



PA-165211 Refugees receiving passports to Canada at the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees, Bremen, Germany, 1950 (LAC)

Departures After Social Collapse: The German Transatlantic Migration After the Second World War

A FREE Public Lecture By

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Between 1946 and 1960, after the collapse of German society in the wake of the Second World War, one million Germans migrated to Canada and the United States. This final transatlantic mass migration was a postscript to the transatlantic labour migration system of the 19th and early 20th centuries, which had complex political, social, economic, and cultural causes. This presentation surveys the scope of this migration, explores the myriad structural factors as well as individual motives and motivation that shaped it, and illuminates some of the migrants' experiences of displacement, migration, and settlement.

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Hall (Andrea and Charles Bronfman Theatre)

Refreshments will be served. RSVP atlantic.metropolis@smu.ca

