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PRIZES IN THE CONTEST FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE EXHIBITION

The committee of the contest for the arrangement of the permanent exhibition in the KL Plaszow Museum – Memorial Site in Kraków. The German Nazi Labour and Concentration Camp (1942–1945) (in organization) met on 7 December 2022.

The contest announced on 1 September 2022 aimed to select an aesthetically appealing, attractive and functional concept of artistic arrangement of the permanent exhibition to be displayed in the KL Plaszow Museum, considering the character of this memorial site.

Six concepts were submitted in the contest. The contest committee concluded that the best design was

proposed by Koza Nostra studio from Krakow, who were awarded the first prize amounting to PLN 20 thousand.

The second prize was awarded to Wzorro Design studio from Katowice (PLN 15 000), and the third prize to ART FM studio from Krakow (PLN 10 000).

As explained by the contest committee, the authors of the winning design propose a spatially





80 YEARS SINCE DECLARATION ON PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Leader of the Opposition Sir Keir Starmer have joined commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the first public announcement by the British Government of the Nazis' attempt to murder Europe's Jewish population. Both Mr. Sunak and Sir Keir were in the chamber for a moment of silence led by Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons.

MPs responded to the Government's shocking announcement on 17 December 1942 with a spontaneous moment of silence, which was reported to be the first in the history of the chamber.

On that date in 1942, then Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told a hushed House that 'reliable reports' had confirmed 'Hitler's oft repeated intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe...'.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the Speaker of the House of Commons, repeated the unprecedented tribute by saying a few words at the start of business, before leading a one-minute silence to commemorate the grim anniversary.

To add to the poignancy of the occasion, the MPs were joined in the Speaker's Gallery by seven survivors of the Holocaust and representatives of Britain's Jewish community.

Steven Frank BEM, survivor of the Holocaust, reflected on witnessing the silence from the Speaker's Gallery:

I felt like I was representing the million and a half children who were murdered in the Holocaust. I don't know why I survived rather than any of them.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle said:
It takes a lot to quieten the House of Commons, but 80 years ago MPs were





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TOGETHER FOR IMPACT AT THE GOTHENBURG PLENARY

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) has successfully concluded its second and final Plenary Meetings under the Swedish Presidency, which took place over four days in the city of Gothenburg. The meetings, attended by experts, political representatives, and representatives of international organizations and civil society, inspired exchanges and developments in the field of Holocaust remembrance, education, and research under the Swedish Presidency's motto, "Together for Impact."

The Swedish Minister for Culture, Parisa Liljestrand, addressed the Plenary, highlighting the importance of the IHRA's collaborative work and stating that, "Working together is the best way to promote human rights and democracy."

The sad reality of the passing of the survivor generation and its impact on Holocaust remembrance echoed throughout the four-day meetings, with IHRA Chair Ambassador Ann Bernes noting in her welcoming address, "In an era where more and more survivors leave us, the mandate and work of the IHRA is more important than ever and I am confident in our ability to jointly rise to the challenge."

IHRA Honorary Chair, Professor Yehuda Bauer, addressed the Plenary, warning of the rising tide of dangerous nationalism and reminding Member Countries that, "We are not living in a post-Holocaust world, we are living in a world where the Holocaust is possible."

The Swedish Presidency followed up on the pledges made in October 2021 at the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism Remember – ReAct. The IHRA Chair noted the impressive and inspiring action taken so far, with 17 delegations already completing

their pledges, 30 having partially completed theirs and more delegations' pending follow-up reports expected to show even more progress. IHRA Members Countries agreed to use the IHRA's platform for continued exchange on the pledges until 2024 and to continuously explore whether the pledges might lead to the identification of good practices for broader use.

One such, already identified example, in the form of Recommendations to empower teacher training institutes to counter Holocaust distortion and antisemitism were endorsed by Member Countries during the Plenary Session. The development of these recommendations was one of Austria's Malmö Forum pledges and was partly funded via the IHRA Grant program. The endorsement was applauded as an important step forward in promoting and supporting the strengthening of Holocaust education as well as countering antisemitism and Holocaust distortion.

