International conference

RE-WORKING THE TRAUMA: RESEARCH ON ROMA AND JEWS IN THE BALTICS AND USA



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

10AM – 5 PM National Martynas Mažvydas Library, Vilnius

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, September 13, 10am-5pm

10 AM - A foreword by the organizers and contributors

10:30 AM - A keynote lecture by **dr. Krista Hegburg** (USHMM): "Unknown Holocaust?: Trends in the Study of Roma and the Holocaust"

11:30 PM - Coffee break

11:45 PM - I panel "Research on Roma Genocide in Lithuania and the Baltics":

- **dr. Volha Bartash** (University of Regensburg, Germany): "Gender, trauma and memory: Romani women in the aftermath of the genocide"

- **Agnieška Avin, Anna Pilarczyk-Palaitis** (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania): "On the way to visibility. The process of creating a cultural memory of the genocide of Lithuanian Roma" + Presentation of the Lithuanian Roma Oral History Archive

- **Eva-Liisa Roht-Yilmaz** (University of Tartu, Estonia): "The awareness (-raising)

of Roma holocaust in Estonia"

1PM - Q&A session

1:30 PM - Lunch

2:30 PM - II panel "Trauma and Memory in Lithuania":

- **dr. Dovilė Budrytė** (Georgia Gwinnett College, USA): "Construction of the Holocaust memories in Lithuania: Mnemonic Conflicts and Mnemonic Cooperation"

- dr. Neringa Latvytė (Vilnius University, Lithuania): "Healing Wounds of Soul:

Silent Memory of the Jewish Women during and after the Holocaust"

- **dr. Ruth Reches** (Vilnius University, Lithuania): "Experiencing Holocaust trauma identities" (in Lithuanian)

3:30PM - Q&A session

3:45PM – A roundtable discussion about memory politics and memory institutionalization. Participating: dr. Krista Hegburg (USHMM), dr. Vida Montvydaitė (Department of National Minorities under LR Government), dr. Neringa Latvytė (Vilnius University)

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER Tuesday, September 13, 10am-5pm



DR. KRISTA HEGBURG

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Krista Hegburg is a staff scholar and the Senior Program Officer for International Academic Programs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. Before joining the Museum, she taught in the Department of Anthropology at Rutgers University.

I PANEL



DR. VOLHA BARTASH

University of Regensburg / Germany

Volha Bartash is researcher at the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, University of Regensburg, where she also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in memory studies and Holocaust and genocide studies.



AGNIEŠKA AVIN

Vytautas Magnus University / Lithuania

Agnieška Avin is a social anthropologist and a community worker at the Multicultural center "Help to Fit" in Vilnius. Her research interests include Roma Holocaust commemoration practices in Lithuania, Roma (im)mobility experiences and social exclusion.

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ANNA PILARCZYK-PALAITIS

Vytautas Magnus University / Lithuania

Anna Pilarczyk-Palaitis is a PhD student at the Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology at Vytautas Magnus University. Her main research interests concern issues related to the concept of ethnicity, especially in the context of the ethnicity of national minorities.



EVA-LIISA ROHT-YILMAZ

University of Tartu / Estonia

Eva-Liisa Roht-Yilmaz is a PhD student at the Department of Ethnology at the University of Tartu. Her research is concentrated on the religious and cultural identity of Roma in Estonia.

II PANEL



DR. DOVILĖ BUDRYTĖ

Georgia Gwinnett College / USA

Dovilė Budrytė is a professor of political science at Georgia Gwinnett College. Her areas of research interests include memory politics, trauma, nationalism and gender studies. Her publications include articles on various topics related to minority rights and memory politics, one single authored and four co-edited books.

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DR. NERINGA LATVYTĖ

Vilnius University/Lithuania

Neringa Latvyte is a historian by training, museologist, researcher and author of a few books on the Holocaust in Lithuania. She holds her PhD on the communication of the Holocaust memorial sites. She is a lecturer of communication of traumatic memory and cultural heritage at Vilnius Univerity, Faculty of Communication.



DR. RUTH RECHES

Mykolas Romeris University / Lithuania

Ruth Reches is a psychologist, researching trauma identities in the context of Holocaust. She is also a pedagogue, lecturer of Hebrew and a current director of the Vilnius Sholem Aleichem ORT gymnasium.

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