Jewish immigrants experienced more stringent policies – even if they were otherwise considered “useful,” they were limited in numbers because they were deemed as impossible to assimilate.

Dr. Gleizer concluded that the construction and acceptance of fictitious assertions based upon historical dichotomous “roles,” like the rescuer or the hero, have replaced historical fact and become a part of historical memory and collective self-identity. By examining exclusion policies that pertain to individual groups rather than as refugee immigration as a whole, Dr. Gleizer discovered that the “open door policy” was much more selective than people are led to believe.

In her lecture “Unwelcome Exiles: Jewish Refugees in Mexico,” Dr. Daniela Gleizer discussed Mexico’s exclusionary practices and policies of refugee immigration during the Holocaust. She challenges the “open door policy” belief claiming that it is one of myth creation. These stories have grown increasingly more popular in recent years among political and private groups as an influential tool to promote agendas.

Backed by these groups, the Mexican government excluded ethnic groups, professions, and even entire countries from immigrating to Mexico by categorizing them as “un-useful” or unable to assimilate into their vision of society.

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