On the topic of safeguarding the record of the Holocaust, Dr. Gilly Carr presented the findings of the Safeguarding Sites project and encouraged Member Countries to adopt the IHRA Charter for Best Practice at the end of 2023.

In light of the situation in Ukraine, the IHRA Chair informed the Alliance about expert-





knowledge on the topic and took stock of existing research in the field while exploring existing obstacles, needs, and gaps. The conference also pointed to several ways in which the IHRA could take its work in the field forward, including by completing its forthcoming Recommendations on Teaching and Learning about the Genocide of the Roma, and by doing so in close dialogue and

collaboration with Roma representatives. The IHRA Chair took the opportunity to encourage Member Countries to translate the working definition of antigypsyism/ anti-Roma discrimination. The IHRA said a fond farewell to Dr. Wichert ten Have, who has served as Advisor to the IHRA since 2017. His contribution to the IHRA has been invaluable and he was thanked for his kind, helpful, and dedicated



2023 DECLARED THE YEAR OF THE WARSAW GHETTO HEROES

At the 54th Senate meeting, the Senate of the Republic of Poland has adopted the resolution to designate the year of 2023 as the Year of Remembrance of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes.

The idea to declare next year the Year of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes was originally proposed by the Warsaw Ghetto Museum. The initiative was supported by senators who passed the project of the resolution to the Senate. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Tomasz Grodzki, the Marshal of the Senate, passed the resolution to Yacov Livne, the Ambassador of Israel to Poland, and Albert Stankowski, the Warsaw Ghetto Museum Director.

April 2023 marks the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising which was the biggest armed act of Jewish resistance during WWII and the first uprising that occurred in a city in occupied Europe.

"The fighters did not hope to win. They were driven by desire to retaliate against the Germans and to cause the highest losses to the enemy. They chose to die with weapons in their hands... By designating the year 2023, the year of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, as the Year of Remembrance of the Warsaw Ghetto Fighters, the Senate of the Republic of Poland pays debt to the fallen and the survivors who protested the criminal plans of the extermination of the Jewish people till the end of their days," the text of the resolution says.

"In the name of the Warsaw Ghetto Museum team, (...) I would like to thank the Senate wholeheartedly for the favorable reception of our proposition. This is a great possibility to show that the heroes are not only those who fought with weapons in their hands," Mr. Stankowski said after the resolution was adopted.

"There were tens of thousands of Jews who were active in their resistance behind the ghetto walls. [...] This phenomenon of civil resistance on a huge scale is still not known well enough. The heroic posture of the women imprisoned in the Warsaw Ghetto, the important role of the children who often took care of their whole families and helped their parents to survive, are not yet discussed loudly enough. We hope that the adoption of the resolution based on the WGM initiative will help to make these extremely important subjects an important part of public awareness in our country," he continued.

During the anniversary year, Warsaw Ghetto Museum plans to organize different events, such as concerts, exhibitions, webinars and master classes for young people.



MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION ABOUT AUSCHWITZ AND THE HOLOCAUST

The summary and evaluation of activities of the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust at the Auschwitz Museum in the years 2019-22 as well as challenges for ICEAH during the pandemic and the establishment of the new Visitor Services Centre constituted main topics on the agenda of the inaugural meeting of the new term of office of the ICEAH Council (2022-26) organized on 19 December in Oświęcim.

The meeting was inaugurated by the visit to the Museum and the new Visitor Services Centre under construction, being erected in the immediate vicinity of historical site of the Memorial thanks to the support of the European Union and the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. The project made it possible to save the historical building, within which a butchery and creamery were situated during the period of camp operations.

Thanks to the subsidy from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage as well as the support of Ronald S. Lauder and Joel and Ulrika Citron, a modern three-storey hostel is being erected next to the new Visitor Services Center. It shall provide the accommodation for volunteers, interns as well as participants of longer study visits, conferences or seminars organized by ICEAH.

