**9th European Remembrance Symposium**

**Memory and Identity in Europe: Presence and Future**

Tallinn, Tallinn Creative Hub, Cauldron Hall

4-6 May 2020

**Day 1 – Monday, 4 May**

**12:30–14:00 Registration**

**14:00–14:15 Welcome speech**

**14:15–16:15 Opening session – European identity today: historical roots and present debates**

*This session is to discuss multi-layered perceptions of ‘European identity’ shaped by historical memory implications. The discussion centres around different approaches of remembrance policies and their agents fostering historical awareness in Europe and thus reflecting on the following questions: Is the post-war division into communist and capitalist blocs still relevant and resonating in different macro-regional remembrance cultures rooted in common historical experiences? Which role is the European Union playing now in creating a common identity in Europe?*

*Prof. Elazar Barkan (moderator), Mr Zoltán Balog, dr Siobhan Kattago, Prof. Gesine Schwan*

**16:15–16:45 Coffee break**

**16:45–18:00 Turbo presentations**

*During turbo presentations participants showcase their organisation or project to the Symposium audience. Each speaker has up to 90 seconds.*

**18:00–20:00** **Reception dinner**

**Day 2 – Tuesday, 5 May**

**09:15–10:00 Registration**

**10:00–11:30 First panel discussion – Remembrance in action: everyday challenges**

*This session aims to reflect on the impact of project activities in the field of history on the formation of a European remembrance culture. Representatives of various cultural and remembrance institutions discuss and share their experiences while addressing a range of issues such as: How do contemporary social campaigns, cultural and educational projects as well as documentaries raise and influence awareness of totalitarian regimes? In what way can historical and cultural projects foster reconciliation processes?*

*Ms Sandra Vokk (moderator), Dr Beáta Katrebová Blehová, Dr Jordi Guixe, Ms Constanze Itzel, Dr Monika Kareniauskaitė, Rafał Rogulski*

**11:30–12:00 Coffee break**

**12:00–13:30 Q&A session – Case studies: project practices**

*During this Q&A session coordinators of educational and social projects in the field of history share best practice experiences on three different project formats.* (Participants can choose 2 out of 3 presentations):

1. *Dealing with difficult past*
2. *Oral history as an inspiration*
3. *Use of new media/technologies*

**13:30–14:30** **Lunch and coffee break**

**15:00–17:00/17:30 Cultural visits**

*Tallinn, different venues*

*Possible options:*

*1) Memorial to Estonia’s Victims of Communism and Estonian Historical Museum*

*2) Patarei Prison exhibition area ‘Communism is Prison’*

*3) Historical guided sightseeing tour of Tallinn Old Town (walking tour) including visiting the Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom and the KGB Prison Cells.*

**18:00–20:00 Reception dinner and concert at St Nicholas Church – Niguliste Museum**

*The concert of the Mass in the Memory of Innocent Victims in Estonia is*

*written by Raimo Kangro in 1989. The work is dedicated to all those who*

*could not witness the restoration of Estonian independence.*

**Day 3 – Wednesday, 6 May**

**09:15–10:00 Registration**

**10:00–11:30 Second panel discussion – Struggles with the past: memory and politics**

*This session addresses issues of controversy regarding a common remembrance culture in Europe that is characterised by varying experiences and subjective appraisals: In what terms do differing perceptions of nation states as well as collective groups in Eastern and Western Europe towards totalitarian regimes resound in a politicisation of memory?  Are there any differences in Holocaust remembrance in Western and Eastern Europe? What are the reasons for**the popularity of communism in various countries, irrespective of its crimes?*

*Prof. Andres Kasekamp, Dr Földváryné Kiss Réka, prof. Lavinia Stan, prof. Giga Zedania*

**11:30–12:00 Coffee break**

**12:00–14:00 Round table discussion: The future of European historical debates**

*This discussion aims to assess the current state of a common European remembrance culture in order to deliberate its outlook with regard to possible future historical debates. Therefore, the session addresses possible scenarios of upcoming conflicts rooted in differing local, regional, national as well as generational perspectives on historical experiences.*

*Dr András Fejérdy, Prof. Marius Turda, Ms Alicja Knast*

**14:00 Closing remarks**

**Lunch break and end of the Symposium**