This research project focuses on the German jurisdiction in the General Government and how it treated and punished crimes committed by Jews, Poles, and ethnic Germans during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The presentation will address what the occupiers defined as a *criminal offense* and according to which legal basis these were prosecuted by the German legal entities. The focus lies on the German Court and the Special Court and their verdicts, since they sentenced not only Jewish but also Polish and ethnic German defendants for a plethora of so-called criminal offenses. From a micro-historical point of view, the presentation will examine the development of court verdicts throughout the occupational years in Warsaw and Radom. It thereby shows whether and why any changes within the juridical entities occurred – and whether and how these were connected to the occupation politics for the respective territories or the (un)successful course of the war. To this end, the occupation politics for the General Government will be discussed to reveal for which political and strategic purposes it was established. This is supported by a comparison of similar criminal offences committed by Jews, Poles, and ethnic Germans in order to reconstruct the way these German juridical entities treated criminal cases and offenders from all spheres of society – and lastly, to explore to what extent their verdicts were influenced foremost by their racial ideologies, occupational aims, and the course of the war.

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