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# **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** WWII 80 YEARS AFTER **CHALLENGES FOR** HISTORICAL **EDUCATION AND** COMMEMORATION

## 2-3 JUNE 2025 **BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Venue: Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

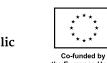












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### **DAY 1: 2 June 2025 (Monday)** Venue: Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

8:00-9:00	Registration, networking	11:00-11:30	Coffe
9:00-9:30	<ul> <li>OPENING SESSION</li> <li>Welcome speeches:</li> <li>Dr Zoltán Maruzsa, Ministry of the Interior, State Secretary for Public Education</li> <li>Prof. Jan Rydel, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity</li> <li>Dr Réka Földváryné Kiss, Committee of National Remembrance</li> <li>Prof. László Borhy, Rector of the ELTE Eötvös Loránd University</li> </ul>		Theatr PLA THE Placid C was a and Gu role mo hell of f of God the mis low pris that de "the ha • Acto Mart • Virit • Direc
9:30-11:00	Debate WORLD WAR TWO MEMORY BETWEEN EAST AND		
	<ul> <li>the end of war and the beginning of Soviet domination, thus complicating the European narrative of liberation.</li> <li>Panelists: <ul> <li>Prof. László Borhi, Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University Bloomington (USA)</li> <li>Michal Keim, Department of Research and Education, Nation's Memory Institute (UPN) (Slovakia)</li> <li>Robert Kostro, Polish History Museum (Poland)</li> <li>Prof. Zsuzsanna Varga, Head of the Modern Hungarian History Department, Eötvös Lorand University (Hungary)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	12:30-14:00	Lunch
	Moderator: Keith Lowe, historian, writer (UK)		
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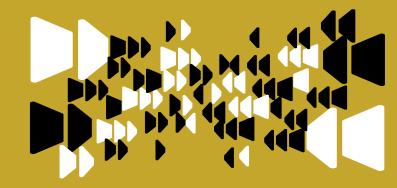






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### WWI 80 YEARS AFTER **CHALLENGES FOR**

**HISTORICAL EDUCATION AND COMMEMORATION** 

e Break

### 14:00-15:30

### re play ACID OR A GAME WITH E DEATH

Oloffson (23 December 1916 – 15 January 2017) Hungarian Benedictine monk, priest, teacher lag victim. He became a symbol and a true odel. During his long life, he experienced the the Gulag, where also experienced the grace I. He truly believed that he had been given ssion in life to keep the spirit alive in his felisoners in inhuman conditions, and so he said espite all the horrors of camp life he was appiest man in the whole Soviet Union."

ors: Zoltán Bezerédi (Death) and Máté tinkovics (Placid Olofsson) t**ten by:** Borbála Szabó and Pörzse Fehér cted by: Bendegúz Bezezédi ducer: Krisztina Serfőző

### Lecture FROM THE PERSONAL **STORY TO THE GREAT EUROPEAN NARRATIVES**

In this lecture, we will explore the profound impact of personal stories in shaping our understanding of history and how they connect to broader European narratives. Drawing on real-life testimonies and memories, we will examine how oral history brings the past to life, making historical events more relatable, emotionally resonant, and pedagogically effective.

Speaker: loana Hasu-Georgiev (Romania)

### 15:30-15:45

15:45-17:15

Short break

Workshop for teachers and educators THE POWER OF **INDIVIDUAL STORIES IN HISTORY TEACHING** 

This interactive workshop focuses on the transformative potential of personal stories in history education. We will explore how teachers can incorporate a variety of personal materials—such as family histories, photographs, documents, and everyday objects—into the classroom to make history more tangible and engaging.

Workshoop leader: loana Hasu-Georgiev (Romania)

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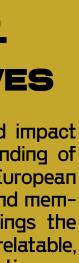


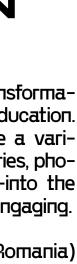






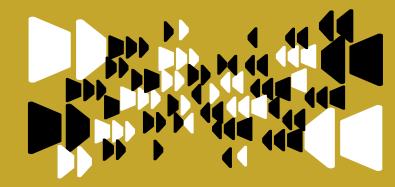






## DAY 2 **3 June 2025** (Tuesday) Venue: Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)





### WWI 80 YEARS AFTER **CHALLENGES FOR** HISTORICAL EDUCATION

12:00-13:30

### THINK OUTSIDE THE **CLASSROOM: EXPLORING NEW WAYS TO TEACH WWII** HISTORY

How should the memory of WWII be preserved and taught in the 21st-century? This debate brings together experts from memorial sites and representatives from educational institutions to discuss the challenges, methods, and best practices in historical education for younger generations. Inspired by the film about the 'Sound in the Silence' project, the discussion will explore innovative approaches to engaging students beyond traditional classroom settings.

The audience will gain valuable insights into impactful teaching strategies, exploring how the authentic history of memorial sites can deepen understanding of 20th-century European history and foster emotional engagement for today's youth.

 Maria Axinte, Director of the Pitesti Prison Memorial Foundation (Romania)

Dr. Márta Goldmann, Department of Education,

- Holocaust Memorial Center (Hungary)
- Dr. Matthias Heyl, Head of Educational Services at **Ravensbrück** Memorial Site (Germany)
- **Dr. Paweł Ukielski**, Deputy Head of the Warsaw Rising Museum (Poland)

#### Moderator: Justyna Radziukiewicz,

Sound in the Silence project coordinator at the ENRS

### Talk for teachers and educators **HOW TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A VISIT TO A MEMORIAL SITE?**

The conversation between the memory site representative and the co-creator of educational projects at the ENRS -Urszula Bijoś, aims to shed new light on the importance of preparing young people for visits to places of remembrance. Such experiences often leave a lasting impact on the psyche of young visitors. How can we prepare them and their parents for this experience? How can we address and process the emotions students carry with them after such visits? These questions, among many others, will be addressed by the host of the discussion to the memory site representative. In addition, the floor will be given to the audience, who, although not present on stage, will have an active part in the discussion. Together, we will develop a list of best practices, ensuring that each teacher participating in the event is equipped with tools to help young people navigate the profound experience of visiting a place of remembrance.

#### Speakers:

- Maria Axinte, Director of the Pitesti Prison Memorial Foundation (Romania)
- Dorottya Baczoni, Director at the Institute of the Twentieth Century and expert of the House of Terror Museum (Hungary)
- Urszula Bijoś, ENRS

### Closing remarks

 Iga Raczyńska, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity

### Coffee break

#### 13:45-15:15 Lunch

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Federal Government Commissioner









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