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Abstract (for dissemination)	The Evaluation Report provides an overview on the six methodological Seminars which were conducted between 2017 and 2019. (Information on the first four seminars can be found in DL4.1.1) These seminars were held in Italy, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Israel and Romania and enabled a new generation of Holocaust scholars to gain insight into new methodologies, present and discuss their research, and thereby contributed to the EHRI network of scholarly exchange. The Report also includes a number of suggestions on the 'future' of the EHRI-Seminars
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1 EHRI Methodological Seminars – general remarks

During the course of EHRI-2, a total of ten Methodological Seminars have been conducted, with eight EHRI partners (IfZ, YV, USHMM, BArch, MS, INSHR-EW, VGSJM, SCBnZZ) responsible for (co-)organizing at least one of them. Despite the variety of partners and locations of the Seminars, some core aspects have proven to be integral parts participants can always expect when taking part in an EHRI Seminar. All of them provide an introduction into the wider framework of the EHRI project, especially to the functioning of the EHRI Portal as well as to other offerings like the EHRI Fellowship Programme and the EHRI Document Blog. Through lectures and presentations, the participants are provided with a general overview on current research trends and methods by acclaimed scholars in the field of Holocaust studies. The participants are equally encouraged to present their research topics, share central findings and discuss potential obstacles they are encountering. The professional yet collegial atmosphere is one of the key features of the EHRI Seminars. The places in Europe where the Seminars take place are usually closely connected to the history of the Holocaust. A close cooperation with local archivists and activists allows the participants unique insights into archival collections and holdings of Holocaust-relevant material as well as into the state of Holocaust commemoration and memory politics on-site. Excursions to historical sites and memorials as well as film screenings round off the programme of the Seminars.

Every Seminar lasts about a week and is open to at least twelve participants. Usually, seminars are hosted in late summer or fall of the respective year, when university breaks provide more flexible travel opportunities. The application requirements consist of the EHRI application form, a letter of motivation, CV and a letter of recommendation. Calls for application are widely distributed within the EHRI Consortium and partners are encouraged to share them via their various institutional and social media channels. They are furthermore published on the EHRI homepage and on various research platforms (f.e. h-net, hsozkult.de). Especially within the research community but also in the field of reference services, the EHRI Seminars are by now a well-established offering and recognised as an integral element to enhance one's own knowledge and share experiences within the ever-growing field of Holocaust studies. This is also reflected in the growing number of applicants, which is usually twice to three times larger than the number of available spots in the seminars.

2 EHRI Seminars 2017-2019

After four seminars were already conducted in 2016,¹ six seminars took place within the 2nd reporting period between 2017 and 2019. The first of them was co-organized by the Mémorial de la Shoah (MS) and the Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum (VGSJM) in partnership with the University of Trieste, where the seminar “The Nazi Occupation and the Extermination of the European Jews. Methods, sources and interpretations: a focus on Italy and Lithuania” was hosted. The seminar took place from July 30 to August 8 and used the case studies of Lithuania and Italy not only to reflect on the historical similarities and differences regarding the German occupation and the unfolding of the Holocaust, but also to discuss methodological questions and research tools. The participants, among them PhD students, researchers and archivist, discussed their own research projects and were granted insights into still largely unknown document collections at the National Archives of Trieste and the Archives of the Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in Friuli Venezia Giulia. Some feedback from participants demonstrates the impact the EHRI Seminar had for their connection to the scientific community:

¹ For more information on the first four seminars, see DL 4.1.1 Mid-term report on the first methodological seminars.

“I have participated already in some similar workshops in holocaust-related research institutes, and seen that by far the most important thing for a successful seminar are the involved people and the group dynamic processes. I don’t want to go here into content details, but I can summarize that my expectations have been exceeded by far. I liked the concept of doing the keynote speakers (who all did a great job, of course as always some you like more for various reasons and interests) in the morning sessions and the presentations by participants in the afternoons. Within short time has been a really astonishing group dynamic process: an atmosphere was created were almost everyone wanted to argue, debate, discuss. The tension was really high, arguments against arguments, even almost confrontations, but doing so the discussions went deeper and deeper.” (Participant from Austria)

“In my opinion, the approach about Digital Humanities Sources and integrated archival data, EHRI’s first objective, had a big impact on everyone, providing us researchers with innovative digital tools and methods to explore the Holocaust sources. [...] Research, networking, exchange, relationships: these are the key words to best describe the Seminar in Trieste. If ever a ‘correct’ way of making research existed, it would be the way our working group experienced it, and this example should be spread worldwide.” (Participant from Italy)