What is more, meeting participants had the opportunity to visit the renovated cinema hall within the existing visitors' center and watch the 8-minute film constituting the introduction to a visit at the Memorial. The film is available in 16 language versions, it was prepared thanks to the support of the Lewis Family Foundation and directed by David Conover.

Members of the Council also visited the new ICEAH seat, the premises of the so-called Old

Theatre, commissioned directly before the outbreak of the pandemic. Its modern education halls, exhibition spaces, a library and reading room together with conference halls make it possible to conduct extensive educational activity, enabling in-depth understanding and reflexion on the significance of the tragedy of victims of German Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

At the beginning of the first part of the session, on behalf of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture and National Heritage Prof. Piotr Gliński, Head of the Ministry's Department of Culture and National Heritage Radosław Jańczak handed over the certificates of appointment to ICEAH Council members.

Dr. Tomasz Kranz, Director of the State Museum at Majdanek was appointed Chairman of the Council.

During the meeting, Council Rules and Regulations were adopted, describing in details the principles of its functioning. Andrzej Kacorzyk, ICEAH Director, presented the report concerning the activities implemented by the Center during the last two years.

Director Kacorzyk summarized the work of his team during the extremely difficult period of the Covid-19 pandemic. He presented new



COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION
ABOUT AUSCHWITZ AND THE HOLOCAUST

Dr. Tomasz Kranz – Director of the State Museum at Majdanek - Chairman

Dr. Grzegorz Berendt – Director of the Museum of the Second World War

Dr. Vojtěch Blodig – Deputy Director of Pamiatnik Terezin

Deborah Hartmann – Director of the Wannsee Conference House

Monika Krawczyk – Director of Jewish Historical Institute

Olivier Lalieu – Mémorial de la Shoah

Irina Scherbakova – Memoriał Association

Albert Stankowski – Director of the Warsaw Ghetto Museum

Dr. Mateusz Szpytma – Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN)

JoAnna Wasserman – United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

forms of educational activity whose creation was motivated by the pandemic as the Memorial remained closed for visitors.

Members of the Council had the opportunity to learn more about the application enabling an online visit of the Memorial created by the Museum in cooperation with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation as well as Israeli companies AppsFlyer and Diskin, a series of podcasts entitled "On Auschwitz" dedicated to the history of the camp, new offer of workshops and multimedia presentations for young people, constituting an important component of study visits at the Auschwitz Memorial as well as about new online educational content preparing for a visit at the Auschwitz Memorial and complementing it.

What is more, Director Kacorzyk informed Council members about the modifications introduced into permanent exhibition due to the pandemic, the latest temporary and travelling exhibitions as well as about the general concept for the new Polish exhibition, currently under preparation.

An important element of his presentation consisted in emphasizing the role of volunteers in ICEAH activities as well as the role of institutions providing the Center with support.

Prof. Grzegorz Berendt expressed his appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the team of the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust as well as guides: "The scope of your work is impressive. The multitude and diversity of your initiatives is beyond compare".

The International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust was established in 2005 and constitutes an integral part of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. It is involved in education about the history of the Holocaust and the German Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. It educates about the tragic fate of the Jews, Poles, Roma, Soviet prisoners of war and the fate of all other groups of Victims incarcerated and murdered at Auschwitz.





WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

The Moreshet Mordechai Anielevich Memorial Holocaust Study and Research Center, Givat Haviva, Israel is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for its inaugural International Conference on Women in the Holocaust.

The conference will take place on the 10-12th of October 2023 in Belgrade, Serbia at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade. The working language of the conference will be in English.

The Women in the Holocaust conference will be held in East-Central Europe, a region in which German Nazi occupation and racial policies intersected with competing nationalisms, shifting borders, and the sovereignty of nation states. This inaugural conference will be the first of a series of conferences to be held annually in Europe and Israel.

