

European Holocaust Research Infrastructure

Holocaust Documentation in Eastern Europe International Conference

Institute of Jewish Studies of the Jagiellonian University, Kraków
Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
May 19 – 21, 2014

Monday, May 19

15:00 – 17:00 Tour of Kazimierz **(in English)** (optional, by prior registration)

17:30 or 19:45 Tour at Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory – branch of the Historical Museum of the City of Kraków **(in English)** (optional, by prior registration)

Group 1: 17:30-19:00

Group 2: 19:45-21:00

19:00 Conference Introduction and drinks at Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory

Tuesday, May 20

Galicia Jewish Museum & Institute of Jewish Studies of the Jagiellonian University, Kraków

8:30 – 9:00 Gathering

9:00 – 9:45 Opening Session at Galicia Jewish Museum

Moderator: Conny Kristel, NIOD- Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam; EHRI Project Director

Greetings: Conny Kristel

Opening Lectures

- Jan Grabowski, Department of History, University of Ottawa, Canada: *"New Archival Sources and New Questions in the Historical Research of the Holocaust"*
- Dieter Pohl, Department of History, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria; EHRI Executive Team: *"Holocaust Documentation in Eastern Europe"*

**9:45 – 11:00 Session 2: Access to Holocaust Documentation in E. Europe – Current Status
(Round table)**

Moderator: Haim Gertner, Director, Archives Division, Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation, Yad Vashem, Israel; EHRI Executive Team

- Ramojus Kraujelis, Chief Archivist, Office of the Chief Archivist, Lithuania
- Łukasz Kamiński, President, Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), Poland
- Dariusz Grot, Director, Department of Organization and Dissemination, State Archives of Poland
- Andrzej Żbikowski, ZIH, Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw University, Poland
- Vyacheslav Selemenev, former Director of the National Archives of the Republic of Belarus, representative of the Director of the Department for Archives and Records Management of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus
- Kyrilo Vyslobokov, Director, Archival Information Systems, Kiev, Ukraine
- Dirk Luyten, Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (CEGES-SOMA), Belgium; EHRI

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Session 3: *Identification of Holocaust Documentation as a Collective Challenge*

Chair: Veerle Vanden Daelen, Center for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (CEGES-SOMA), Belgium; EHRI

- Vadim Altskan, Senior Project Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: *"Rescue the Evidence: Collecting Holocaust-Related Documentation for the US Holocaust Memorial Archives"*
- Alina Skibinska, representative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Warsaw: *"USHMM Projects in Poland"*
- Masha Yonin, Director, Archival Acquisitions Department, Yad Vashem Archives Division, Israel: *"Acquisition Projects of the Yad Vashem Archives as a Collective Achievement"*
- David Fishman, Jewish Theological Seminary, Project Judaica, YIVO, USA: *"The Jewish Archival Survey in Russia and Ukraine: Holocaust Findings"*
- Veerle Vanden Daelen: *EHRI*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30 Session 4: Presentation: *The Shoah in the Countryside – New Projects*

Chair: Edyta Gawron, Head of the Centre for the Study on the History and Culture of Krakow Jews, Jagiellonian University

- Barbara Engelking, Head of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences: *"Jewish Survival Strategies, Poland 1942-1945 – Research Project"*
- Lea Prais, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Israel: *"The Untold Stories, Murder Sites of Jews in the former Soviet Union – an Online Project"*

14:30 - 15:00 Walk to Institute of Jewish Studies of the Jagiellonian University and Break

15:00 – 16:00 Session 5: Two Concurrent Panels

Panel A: The Red Army, the Polish Army and the Fate of the Jews during the Shoah

Chair: Pascal Trees, Centre for Holocaust Studies, Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ), Germany; EHRI

- Ilya Altman, Co-Chairman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center, Russia: *"The Holocaust and Red Army"*
- Arkadi Zeltser, Director, Center for the Study of the History of Soviet Jews during the Holocaust, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem: *"Differing Approaches of Red Army Personnel to the Mass Murder of Jews"*
- Katarzyna Gorny, Central Military Archives, Poland: *"Jewish Soldiers in the Polish Army – Victims of the Holocaust during World War II in The Light of Archival Materials in the Central Military Archives"*

Panel B: Post-war War Crimes Trials/Secret Police files

Chair: Frank Bajohr, Director, Centre for Holocaust Studies, Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ), Germany; EHRI

- Boris Kovalev, State University of Novgorod; Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia: *"Criminal cases of the MGB/KGB on the Holocaust in the territory of Poland and Russia"*
- Rafał Leśkiewicz, Director, Office for the Preservation and Dissemination of Archival Records, IPN, Poland: *"German War Criminal Files in the Archives of the Institute of National Remembrance"*
- Jakub Petelewicz, Academic Secretary, Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences: *"Post-war "August Decree" Trials and Investigations Documentation as a Source for Holocaust Research"*
- Tanja Penter, Department for Eastern European History, University of Heidelberg: *"Soviet Postwar Trials Against Local Collaborators as Historical Resource for the Holocaust"*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Session 6: Two Concurrent Panels