From September 17 to 22, the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NIOD) and the Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ) established a partnership with the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe to jointly organize the EHRI-Seminar “Advanced Holocaust Studies Today: Sources and Approaches”, which was hosted by the Center in Lviv. A multi-ethnic city with a significant Jewish population before WWII, Lviv’s history was an integral part to the lectures, excursions and archival trips the participants undertook during the week-long seminar. They were complemented, among others, by guided tours through the former Jewish Ghetto, by now a tourist magnet, and meetings with grass-root organizations dedicated to carry forward – offline and online – the city’s Jewish history as well as the commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust. These meetings demonstrated impressively the contested areas of history and memory in the region. In addition, the following excerpt from one of the reflections on the seminar can give additional testimony to the lasting effect of the Seminar:

“Having had some time to reflect upon my time with EHRI in Lviv, I can separate my overall positive impressions into two main categories: Intellectual and emotional. Intellectually, I find myself in awe of Dieter Pohl and his command of the German archives. The depth of his knowledge down to the fond and page was truly impressive. And, it is rare that I encounter an historian with such granular knowledge of so many important archives. Emotionally, though celebrating Shabbat during the High Holidays in Lviv was a very moving experience. And, that celebration will likely stay with me for years to come. I feel extreme gratitude that I was able to participate in that event. Finally, to mix both of these levels of analysis, I found the other seminar participants both intellectually engaging and personable, and I look forward to having further professional and personal interactions with them. The group truly was well-selected.” (Participant from USA)

Only a week later, the Polish Center for Holocaust Research (SCBnZZ) hosted the seminar “‘Polish’ Sources for Holocaust Research – Challenges and Methodological Problems” in Warsaw. SCBnZZ used the seminar to familiarize the participants with the richness of Holocaust-related sources located in Polish archives and research institutions – from widely known documents, diaries and testimonies to recently opened archives like post-war investigations files. Presentations on the material that can be found at the Archive of the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Jewish Historical Institute and the State Archives were complemented by visits to the Polin Museum, the Institute of National Remembrance

and the Treblinka Museum. The participants, however, not only got new impulses and hints to where to find source material for their research but were also introduced to a variety of NGOs active in the field of education on the Jewish as well as Holocaust heritage in Poland.

In 2018, IfZ, in cooperation with SCBnZZ and partnership with the Central European University (CEU) conducted the seminar “Researching and Remembering the Holocaust in Central Europe – New Sources, Methods and Approaches” in Budapest from September 3 to 7. The seminar was hosted at CEU and next to twelve international participants, it was also possible to invite eight PhD students from Hungary. This did not only widened the range of projects which were presented and discussed. It also allowed for an in-depth exchange about the experiences of young scholars working on Holocaust related projects in countries where historical research is increasingly politically sensitive. Guided tours to the Holocaust Memorial Center and the contested public space of Budapest’s Liberty Square provided insights into the ways an overreaching state narrative on the Holocaust in Hungary is being shaped – but also showed the manifold grass-root movements to challenge this development (and which is usually overlooked outside Hungary). One participant summarized her seminar experience as follows:

“The EHRI-Seminar in Budapest will have a lasting impact on my research, both through what I have learned and through the friendships and contacts that all participants have acquired. The participants were in different stages of their studies, covering a wide range of topics of research, approaches and methods. This diversity itself meant a possibility to learn, and receive feedback and suggestions for one’s own research from young scholars. I also greatly appreciate the openness and willingness of the senior researchers to discuss my own work without the usual hierarchical boundaries of academia, and receive important advice and suggestions which will definitely help to better understand findings of my research. Moreover, the group enjoyed very much the possibility to get to know Budapest through guided tours, as the city framed the Seminar to some extent, visit local museums, and the National Archives. Time spent together during wonderful dinners also served as a space to discuss the talks and lectures, which triggered many interesting discussions outside the Seminar as well.” (Participant from Slovakia)

