## 9th EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE SYMPOSIUM TALLINN 2021 PROGRAMME



## Memory and Identity in Europe: Present and Future

9th European Remembrance Symposium

Tallinn Creative Hub, Cauldron Hall 26–28 October 2021

DAY 1

Tuesday, 26 October

Timezone: EEST (UTC + 3 h)

Wednesday, 27 October

12:30-14:00 L

Lunch

13:00-14:00

Registration

14:10-14:30

Welcome speeches

Rafał Rogulski, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity Maris Lauri, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Estonia Sergei Metlev, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory

14:30-16:30

**Opening session** 

European identity today: historical roots and present debates

This session is to discuss multilayered 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? What role does the European Union now play in creating a common identity in Europe?

Moderator: Prof. Elazar Barkan (online)

Toomas Hiio

Panellists: Dr Monika Kareniauskaitė

Dr Michał Łuczewski Prof. Viacheslav Morozov Dr Gergely Prőhle (online)

16:30-17:00

Coffee break

17:00-18:00

**Turbo** presentations

During the turbo presentations participants showcase their organizations and projects to the Symposium audience.

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18:00-20:00

**Concert and dinner reception** 

Famous Estonian singer, violinist and electro-musician Maarja Nuut will perform several pieces of musical art, merging the spirits and traditions of the past with the soul of the modern world.

8:30-9:30

**Registration** 

9:30-11:30

First panel discussion

Remembrance in action: everyday challenges and recommendations for the future

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This session aims to garner opinions, recommendations and suggestions for the future of broadly understood remembrance policies in Europe.

Representatives of institutions active in the field of historical education and commemoration operating at an international level will present a summary of experiences to date and the day-to-day challenges of their activities, along with recommendations for the future.

Statements prepared by the institutions with suggestions made by the panellists will be presented and debated. Participants of the session will have the opportunity to take the floor, and will be invited to comment on the recommendations presented and propose their own.

Moderator: Sergei Metlev

Representatives of the following organizations will take part in the debate:

EUROM European Observatory

on Memories (Oriol Lopez Badell - online)

European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (Rafał Rogulski)

**House of European History** 

(Constanze Itzel)

Platform of European Memory and Conscience (Dr Łukasz Kamiński)

11:30-12:00

Coffee break

12:00-14:00

Case studies Project practices

During this session, coordinators of educational and social projects in the field of history share best practice experiences on three different project formats:

Moderators: Beata Drzazga, Maria Naimska

Dealing with a difficult past:

Dorottya Baczoni, House of Terror Museum Dr Keiu Telve, Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom

Inclusion of local community:

Gentiana Sula, Even Walls Have Ears

Dr Annemarie Franke

and Anna Wachowiak, ENRS

## Use of new media/technologies:

Dr Kristina Ranki,

The Mannerheim Museum

Paweł Sawicki, Auschwitz-Birkenau

Memorial and Museum

14:00-15:00 Lunch break

15:00—17:30 Cultural visits

Tallinn, different venues

Possible options:

- Memorial to Estonia's Victims of Communism and Estonian Historical Museum
- Patarei Prison exhibition area 'Communism is Prison'
- Historical guided sightseeing tour of Tallinn's Old Town (a walking tour) including visiting the KGB Prison Cells affiliated to the Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom.

Participants are also invited to visit 'After the Great War' exhibition at the Freedom Square.

17:30—18:00 Coffee break

18:00—19:30 Second panel discussion

1989 revisited

This panel is dedicated to recent research on various political, cultural and economic changes related to the year 1989 in East-Central Europe. How has the memory of the transformation changed over the last 30 years? Have these changes triggered the recent research interest in this topic? What are the regional differences? The discussion participants will include authors of books devoted to the 1989 transformation.

Moderator: Dr Peter Jašek

Panellists: Dr Tobias Rupprecht

Dr Lars Fredrik Stöcker Dr Paweł Ukielski

19:30—21:00 Dinner reception

DAY 3

Thursday, 28 October

09:15-10:00 Registration

10:00—11:30 Third panel discussion

Struggles with the past: memory and politics

This session addresses issues of controversy regarding a common remembrance culture in Europe characterised by varying experiences and subjective appraisals: In what terms do the differing perceptions nation states as well as collective groups in Eastern and Western Europe have of 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?

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Moderator: Prof. Linda Kaljundi Panellists: Dr Beáta Katrebová

Blehová (online)
Dr Réka Földváryné Kiss
Velma Šarić (online)

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Prof. Lavinia Stan (online)

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 reflect on its prospects with regard to potential 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.

Moderator: Dariusz Rosiak (online)

Panellists: Prof. Maria Silvia Crăciun Dr András Fejérdy

Alicja Knast Barbara Walshe

14:00 Closing remarks

**End of the Symposium** 

Rafał Rogulski, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity

Barbara Walshe, Glencree Centre for

Peace and Reconciliation





Partners











Participants of the Case Studies Session













Participants of the Debate 'Remembrance in action: everyday challenges and recommendations for the future"







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