Panel C: Church Institutions in Eastern Europe during the Shoah

Chair: Barbara Berska, Director, Kraków State Archives

- Jan Bank, Leiden University, the Netherlands: *"Holocaust in Ecclesiastical Archives – a Researcher's View"*
- Ion Popa, University of Manchester, UK: *"Challenges in Accessing Documents on the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust"*
- Bożena Szaynok, Institute of History, University of Wrocław, Poland: *"The Attitude of the Catholic Church in Poland toward the Issue of the Holocaust in the First Postwar Years"*
- Jan Szczepaniak, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow: *"Materials on Polish-Jewish Relations in the Polish Church Archives"*

Panel D: Documentation from Organizations Dealing with Property Restitution and Compensation as a Source for Holocaust Research

Chair: Monika Krawczyk, CEO, Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland

- Wesley Fisher, Director of Research, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany: *"Applications from Survivors and Heirs for Compensation and Restitution as Holocaust Documentation"*
- Agnieszka Dzierzanowska, Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation, Poland: *"Polish Documentary Program: Personal Losses and Victims of Repression under the German Occupation"*
- Elinor Kroitoru, Head of the Asset Location and Information Division, Hashava - Company for Location and Restitution of Holocaust Victims' Assets, Israel: *"Holocaust Documentation and Asset Restitution in Israel"*

19:30 Dinner - Szara Restaurant, Rynek Główny 6 (By invitations only)

Guest of Honor and Speaker: Robert-Jan Smits, Director General, Research and Innovation, European Commission

Wednesday May 21

Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

08:15 Departure from hotels to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

09:45-10:00 Opening Remarks - Piotr Cywiński, Director, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

10:00 – 11:30 Tour of the Russian Exhibition and the Shoah Exhibition (new permanent exhibitions that opened in 2013)

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12: 00 – 13:00 Session 7: Presentations - Access to Holocaust Collections in Various Archives

Chair: Nanci Adler, NIOD- Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam

- Piotr Zawilski, Director, State Archives in Łódź, Poland: *"Research Projects and Dissemination Regarding the Holocaust Based on the Resources of the National Archives in Łódź"*
- Andrey Sorokin, Director, Russian Archives of Social-Political History, Russia: *"WWII War Crimes Documents in the Former Central Communist Party Archive"*
- Mikhail Tyaglyy, Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies, Ukraine: *"Holocaust-Related Archives in Ukraine: Recent Political Events, Changing Paradigm of Public Access, and Ways of Transformation of the Governmental System Holding the Collections"*
- Kiril Feferman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center, Russia: *"Accessing Holocaust-related Materials in Russian Central and Regional Archives"*
- Katarzyna Kubicius, Head of Information and Tracing Service of Polish Red Cross, Poland: *"Holocaust Documentation in The Archive of Polish Red Cross Information and Tracing Service"*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Session 8: Documentation in Museums and Memorial Sites

Chair: Michal Frankl, Deputy Director, Jewish Museum Prague; EHRI

- Krzysztof Antończyk, Director, Digital Repository, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum: *"Archival Data Preservation in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum: How Many People can we commemorate by Name?"*
- Daniel Logemann, World War II Museum, Gdansk, Poland: *"The Presentation of the Holocaust in the Future Exhibition in the Museum of the Second World War"*
- Krzysztof Banach, Head of The Exhibition Department, State Museum at Majdanek, Poland: *"Creating an Exhibition – Archival Records and Testimonies in Museum Practice"*
- Neringa Latvytė-Gustaitienė, Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, Lithuania: *"Holocaust Documents in Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum"*

15:15 – 16:30 Session 9: Testimonies and Personal Documentation

Chair: Andrea Löw, Deputy Director, Centre for Holocaust Studies, Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ), Germany; EHRI

- Leonid Finberg, Director, Institute of Judaica, Ukraine: *"Documents on the Holocaust from the Archive of the Center for Jewish Studies of National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"*
- Bartosz Gajdzik "Grodzka Gate - NN Theatre" Centre: *"Personal Documentation and Testimonies in Educational and Artistic Activities at the "Grodzka Gate - Nn Theatre" Centre"*
- Diana Dumitru, Department of World History, Ion Creangă State University, Moldova: *"Powerful Evidence: How Gentile Testimony Can Shape the Holocaust Debate in Contemporary Moldova"*
- Robert Kuwałek, State Museum at Majdanek: *"Between the Lodz Ghetto, Cracow and Czortkow – Reconstruction of the Fate of One Family According to the Letters from the Time of the Holocaust and Post-War Testimonies"*

16:30-17:30 Closing Session – Summary with panel chairs

17:30 Return to Kraków