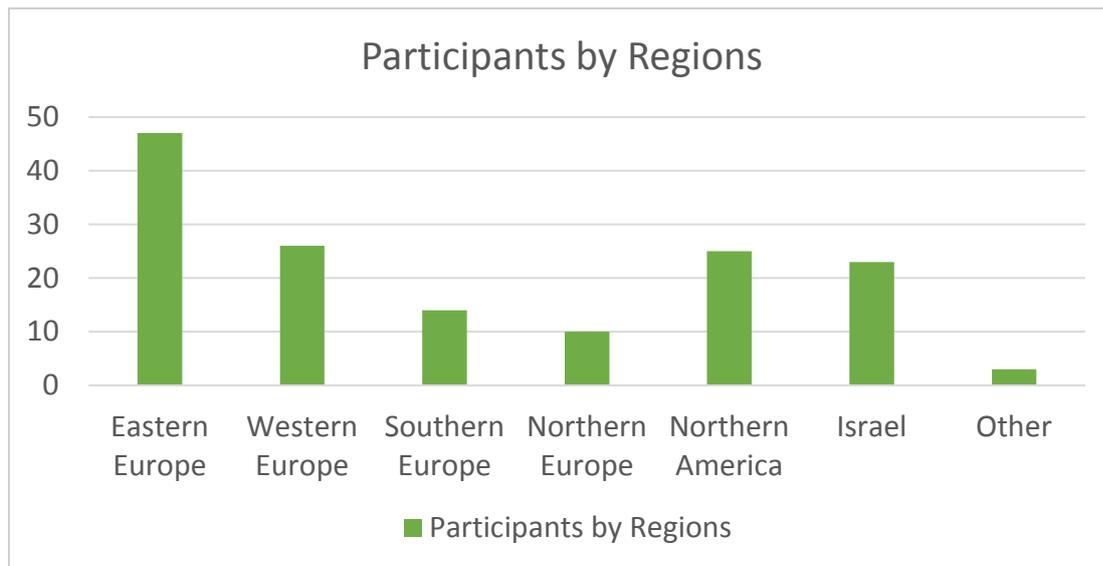
While the majority of EHRI Seminars is addressed at PhD students and researchers in the early stages of their careers, the seminar “From the Living Room to the World-Wide Web: Documenting, Uploading and Utilizing Holocaust Testimonies in the Digital Age” hosted by Yad Vashem (YV) and in partnership with Stiftung Erinnerung Verantwortung Zukunft (EVZ) invited applications from those working on or researching Holocaust Testimonies (survivor, rescuer, bystander as well as perpetrator testimonies). From November 11 to 15 the seminar brought together a highly interdisciplinary range of archivists, museologists, interviewers, educators, film specialists, researchers and university staff members. Together, they discussed accessibility, methodological challenges, usage, ethics and educational impact and future meaning of Holocaust Testimonies. One of the most outstanding features of the seminar was the round table discussion with Holocaust survivors, who, at different stages in their lives had agreed to be interviewed about their survival during World War II. In the discussion, they reflected on their experiences as interviewees – and in part did not hold back with critique on some of the interview standards and techniques used to record their stories for generations to come.

The last EHRI Seminar within the reporting period took place from February 18 to 21 2019 and was a continuation of the already well-established and fruitful cooperation between the Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania (INSHR-EW) and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). Already in 2016, they had jointly organized a seminar in Bucharest together and, like before, they brought together the experts from Romania as well as the US for the seminar “The Study of the Holocaust in

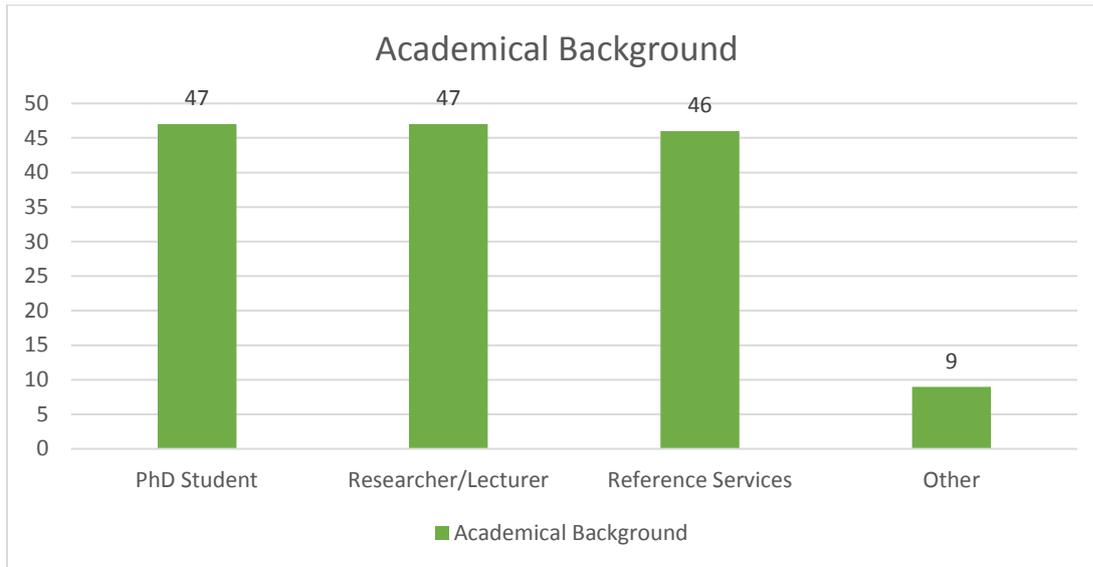
Romania: Current State and Trends”. In this way, the seminar functioned as a kind of follow-up, though with a different set of participants. It therefore demonstrated impressively the continued demand for EHRI Seminars and their unique program of lectures, presentations, excursions to memorial sites, archival trips, screenings and discussions – not only, but especially in Eastern Europe.

