

**‘European Remembrance’  
4th International Symposium of European institutions dealing with 20th-century  
history**

**Vienna, 11-13 May**

***Remembrance of the Second World War 70 Years After. Winners, Losers,  
Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders.***

**This coming Monday (11 May) the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of European Remembrance Symposium begins in Vienna. It will be attended by over 200 representatives from 120 institutions and organisations dealing with the history of the 20th century. This year's edition, dedicated to the memory of the Second World War is held at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. The event is organised by European Network Remembrance and Solidarity.**

For three days, historians and representatives of institutions and organisations from 27 countries will take part in lectures, discussions and workshops on today's perception connected with the memory of the Second World War.

One of the guests of Symposium is **Martin Pollack** - Austrian writer, journalist and translator of Polish literature. His latest book "Contaminated scenery" (Czarne publishing house, 2014) is an essay about mass murders in Europe, after which the traces were erased.

The second day of the Symposium will be opened by the **Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Dr Heinz Fischer**, and during a panel on interpretations and images of the Second World War, the speaker will be **Anda Rottenberg** - art critic and historian, curator of many exhibitions, including 'Poland - Germany. 1000 years of history in Art' at Berlin's Martin-Gropius-Bau in 2011.

On the last day, participants will talk about different types of memory of the Holocaust - the way it was remembered in communism and it is remembered now, during democracy. The final discussion about various totalitarian regimes will focus on answering the question of how to talk about the crimes of the 20th century without equating them. The speakers, among others, are: British historians - **Cathie Carmichael** and **Richard Overy**, a Hungarian researcher on contemporary history **Istvan Ötvös**, and a representative of the International Council of Museums - **Karen S. Franklin**.

During the Symposium there will be workshops conducted by, among others: **the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Research into Consequences of War** and **Krzyżowa (Kreisau) Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe**.

**Detailed information, programme and registration form are available at:  
[www.europeanremembrance.enrs.eu](http://www.europeanremembrance.enrs.eu). The number of places is limited.**

*A series of European Remembrance symposiums was launched in September 2012 in Gdańsk. Subsequent editions took place in Berlin and Prague.*

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The organiser of the Symposium:

**European Network Remembrance and Solidarity**

In cooperation with:

**Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Research into Consequences of War**

**Foundation for the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe**

**European Solidarity Centre**

**Federal Foundation for the Study of Communist Dictatorship in East Germany**

Among partners there are:

**Institute for Human Sciences**

**Diplomatic Academy of Vienna**

**Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe**

**Academy of Sciences in Budapest**

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**European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS)** is an international initiative aimed at research, documentation and dissemination of knowledge related to 20-th century European history and ways of commemorating it with particular focus on periods of dictatorships, wars and resistance to oppression. The network members are Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania, while Austria and the Czech Republic have the status of observers.

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