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17th East-West-European Memorial Seminar

March 27–30, 2019, International Meeting Place Krzyżowa/Poland

Forgotten History

Forgotten places - forgotten names - forgotten events

Dealing with repressed aspects of history

Historical narration in Western and Eastern Europe knows oblivion. In many nations there are personalities, events or places that have been outside of the memory, that have been shunned in the discourse of reappraisal or that still touch on taboos. This year, the East-West European Memorial Seminar in Krzyżowa asks about forgotten chapters in the history of the 20th century, as the preoccupation with the forgotten and the discussion of the late consequences of the repression are still problematic today. Historical personalities, events or places often present themselves ambiguously, their history reveals painful misconduct, triggers shame or unwillingness - and is often perceived as a provocation today. At the same time, many governments do not see themselves responsible for coming to terms with the past, which is why actors from civil society are mostly involved and shape the culture of remembrance both locally and across borders. This year's memorial meeting will once again bring together corresponding projects from all over Europe. Well-known projects are as welcome as initiatives that are just beginning or are facing difficulties. It is about a transfer of know-how and an open exchange of experiences between institutions from different countries in order to discuss common difficulties and develop strategies for bringing "forgotten history" into the public debate.

The East-West European Memorial Site Meeting in Krzyżowa/Kreisau is aimed at employees of memorial sites, museums, educational institutions, human rights organizations or oral history projects. The aim of the memorial meeting is to get to know each other and to exchange knowledge and experience. We invite you to discuss the national and regional narratives and their influence on the respective understanding of the history of the 20th century. We hope to contribute to a deeper understanding and reconciliation in Europe through a free exchange of views on perceptual patterns and tendencies among participants from different countries. The memorial meeting has already a long tradition, so we are pleased that we can continue to invite to a discourse on perception and memory as well as on the representation of history and past in the countries of Eastern and Western Europe. The seminar has a strong practical orientation and is not a scientific conference. We attach great importance to informal exchange: open discussions and reflections characterize the memorial meetings in Krzyżowa.

The meeting will be simultaneously interpreted into German, English, Polish and Russian.



Program

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

12:00	Departure by bus from Berlin to Kreisau, meeting point: Station Berlin Südkreuz (long-distance bus stop at Hildegard-Knef-Platz)
until 18:00	Arrival and registration
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner
19.00 – 19.30	Welcome and introduction to the memorial seminar by the organizers
19.30 – 20.00	Interactive presentation of the participants (Turbo-Presentations I)

Thursday, March 28, 2019

09.00 – 09.45	Interactive presentation of the participants (Turbo- Presentations II)
09.45 – 11.45	Prof dr Joanna Wojdon (University of Wrocław/Poland): Introduction
11.45 – 12:30	Interactive presentation of the participants (Turbo- Presentations III)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 16.00	Forgotten Places (Project Presentations I) Nedi Petri (Cultural Heritage without Borders, Albania): „Unlocking Dialogue & Action“ - A concept for the prison in Spaç Andrzej Trzeciak (European Solidarność Centre, Gdańsk/Poland): An unknown place of European remembrance – the Gdańsk Shipyard Meelis Maripuu (Eesti Mälu Instituut, Tallinn/Estonia): A first historical exhibition in the former KGB prison "Patarei" in Tallinn
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 18.30	Forgotten Places (Project Presentations II) Luděk Strašák (Museum of Roma Culture, Brno/Czech Republic): The "Gypsy camp" in Lety Thomas Porena (topografiaperlastoria.org, Italy): The places of forced labour and deportation from Italy during the Second World War Anna Kaminsky (Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung, Berlin/Germany): Museums and Memorials Commemorating the Victims of Communist Dictatorships
18.30	Dinner; in the evening for those interested : Guided tour through Krzyżowa Foundation site (Dominik Kretschmann)



Friday, March 29, 2019

09.00 – 11.00

Forgotten Names (Project Presentations III)

Magda Tsotskhalashvili (Sovlab, Tbilisi/Georgia): The search for mass graves from the Stalin era

Andrei Mastyka (Belarusian Oral History Archive): Remembering Nazi forced labour in Belarus

María Paula Núñez (Place of Memory, Tolerance and Social Inclusion, Lima/Peru): Remembering the 20,000 disappeared persons during the violent period 1980-2000 in Peru

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30

Forgotten events (Project Presentations IV)

Petr Kalousek (Meeting-Brno Festival, Brno/Czech Republic): The reconciliation marches

Judyta Ścigała (Centrum Dokumentacji Deportacji Górnoślązaków do ZSRR w 1945 r., Radzionków/Poland): The Center for the Upper Silesians deported to the Soviet Union in 1945

Elīna Kalniņa (BURNING CONSCIENCE, permanent exhibition in Cēsis/Latvia): A new exhibition on the people's resistance against Nazi German and Soviet occupation in the district of Cēsis in Latvia, 1940–1957

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

14.30 – evening

Excursion to forgotten places in Lower Silesia

Saturday, March 30, 2019

9.00 – 11.30

Forum for historical-political education (Project Presentations V)

Juliane Haubold-Stolle (Documentation Centre Nazi Forced Labour, Berlin/Germany): Remembering Nazi forced labour in Germany

Peter Gaida (Bordeaux/France): "Red Spaniards" - an exhibition about forgotten forced laborers

Rainer E. Klemke (berlinHistory e.V., Berlin/Germany): Discovering the traces of Berlin's history: the smartphone app „berlinhistory.app“

11.30 – 12.00

Evaluation and farewell

12.00

Departure of the bus to Berlin