3 Regions and professional background of participants (10 Seminars 2016-2019)

Between 2016 and 2019, a total of 148 participants joined ten methodological seminars conducted by EHRI partners. The participants came from 35 countries, the majority from Eastern Europe. The high number of participants from Northern America (USA/Canada) is on the one hand due to the high number of university chairs offering PhD positions for Holocaust researchers as well as long established extramural research institutions on the topic. On the other hand, a majority of the participants from institutions in Northern America are actually natives from Eastern and Southern Europe, who are affiliated with institutions in Northern America but return to Europe to research the history of ‘their’ countries. All in all, the numbers confirm that EHRI reached one of its central objectives: reaching out to, as well as support and stimulate scholars and everyone working in the field of Holocaust studies with limited access to infrastructures and resources, especially from Eastern and Southern Europe.



Concerning the academical background of the participants, the chart below can only provide a rather broad overview. It shows that about a third of the participants are working on their PhD, while about another third has already finished their PhD and are now either affiliated in various capacities for example (senior researchers, lecturers, (assoc.) professors, department heads) with a university or research institution. Roughly another third consist of the heterogeneous group of people working in reference services, such as archivists, librarians, data specialist, curators or genealogist, while ‘others’ usually refers to M.A. students and freelance/independent researchers. The graphs do demonstrates EHRI’s impressive reach into the various professions and positions within the scientific community.



Available reports and additional information on the EHRI Seminars can be found here:

- <https://www.ehri-project.eu/nazi-occupation-and-extermination-european-jews-methods-sources-and-interpretations-focus-italy-and>
- <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-seminar-ukraine-%E2%80%9Cadvanced-holocaust-studies-today-sources-and-approaches%E2%80%9D>
- <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-seminar-polish-sources-holocaust-research-challenges-and-methodological-problems>
- <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-seminar-%E2%80%9Cresearching-and-remembering-holocaust-central-europe-%E2%80%93-new-sources-methods-and>
- <https://www.facebook.com/InstitutulElieWiesel/>

4 Outlook: Future of EHRI Seminars

As has already become apparent, the EHRI Seminars are by now a renowned offering in the scientific community. Furthermore, the partners within the project who are responsible for the seminars follow a well-established practice in organising and conducting them.

The following four recommendations were partly already introduced. The positive results make it desirable to consider them permanently in the seminar organisation.

1. Already during the mid-term reporting on the seminars, the advantages to have two EHRI partners co-organize the seminars had become apparent. In this reporting period, four of the six seminars also engaged in a partnership with an organization outside of EHRI. This has not only increased the potential places to host seminars (f.e. Trieste, Lviv and Budapest) but also allowed for additional perspectives and significantly enlarged the prominence of the seminars – and the project as a whole. Continued collaboration between partners in as well as outside of EHRI should be actively pursued.
2. While the number of participants remained in the majority of seminars at the originally proposed 12, the seminars conducted by SCBnZZ, IfZ/SCBnZZ and Yad Vashem proved that the particularities of EHRI Seminars can be upheld in larger groups as well. Of course, the international character of the profiles of the participants remains an integral part to the success of the seminars. However, especially when hosting these events in countries with no long-standing tradition in Holocaust research and limited infrastructural access, including a number of applicants from the host country itself provides a clear opportunity. More flexibility (depending on the number of applications and available funds) in choosing the participants will allow to respond adequately to the demand.

