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Muzejs
"Ebreji Latvijā" 

International Conference

Eastern European Displaced Persons, Refugees, and POWs during and after the Holocaust

Monday-Friday, 5 September–9 September 2022

Sunday, September 4

Arrival in Rīga and Check-In (Hilton Garden Inn Riga Old Town, Grecinieku 25)

Monday, September 5

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Conference Hall

9:00-9:30 Conference introductions

9:30-10:30 Andrea Löw, Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History, Munich, "“Our Days Were Numbered”. German-speaking Jews deported to Riga: Expectations, Realities, Reactions”

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:00 Daniela Ozacky Stern, Western Galilee College, “Jewish Refugees Documenting their Experiences in the Initial Phase of WWII, 1939-1940”

12:00-13:00 Katarzyna Nowak, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, “Telling History of Displacement Through Objects. Materiality and the „Civilizing Mission” in Displaced Persons Camps in Post-WWII Europe and Beyond, 1945-1952”

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:00 Martin Nekola, Independent Scholar “Czechs in Displaced Persons Camps after 1948”

15:00-16:00 Serafima Velkovich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, ““I Was Born On the Way Home!” - Family History of the DP Born “Babies”

16:00-17:00 Esther Meier, German Historical Institute Moscow, “Reconstructing Biographies: The Research and Documentation project “Soviet Prisoners of War””

Tuesday, September 6

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Conference Hall

9:00-10:00 Didzis Bērziņš, University of Latvia, “Controversy around “Latvia's Beehive for Freedom”: Discussing the architecture of discourses behind the reactions in Latvia”

10:00-11:00 Richards Plavnieks, Florida Southern College, “Report about a Recent Legion Controversy and a Path Forward: Camp 2227, the “Latvian Beehive” Monument, and the Proposed Solution by an Academic Panel”

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:15 University of Connecticut Presentation by Avinoam Patt (Presentation will be pre-recorded)

12:15-13:15 Jeffrey Koerber, Chapman University, "Migration and Transformation of Postwar Holocaust Narratives about the Kovno and Vilna Ghettos"

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:15 Natalie Belsky, University of Minnesota-Duluth, "Baltic Cultures Forged in Displacement: Baltic Evacuees in the Soviet Interior during World War II"

15:15-16:00 Kherson State University Presentation by Yurii Kaparulin (Presentation will be pre-recorded)

Wednesday, September 7

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Conference Hall

9:00-10:00 Eliyana Adler, Pennsylvania State University, "Narratives of Return in Postwar Polish Jewish Memorial Books"

10:00-11:00 Sarah Grandke, University of Regensburg/Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, "Polish General Władysław Camp Sikorski" in Flossenbürg 1946/47 Life paths and spaces of action of Displaced Persons in the period immediately after the World War II"

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:15 Arolsen Archives Presentation by Christian Weber and Anna Meier-Osiński

12:15-13:15 Aleksandra Pomiecko, University of St. Andrews, "Church, Archive, and Community: Belarusian Displaced Persons in the Early Postwar Period"

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:15 Daina Eglitis, George Washington University, "Liberation and Return: Women's Stories of the End of the Holocaust and World War II in Eastern Europe"

15:15-16:00 Yad Vashem Presentation by Arkadi Zeltser

Thursday, September 8

University of Latvia (Raiņa bulvāris 19), Conference Hall

9:00-10:00 Kenneth Slepyan, Transylvania University, "'Occupied Soviet Civilian Reactions to the 'Holocaust by Bullets' and the Treatment of Soviet POWs"

10:00-11:00 Michael Rom, University of British Columbia, "The Best Among All the Refugees: Brazilian Immigration Policies toward European Displaced Persons, 1945-50"

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:15 Yahad-In Unum Presentation by Michal Chojak and Albert Hytry

12:15-13:15 Christoph Schiessl, University of Missouri-St. Louis, "Escaping from Hitler's Shadow? The German Expellees as Immigrants to the United States after World War II"

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:15 Rachel Blumenthal, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "A Mixed Reception: Locals and Eastern European Refugees in Postwar Austria"

15:15-16:00 Dallas Michelbacher, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, "Key Findings in the"

Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos Volume IV: Camps and Other Detention Facilities under the German Armed Forces (Presentation will be pre-recorded)

Friday, September 9

Starting at 9:00 Mr. Ilya Lensky of the Museum “Jews in Latvia” will lead a guided tour through Holocaust sites in and around Riga, including Rumbula, the Salaspils Memorial, KZ Jungfernhof Concentration Camp, and other sites as time permits.

Saturday, September 10

Checkout from Hotel and Departure from Rīga

The conference will be conducted in English.

Steering Committee Organizers:

