

The Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship The Faculty of Law – Café Conversations Teaching Strategy #1

You are a member of the Faculty of Law at the University of Berlin.

You have always been proud of your autonomy. You've prided yourself on being part of a liberal institution. Yesterday, one week after the announcement of the Nuremberg Laws, there was a first Nazi led faculty meeting at the university.

The new Nazi commissar announced that Jews would be forbidden to enter university premises and would be dismissed without salary immediately.

This was something no one thought possible despite the Nazi's loud antisemitism.

The Nazi commissar then launched into a tirade of abuse filth and threats.

There was a silence when he finished.

Your Faculty of Law has 6 esteemed Jewish colleagues who have been working with you for over twenty years. They are very well respected and some are close friends.

The question you must answer: Will you protest this decision and insist that your colleagues be exempt and allowed to continue to work with you?

Professor Koop - you work very closely with your Jewish colleagues respect and like them personally.

Professor Kohl - your country always comes first.

Professor Schmidt - this is completely against everything you believe in and the liberal values that the university is built on.

Professor Krause - you support the Nuremberg Laws. You are excited that they have been enforced. You are hoping that if you go along with the Nazi policy you will get more money for research.

Professor Muller - you have feared this day, this is where you feel you must draw the line. You must at least protest. You may have to leave the country.

Professor Schulz - you are adamant to do the right thing.