3. Although there is a fixed spot for introducing the EHRI project and the Portal in every seminar (usually between 45 and 90 minutes), the feedback from participants, who often are not familiar with the infrastructure, suggests we should expand the presentation of EHRI. Instead of a single lecture, a panel of EHRI members could be put together to elaborate in more detail the operating principles and additional offerings of EHRI to the scientific community (such as the Document Blog, Fellowships, Online Editions and Online Training).
4. In general, EHRI Seminars are open to everyone interested in Holocaust studies, though there is usually a preference given to researchers and PhD students in the early stages of their careers as well as people working in reference services. In previous years, a growing number of applications from educators (teachers, guides, lecturers) have been received for the seminars. The interests of educators to receive new input on methodological questions and trends in Holocaust research should be taken seriously and result in a complementary seminar offerings.

Annex 1: Programmes and Participants of EHRI Seminars 2017-2019

MS/VGSJM: The Nazi Occupation and the Extermination of the European Jews. Sources, Methods and Interpretations: A Focus on Italy and Lithuania

30.7.-4.8.2017

University of Trieste (Trieste)

Participants: 12

Sunday, July 30

- 9:30 – 10:00 Opening at Jewish Museum “Carlo e Vera Wagner” of Trieste
Laura Fontana, Mémorial de la Shoah
Neringa Latvyté Gustaitien, Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum
Tullia Catalan, University of Trieste
- 10:00 – 12:00 Overview of the history of Trieste: from the end of the Nineteenth century to the beginning of the Nazi occupation
Tullia Catalan, University of Trieste
- 12:00 – 13:00 Guided tour at the Jewish Museum
Rabbi Ariel Haddad and Dott. Annalisa Di Fant
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 15:30 Guided tour at the Polizehaftlager Risiera di San Sabba: The repression, the internment, the extermination of the opponents of the Nazi regime and the Jewish deportation towards Auschwitz,
Tullia Catalan
- 19.00 Dinner

Monday, July 31

- 9:15 – 10:15 Exploring the EHRI Portal
Giles Bennett, Institut for Contemporary History Munich
- 10:15 The Nazi occupation policy in Europe: cross analysis of Italy and of Lithuania
Amedeo Osti Guerrazzi, German Historical Institute in Rome
Christoph Dieckmann, Fritz-Bauer-Institut
- 13:15 Lunch
- 15:30 Visit of the State archives of Trieste: Presentation of the available sources on the Jewish persecution and deportation
Antonietta Colombatti, Archives of Trieste

Tuesday, August 1

- 9:15 Collaboration and interaction in the persecution of the Jews (including betrayals): the examples of Italy and Lithuania
Amedeo Osti Guerrazzi
Christoph Dieckmann
- 13:15 Lunch
- 15:00 The Aktion Reinhardt: the extermination of Polish Jewry (1942-1943): focus on the documentary sources and state of the specific research,
Dieter Pohl, University of Klagenfurt

- 17:00 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
 Hans Biebow after the 1941: the Wermacht, the final solution and the end of Lodz ghetto
 Anna Veronica Pobbe, University of Trento
 Dealing with assumed “Jewish Collaboration” - Honor Court Trials and Judicial Trials Against Shoah Survivors in post-national-socialist Germany
 Philipp Dinkelaker, Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung
 Socialisation into Murder? A Prosopographical Study of Latvian and Lithuanian Perpetrators in the Holocaust
 Paula Oppermann, University of Glasgow, Central and East European Studies

Wednesday, August 2

- 9:15 The Variety of Holocaust related sources,
 Dieter Pohl
- 11:45 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
 Role of Italy in Holocaust in Croatia - Survival of Jews (Child holocaust survivors) in “The Italian Zone“
 Andrea Cvetković, Research and documentation centre - CENDO
 Jewish pupils during the interwar period
 Angeliki Gavriiloglou, International Hellenic University
- 15:00 The organization of Jewish emigration through the Port of Trieste during the Fascism. New sources and research perspectives,
 Tullia Catalan
- 17:00 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
 “Where Shall I Go?” The Jewish Displaced Persons in Italy (1943-1951)
 Chiara Renzo, Universities of Florence and Siena, SAGAS
 The Stateless. Stripping Foreign Jews of Italian Citizenship in Trieste (1938-1939)
 Vanessa Maggi, University of Urbino and “Carlo e Vera Wagner” Jewish Museum of Trieste

