environmentalism, related social movements within postcommunist society, and sustainable development, which sometimes registers as the new ideology of the environmentally conscious economic thinking in Poland, and sometimes seems like a new social contract for the emerging postsocialist society.

Barbara Hicks (UNC) moderated presentations by Piotr Glinski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology), Zbigniew Bochniarz and Richard Bolan (both from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, U. Minnesota). Glinski spoke on “The Polish Greens as a Social Movement,” the topic and title of his recent book, while Bochniarz and Bolan delivered their paper titled “Institutional and Policy Reforms for Sustainable Development in Poland.”

Tuesday, many of the conference participants traveled to the Hudson Institute in Indianapolis for a panel discussion moderated by John Clark (Hudson Institute). Bates and Cummings gave brief overviews of energy policy and privatization, respectively. Participants then discussed these issues in more depth in order to draw some conclusions from the conference and the many discussions over the course of the conference.

These conclusions, and the papers presented, will be compiled and published as a book by the conference co-organizers, Cole and Wiles, as well as Clark.

At the close of the conference, two Polish experts visited Indiana University South Bend to discuss Polish environmental matters with campus and community audiences. Sleszynski and Glinski met with two groups on Thursday, April 4, and they toured Chicago’s Polish neighborhoods on April 5. Their host in South Bend was Hojnacki, who arranged for a community roundtable on environmental developments in Poland, and brought Sleszynski and Glinski as guest lecturers to Rick Brown’s class on environmental policy at IUSB.

Jewish Identities Conference

In mid-March, a distinguished group of Jewish scholars from Israel, Europe, Australia, and the United States met in Bloomington for a two-day conference, “Circles of Community: Collective Jewish Identities in Germany and Austria, 1918-1932.” It was convened by Derek Penslar (History, IUB), with George Alter (Population Institute) and Benjamin Nathans (History, IUB) presiding as chairs of the sessions.

The themes of the conference dealt with the tremendous social, political, and cultural upheavals experienced by Jews in those countries during the 1920s, the association structures that were established and carried over into the inter-war era, comparisons between the formal Gemeinde and the informal Gemeinschaft, and the influences which both strengthened and weakened Jewish expressions of community during that period.

The academic sessions brought together leading scholars from the United States, Israel, Australia, and Europe. Conference speakers and participants from abroad included Avraham Barkai of Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan, Jacob Borut of Yad Vashem, Tobias Brinkmann (Technische Universität Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin), Karl Christian Fuehre (Archive für Sozialgeschichte), Claudia Prestel (Monash U.), Peter Pulzer (All Souls College, Oxford), and Shulamit Volkov (Tel Aviv U.).

Other conference speakers and participants included Michael Brenner (Brandeis), David Ellenson (Hebrew Union College), Todd Endelman (Michigan), Harriet Freidenreich (Temple), Peter Fritzsche (Illinois), Sharon Gillerman (UCLA), Jack Jacobs (John Jay College, CUNY), Steven Lowenstein (U. of Judaism), Marion Kaplan (CUNY), Michael Meyer (Hebrew Union College), Marsha Rozenblit (Maryland), Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Lee Shai Weissbach (Louisville).

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