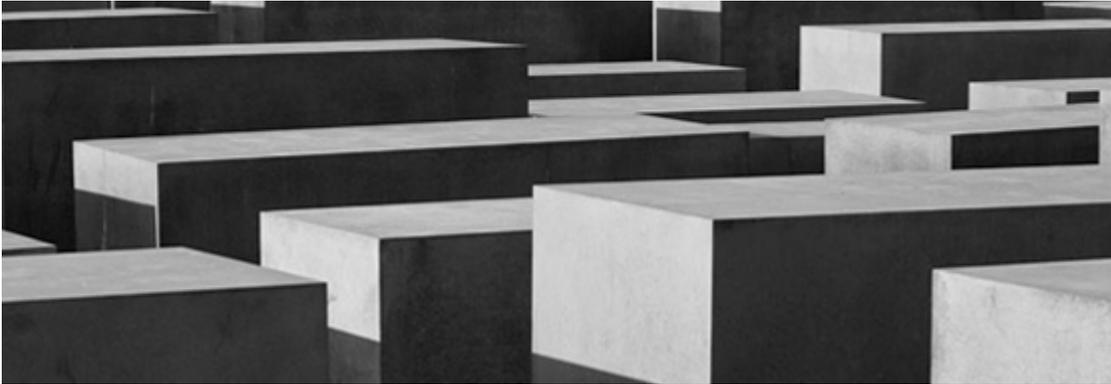




EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



EHRI Newsletter - October 2020

EHRI Gathers on Zoom to Kick Off Its Third Project Phase with Many New Plans

06/10/2020

In November this year, the EHRI project will be 10 years old. For the first time in its existence, the Kick-Off meeting of a new phase was not an actual gathering of people but an online event. However, as Director of Archives at Yad Vashem and EHRI veteran, Haim Gertner, said: We are used to working from afar yet still close together, and this was visible during the Zoom event.



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Project Director Karel Berkhoff on What to Expect From EHRI-3



06/10/2020

On Wednesday 16 September, nearly 70 representatives from 25 institutions in Europe,



Israel and the United States convened to [kick off EHRI-3](#), the third phase of the EHRI project. For the first time since EHRI's beginnings in 2010, this launch was entirely online. In the year of the start of this third phase, EHRI is already entering its eleventh year of existence.

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The EHRI-PP Consortium Takes Important Steps Towards Establishing EHRI as a Permanent Organisation

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EHRI Meetings Held Online

Preceding the Kick-Off of the third phase of the EHRI project, the consortium of the [EHRI Preparatory Phase \(EHRI-PP\)](#) project held its second General Partner Meeting online. EHRI-PP has the specific task to transform EHRI from a project into a permanent organization. Although it was sad that we could not, as was originally planned, meet in person at EHRI partner [Yad Vashem](#) in Jerusalem, the Zoom event was successful.



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New EHRI Partner in Ukraine: The Center for Urban History of East Central Europe



06/10/2020

The [Center for Urban History of East Central Europe](#) will mainly be involved in EHRI's training and education and share their knowledge and experience for localisation and capacity building. The Center will also welcome EHRI fellows.

The Center for Urban History is an independent institution that focuses its work on urban history research, digital history projects, and public history activities. Our aims are to enhance international cooperation in research, to explore the possibilities of digital technologies in the humanities, and to rethink the role of history in modern societies. The Center's work has several objectives: to research the history of Eastern and Central European cities; to promote urban history in an interdisciplinary format; to foster international academic and cultural exchange; to deepen knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of history and heritage in Eastern and Central European cities; and to

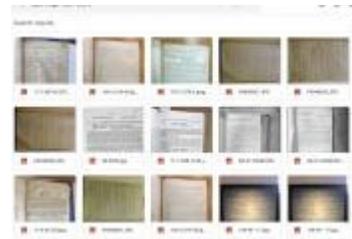
enhance cooperation among local and international institutions.

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New EHRI Document Blog | Connecting the Records of the Soviet Extraordinary State Commission

30/09/2020

"We were arrested at the Hungarian border and taken to the camp Stryi [a prisoner of war camp near Lviv in Ukraine], where we spent 12 days in prison. They brought a Jew to the camp, took everything he had, and gave him a rope to hang himself. The Germans didn't pay attention to us because they took us for Russian prisoners, even the chief of police. When we began to protest that we didn't want this Jew to hang himself in the prison, I received a good slap and a big kick in the kidneys. The head German came to find out what had happened. We told him that we didn't want a man hanged in the prison, that this was a crime. He responded that it didn't matter, that it was a Jew. We told him we were French prisoners of war and we did not want to be present for this crime. He took us into the office of the chief of police for several minutes. When we returned to the prison, we were left with the hanged man for another two hours. This is German civilization."



The above testimony was one of several that French prisoners of war gave to Soviet investigators in 1944-1945 after being liberated by the Red Army in western Ukraine. Once the war was over, this French soldier returned to his life as a miner in a village in the north of France and left no other written record of what he had witnessed of the Nazi genocide of the European Jews.

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New Partner in EHRI: The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



06/10/2020

The [Aristotle University of Thessaloniki](#) will be part of the [Data Identification and Integration Work Package](#) in EHRI and will add new Holocaust-related sources to the EHRI Portal. The university will also host several EHRI fellows.

Thessaloniki was annexed to the Greek State in 1912. As an Ottoman port city its population was a mixture of Jewish, Ottoman and Christian-Greek people, Jews being about 50% of the population at that time. As a result, Aristotle

University has been inextricably linked to the Jewish community of Thessaloniki since its founding in 1925. Establishing a University and other educational institutions was an important goal for the Greek administration to assimilate and integrate the ethnically non-Greek population of the city. Despite a considerable delay, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was finally established in 1925. In the interwar period, its expansion was the main concern.

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Funding | IHRA Grant Program for Projects to Safeguard the Historical Record of the Holocaust and Roma Genocide

24/09/2020

The [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) (IHRA) grants are awarded to projects which aim to safeguard the historical record (including sites, testimony and archival materials) of the Holocaust and the genocide of the Roma and which counter distortion.



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Fellowship Call | Funding for Holocaust Research by Claims Conference



08/09/2020

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) is offering a limited number of fellowships for Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Candidates Conducting Research on the Holocaust. The application deadline is December 21, 2020* for the Fall 2021 - Summer 2022 Funding Year.

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000 Per Year

The Saul Kagan Claims Conference Fellowship for Advanced Shoah Studies aims to strengthen Holocaust studies and Shoah memory throughout the world. Our mission is to support the advanced study of the fate of Jews who were systematically targeted for destruction or persecution by the Nazis and their allies between 1933 and 1945, as well as immediate post-war events.

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