Thursday, August 3

- 9:15 NS ruling structures in the Adria Coastland: Friedrich Rainer, Odilo Globocnik and the Shoah (1943-45)
 René Moehrle Universität Trier, Germany and The Martin Buber Society of Fellows
- 10:30 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
 Franz Stangl. A biographical study
 Leo Gürtler, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies and Institute for Contemporary History, University of Vienna
- 12:45 Lunch
- 15:15 Presentation of Holocaust Atlas of Lithuania
 Neringa Latvytė-Gustaitienė, Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum
- 17:00 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
 Jewish partisans in the forests of Lithuania and Belorussia during the years 1943-1944 - The missing part
 Sara Bender, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, department of Jewish History

"The trembling of a silent soul". A diary from Vilna Ghetto
Lea Prais, Yad Vashem and Herzog Academic College

Friday, August 4

- 9:15 Forced Labour: Jewish Experiences. Working with the Online Interview Archive "Forced Labor 1939-1945"
Cord Pagenstecher, Freie Universität Berlin
- 11:45 Presentations by participants on their research projects:
Digital Visualizations of the Holocaust in time and space. A different approach to Holocaust Research
Lone Guldberg Maor Mikkelsen, Copenhagen University – Information Science and Cultural Communication
The most effective methods of Holocaust teaching
Danilo Kovač, University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Philosophy, History Department
- 13:15 Lunch
- 15:15 Guided tour at the IRSML: Regional Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in Friuli Venezia Giulia region and presentation of their document collection
Patrick Karsen (IRSML FVG)
- 16:30 Final discussion & End of the seminar

NIOD/IfZ: Advanced Holocaust Studies Today: Sources and Approaches

17.-22.9.2017

Center for Urban History of East Central Europe (Lviv)

Participants: 12

Sunday, 17 September

19:00 Welcome Dinner

Monday, 18 September

- 9:15 – 9:30 Introduction at Center for Urban History of East Central Europe
Karel Berkhoff, NIOD, Amsterdam
Sofia Dyak, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv
Anna Ullrich, Institute for Contemporary History, Munich
- 9:30 – 11:00 Advanced Holocaust Studies: The State of the Field (round table)
Frank Bajohr, Institute for Contemporary History, Munich
Karel Berkhoff
Dieter Pohl, University of Klagenfurt
Mykhaylo Tyaglyy, Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies in Kiev
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/tea break
- 11:15 – 11:30 The EHRI Portal
Anna Ullrich
- 11:45 – 13:00 Holocaust Archives in Ukraine
Mykhaylo Tyaglyy
- 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15	The Death of Artists and the Survival of Art in Lviv, 1939–1944 Anastasiia Simferovska, Lviv National Academy of Arts
15:15	Visit to the Borys Voznytsky Lviv National Art Gallery
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner

Tuesday, 19 September

9:15 – 11:00	Galicia within the Holocaust and the Book Series The Persecution and Murder of the European Jews by Nazi Germany, 1933–1945 Dieter Pohl
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee/tea break
11:15 – 12:00	Presentations by Participants
12:00 – 13:15	Decoding Official German Documents Nicolai M. Zimmermann, Federal Archives Berlin
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:15	Excursion to Lysynychi Forests Meylakh Sheykhet, Union of Councils for Jews in the Former Soviet Union
Evening	Free time

Wednesday, 20 September

9:15 – 10:30	Presentations by Participants
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 – 11:45	Recent Trends in Holocaust Research and the Rosenberg Diary Frank Bajohr
11:45 – 12:45	Retracing the History of Ghettos Using Jewish Sources: The Example of the Warsaw and Lodz Ghettos Andrea Löw, Institute for Contemporary History
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	The Pogrom In Lviv of 1941 and its European Context Kai Struve, University of Heidelberg
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee/tea break
14:45	Visit to Lontsky Prison Memorial Museum of the Victims of Occupation Regimes
16:30	Visit to St. George's Cathedral, Former seat of Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00	Screening "In Darkness" (Dir. Agnieszka Holland, 2011; 144 min.), optional

Thursday, 21 September

9:15 – 10:30	Presentations by Participants
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 – 12:15	German Judicial Investigations as Sources Melanie Hembera, University of Heidelberg
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Jewish Sources in German Holocaust Historiography Anna Ullrich
14:15 – 15:30	Visit to Janowska cemetery and camp area