The history of the German Nazi persecution, expulsion, flight, deportation, and murder of Jewish and Roma women that took place during the Holocaust on the broader map of ethnic and other rifts and conflicts in East Central Europe, and beyond. The study of gender in the Holocaust confronts the question of how to fruitfully integrate the histories of occupation, antisemitism, and ethnic racism, as well as issues of competing victimhood in the various countries of East Central Europe remain a research challenge and a point of contention in public and scholarly debate. There also are scholarly challenges involved when one considers the intersectionality of religious, ethnic, and gender identities and the impact, tensions, and traumas they have produced.

The Women in the Holocaust conference wants to promote scholarly discussion and debate on the various divides, connections, and intersections that can be

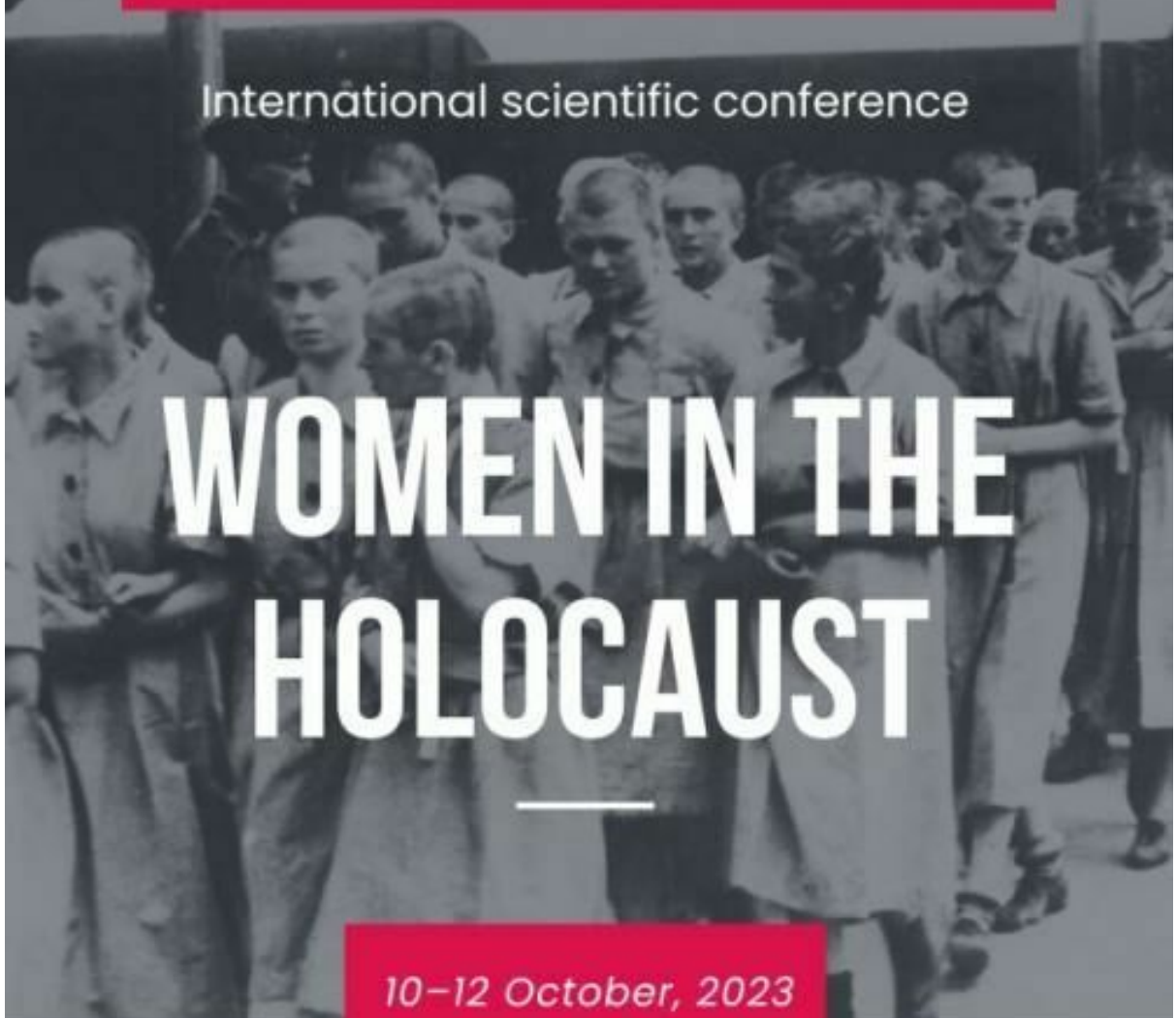
found in Holocaust and Gender Studies about women in the Holocaust.

