

Join this UCU-sponsored event on Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 to reflect on the contemporary importance of the Holocaust. Professor Alan Marcus (Chair in Film and Visual Culture, University of Aberdeen) will be introducing and screening his film *The Cemetery* (2010, 30mins).

## Wednesday 27 January 2016 12:30pm – 2:00pm Regent Lecture Theatre

Engaging with the presence and absence of Kafka in Prague's ancient Jewish quarter, *The Cemetery* explores the relationship between the contemporary urban setting and the impact of the Holocaust. Set against the backdrop of mass tourism to sites such as the oldest Jewish Cemetery in Europe and the oldest synagogue, where Kafka had his bar mitzvah, the film presents a visual and aural meditation on the intersection of the banal and the sacred. As the narrative unfolds, we learn the interlocking fate of Kafka's three sisters and the tragedy of Terezin. This film is one of five works made as part of the *In Time of Place* research project (www.abdn.ac.uk/timeofplace).

The film will be followed by a Q&A session with Alan Marcus and panel members who will share their perspective on the contemporary significance of the Holocaust:

- Professor William Naphy, Chair in History
- Professor Thomas Weber, Chair in History and International Affairs & Director, Centre for Global Security and Governance
- Dr Paul Flaig, Lecturer in Film & Visual Culture
- Domenico Carolei, Postgraduate researcher
- Councillor Barney Crockett

