

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA Center for Iudaic Studies



## **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)

<u>Monday, September 5</u> University of Latvia (Raina 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

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**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

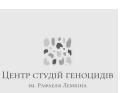
#### Checkout from Hotel and Departure from Rīga

The conference will be conducted in English.

Steering Committee Organizers:









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