The Women in the Holocaust conference aims to probe and challenge disciplinary boundaries to advance multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary inquiries into the subject of women in the Holocaust. The various conference streams include the methodological connections involved in placing the Holocaust in the context of social, cultural, and gender studies.

Conference organizers invite proposals examining the connection of Holocaust Studies to a variety of other research fields and disciplines, including, but not limited to, the social sciences, culture, memory studies, the arts, and education. We welcome proposals for papers that challenge both established and new disciplinary approaches to the study of the Holocaust, including proposals that address and incorporate the histories of migration (including refugees and displaced persons) focusing on women in the Holocaust.

We especially encourage the participation of younger scholars at the beginning of their careers as well as the participation of more established and experienced scholars in the Belgrade on the 10-12th of October 2023 Women in the Holocaust conference. Conference Streams

- Sex, Sexuality, Gender, Motherhood, and



International scientific conference

WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

10–12 October, 2023
IFDT, Belgrade

Organizers


The International Research Center for Women's Fate in the Holocaust

The Moreshet Mordechai Anielewicz Memorial Holocaust Study &
Research Center, Givat Haviva, Israel

ShoahLab: Holocaust Studies Laboratory

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory University of Belgrade

Haver Serbia, Belgrade



NEW VISITOR SERVICE CENTRE AT THE MAJDANEK MEMORIAL

The winner of the competition for architectural concept of the extension of the Visitor Service Centre premises at the State Museum at Majdanek has been selected. Competition Jury chose the design by the INTRO75 Artur Wiśniewski studio from Poznań.

According to Competition Jury, the said work is characterized by "high aesthetics of architectural solutions combined with functional and usable properties". What is more, a distinguishing feature of the design consists in

"the adaptation of its dimensions both to the existing Visitor Service Centre as well as the surroundings of the Monument-Gate. Building arrangement within the premises of the State Museum at Majdanek corresponds with the significance





EXHIBITION IN HAMBURG CITY HALL: "DEATH IS ALWAYS AMONG US"

From 13 January to 8 February 2023 we will be showcasing the exhibition "Death is always among us." The Deportations to Riga and the Holocaust in German-Occupied Latvia at Hamburg City Hall.

Riga was the centre of Jewish life in Latvia. With the invasion of German troops in July 1941, the city became a destination for deportations and the scene of Nazi extermination policies. Members of the SS, police and Wehrmacht as well as local auxiliary troops murdered almost all Latvian Jews and those deported to Riga from Germany, Vienna, Prague and Brno. Among the deportees were also 753 people from Hamburg. The Hannoverscher Bahnhof railway station was the starting point, but also a stopover for deportations from Northern Germany to Riga.

The few survivors rarely returned to their home countries. For the most part, they fought in vain for justice. Likewise, there was no comprehensive judicial examination of the crimes. Two of the most extensive

trials on the German crimes in Riga took place in the 1950s and 1970s before the Hamburg Regional Court.

Today, the Hannoversche Bahnhof in Hamburg is an important place of remembrance of the deportations to Riga. The exhibition aims to contribute to anchoring the deportations to Riga and the National Socialist murder in the public memory of Germany as well as Latvia.

The exhibition of the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Places of Learning Centres, funded by the Federal Foreign Office and implemented with the support of the Hamburg Parliament, will be shown in the Hamburg City Hall from 13 January to 8 February 2023.

There is a detailed accompanying programme to



Der Tod ist ständig unter uns Nāve mīt mūsu vidū

Die Deportationen nach Riga
und der Holocaust
im deutsch besetzten Lettland

Deportācijas uz Rīgu
un holokausts
vācu okupētajā Latvijā



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