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Eric Wakin, Deputy Director, Hoover Institution

11.00-13.00 Herbert Hoover and American Aid to Austria and Central Europe
Chair: Eric Wakin
George H. Nash, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Master of Emergencies: Herbert Hoover and Humanitarian Relief of Austria after World War I
Bertrand M. Patenaude, Stanford University
Deliverance: America’s Role in the Emergence of the New Central Europe
Ulrich Schwarz-Gräber, Institute of Rural History, St. Pölten
Starving Countryside. The Work of the American Relief Administration in Vienna’s Hinterlands
Nikolay Bogomazov, St. Petersburg State University
“Food Barrier Against Bolshevism”: American Relief Administration Supplies to Russian Anti-Bolsheviks and Baltic States in 1919

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Aid for Children at Home and Abroad
Chair: Gregor Medinger
Mary Cox, University of Oxford
Child Feeding in Vienna After the First World War
Friederike Kind-Kovács, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies at the TU Dresden
Not Just for a Summer: The Moral Dilemma of International Children’s Trains
Barbora Jakobyová, Slovak Academy of Sciences
Post World War I Relief in Czechoslovakia: The Case of Czechoslovak Child Care
Chelsea Sambells, University of Huddersfield
Learning from the Aftermath of the Great War: A Study of Children’s Rights and Evacuations in World War II

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break
Thursday, September 26 (cont.)

17.00-18.00
Key Note Lecture
Introduction: Gregor Medinger
Leon Botstein, President, Bard College and Chairman Central European University
The Relevance of the Great Humanitarian Actions: post World War I Seen through a Contemporary Lens

18:00-19:15
Reception in the Aula (reception hall) of the Academy

Friday, September 27

9.00-10.30
Not just Fighting Hunger: Special Programs in Austria and Beyond
Chair: Markus Schweiger (Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation)
Franz Adlgasser, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Historical Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
American Relief to Austria — An Overview
Ursula Prokop, Vienna
Margaret Wittgenstein-Stonborough and her Involvement in the U.S. Food Aid in the Aftermath of World War I
Tibor Glant, University of Debrecen
At the Crossroads of Politics and Relief: The American Red Cross in Hungary, 1919-1922

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30
Special Programs for Vienna
Chair: Franz Adlgasser
Renate Schreiber, Vienna
Swedish Aid after the First World War in Vienna
Jenny Öhman, Uddevalla, Sweden
Austrian Children to Sweden
Dieter Hecht, Institute for Culture Studies and Theater History of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Jewish Relief Organisations for Jewish Children in Vienna after World War I

12.30-13.30
Final Discussion
Closing of the Symposium
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