- 16:00 – 17:45 Spatial Approaches in Urban and Holocaust Studies: The Case of Lviv
Round table participants:
Taras Nazaruk, Center of Lviv Interactive
Taras Martynenko, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
Waitman Wade Beorn, University of Virginia
- 17:45 – 18:30 Dinner
- 19:00 Public lecture: The Babi Yar Massacre: History, Memory, and Current Projects
Karel Berkhoff

Friday, 22 September

- 9:00 – 10:30 Visit to State Archive of Lviv Oblast
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee/tea break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Gains and Risks in Using Testimonies and Photographs
Karel Berkhoff
- 12:30 – 13:15 The Sites of Jewish History project
Anna Chebotarova, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe
- 13:15 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:30 Final Session/Concluding discussion/Feedback
- 14:30 – 15:30 Visit to the Space of Synagogues
- 15:30 Meeting Jewish Community Projects
Adel Dianova, All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation “Khesed Arie”
Alex Nazar, Lviv Volunteer Center and chair of the Sholem Aleichem Jewish Cultural Society in Lviv
Marla Raucher Osborn and Jay Osborn, Rohatyn Jewish Heritage
- 20:00 – 21:30 Farewell dinner

SCBnZZ: “Polish” Sources for Holocaust Research – Challenges and Methodological Problems

24.-29.09.2017
SCBnZZ (Warsaw)
Participants: 15

Sunday, September 24

- 12.00 Opening at POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- 12.30 – 13.00 EHRI presentation
Giles Bennett, Institute for Contemporary History Munich
- 13.00 – 14.30 Key opening lecture: Do extraordinary times require extraordinary sociology?
Andrzej Rychard, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw
- 14.30 – 15.30 Lunch
- 15.30 POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews -Curatorial Visit, Holocaust Gallery
Barbara Engelking, SCBnZZ
Justyna Majewska, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

Monday, September 25

- 9.00 Walking study tour to the former Warsaw Ghetto area
Agnieszka Haska, SCBnZZ
- 11.30 – 13.00 The Ringelblum Archive
Aleksandra Bańkowska, Jewish Historical Institute (ZIH)
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30 Various sources for Warsaw ghetto research
Agnieszka Haska
Marta Janczewska, SCBnZZ
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45 – 17.15 Unusual sources to the Holocaust research - Colonial and grocery store notebook by Ch. Rotring and List of gas debtors
Jacek Leociak, SCBnZZ
- 17.30 Opening dinner with members of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research

Tuesday, September 26

- 9.30 – 11.00 Jewish Survival Strategies in Occupied Poland 1939-1945. Studies of Selected Counties - Goals and mythological challenges
Dariusz Libionka, Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 – 12.45 Presentation of selected research and sources from counties: variety of sources, research attempts and interpretations
Alina Skibińska, SCBnZZ
Barbara Engelking
- 13.00 – 13.45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.15 Local administration materials as a source for Holocaust research on the micro-history level
Dagmara Swańtek-Niewinska, Academy of Science, Warsaw
Karolina Panz, Forum of Dialogue, Warsaw
- 15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 Presentations by participants

Wednesday, September 27

- 9.00 Study Trip to Treblinka Camp Memorial (departure)
- 11.30 – 13.30 On site study visit
Agnieszka Haska
- 13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 Treblinka related sources
Alina Skibińska
- 16.00 – 17.30 Treblinka as a site of reflection and meditation
Wojciech Lemański, priest
- 17.30 Return to Warsaw

Thursday, September 28

- 9.00 – 13.30 Visit to Institute of National Remembrance
- 13.30 – 14.00 Return to Polish Academy of Sciences
- 14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 16.30 Sources form concentration camps - example of Archives of the State
Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau
Piotr Setkiewicz, State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau

Friday, September 29

Seminars with representatives of Polish NGO's working in the field of education and Jewish/Holocaust Heritage in Poland

9.30 – 11.00 Meeting with representatives of Polish NGO's working in the field of education and Jewish/Holocaust Heritage in Poland
Bartosz Gajdzik, Theater and Grodzka Gate Lublin

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 Oszpicin. Unknown history of Oświęcim
Maciej Zabierowski, Auschwitz Jewish Center

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Closing Discussion

IfZ/SCBnZZ: Researching and Remembering the Holocaust in Central Europe

3.-7.9.2018

Central European University (Budapest)

