Annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture

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Being Jewish in France during the Second World War

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Edmund Burke Theatre, Arts Building,
Trinity College Dublin

The choices made by Jews in France following the defeat of that country by Nazi Germany in 1940 amounted to strategies of survival. They reflected the complexity of a Jewish community made up of French natives as well as immigrants from a variety of countries. Some were religious believers and others observed Jewish religious laws while yet others put their faith in Communism or Zionism. Some were wealthy while others struggled to make a decent living. The history of these fates, which often ended tragically, was a key episode both in relations between Jews and non-Jews in France and in the history of the Holocaust.

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All welcome to attend

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Sylvain Kozubski, Jewish boy deported from France, 11 September 1942 and murdered by the Third Reich