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Professor Bloxham Lectures on the “Organization of Genocide”

Professor Donald Bloxham of Edinburgh University, UK, discussed the topic “Organization of Genocide” during a public lecture held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on Wednesday, March 19.

In an innovative approach to the study of genocides, Professor Bloxham focused on issues such as the methods used to implement a genocide and the categories of people who do the actual killings, using examples from the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and others cases. Most importantly, Professor Bloxham dissected the relationship between the state and genocide.

The lecture was organized by the Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and co-sponsored by The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the same university.

Donald Bloxham is Professor of Modern History at Edinburgh University. At the age of 34, he is the youngest full professor of history in the UK. He is the winner of the 2006 Philip Leverhulme Prize, the 2007 University of Edinburgh Chancellor’s Award, and the 2007 Raphael Lemkin Award for Genocide Scholarship.

Among other works, Dr. Bloxham is the author of *Genocide on Trial: War Crimes Trials and the Formation of Holocaust History and Memory*, (Oxford University Press, 2001); *The Great Game of Genocide: Imperialism, Nationalism and the Destruction of the Ottoman Armenians* (Oxford University Press: 2005); *Genocide, the World Wars, and the Unweaving of Europe* (forthcoming, Vallentine, Mitchell and Co., 2008). With Mark Levene, he is editor of the forthcoming ten-volume Oxford monograph series *Zones of Violence*. He is also author of nearly fifty articles and book chapters.

During the current academic year Professor Bloxham is J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Senior Scholar-in-Residence at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.