



FACULTY OF ARTS  
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PRAGUE JEWISH STUDIES

**Part of the course HOLOCAUST ON FILM includes a one-day excursion to Terezín**

Located near Prague, the garrison town of Terezín (Theresienstadt) was turned into a “model ghetto” by Nazis to which Jews from Bohemia and Moravia and later also from Germany, Austria, Holland, Denmark and Slovakia were deported. With “self-government” and cultural life, Terezín was abused by Nazi propaganda to present to the world a “Jewish settlement” and to conceal the true fate of the Jews. The fortress city in fact functioned primarily as a transit camp and a point of embarkation to extermination centers in German occupied Baltic States, Belarus and Poland. Of the approximately 140,000 Jews transferred to Theresienstadt, about 33,000 died there and further 90,000 were sent further east, sending an absolute majority of them to their deaths.

Since a number of films screened in the class depict or refer to Terezín, a tour of the town will confront the physical reality of the former ghetto and concentration camp with the cinematic interpretations of its history.