Participants: 20

Sunday, September 2

19:00 Welcome Dinner

Monday, September 3

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome remarks by the organizers at Cental European University
Andrea Pető, CEU
Anna Ullrich, Institute for Contemporary History Munich

9:45 – 11:00 Round Table on current Holocaust Research in Hungary and Poland
Ferenc Laczó, University of Maastricht
Andrea Pető, CEU
Andrea Löw, Institute for Contemporary History Munich
Jacek Leociak, SCBnZZ
Jakub Petelewicz, SCBnZZ
Chair: Anna Ullrich

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea break

11:15 – 11:45 Presentation of the EHRI Portal
Anna Ullrich

11:45 – 12:45 Methodological challenges and new sources (I): Hungary
Ferenc Laczó

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 14:45 Methodological challenges and new sources (II): Poland
Jacek Leociak

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea break

15:00 – 16:30 Assessing Sources (I): Diaries and Testimonies documenting life and death in the Ghettos: The examples of Warsaw and Lodz
Andrea Löw

- 17:00 – 18:30 Evening Public Lecture: Paradigm Change in Holocaust
Memorialization: Lessons of 70th Holocaust Memorial Year in Hungary
Andrea Pető
- 19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, September 4

- 10:30 – 12:00 Assessing Sources (II): Understanding German Diplomats – and their
Relevance for Holocaust Research
Nicolai Zimmermann, Federal Archives Berlin
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 – 14:15 Assessing Sources (III) Gains and Risks in Using Photographs
Karel Berkhoff
- 14:15 – 15:30 Project Presentation by four Participants of ‘Regional Studies’:
Jaromir Mrnka: Politics and Social Practice of Collective Violence in
Bohemian Lands 1944-1946
Zuzana Sihelníková: The extinct Jewish Community of Čadca
Allison Somogyi: The Bitter End: Jewish Life and Survival in Budapest
under the Arrow Cross Regime, October 1944 – February 1945
Agnieszka Zajączkowska: History of the Holocaust as a political tool-
contemporary disputes surrounding its history in Poland
- 16:00 – 18:00 Visiting Holocaust Memorial Center

Wednesday, September 5

- 9:00 – 10:00 Breakfast near National Archives
- 10:00 – 12:00 Visiting National Archives
László Csősz, National Archives
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 16:00 Memorial Walk Jewish Quarter/Visit to the Jewish Museum
- 16:00 – 16:30 Returning to CEU Center and Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Joint discussion on visits and walks yesterday and today
- 17:00 – 18:15 Project Presentation by four Participants ‘Pre- and Post-Holocaust’:
Aleksandra Guja: Polish anti-semitic cartoons in pre-World War II press
László Veszprémy: Zionist responses to antisemitism in Hungary, 1886-
1944.
History of ideas, narrative and evaluation of social experiences
Jakub Gawkowski: Exhibitions of Polish and Jewish Material Heritage
in the aftermath of the World War II
Borbála Klacsmann: Restitution and Compensation of Holocaust
Survivors in Hungary 1945-2012
- 18:15 – 19:15 Dinner
- 19:15 – 21:30 Film Screening “1945” and subsequent discussion with screenwriter
Gabor Szanto

Thursday, September 6

- 9:30 – 11:30 Digital turn(s) and Holocaust Studies: ITS and Researches/ Visual
History Archive of the USC Shoah Foundation
Barna Ildiko, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Budapest
Andrea Szőnyi, USC Shoah Foundation
- 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee/Tea Break

11:45 – 12:45	<p>Project Presentation by three Participants ‘Gender aspects in Holocaust research’: Denisa Nestakova: Women and Men of Labor Camp Sered’, Slovakia (1941 – 1945) Tugba Yavuz: Memoirs written by women after the Holocaust (Lodz Ghetto and Auschwitz Concentration Camp) Modiane Zerdoun-Daniel: Jewish women in the armed resistance</p>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 16:00	<p>Project Presentation by six participants ‘Memory studies and commemorative practices’: Emily-Rose Baker: The emergence of Holocaust memory in central and eastern Europe Tural Hamidli: The Role of the Association of Lithuanian Jews in Israel in Enhancing and Preserving the Community’s Memory and Commemoration Nóra Kecskés: The Hungarian collective and individual memory of the Holocaust Zsófia Kelemen: Remembrance of the Holocaust. Biographical Narrative Interviews with Holocaust Survivors Olga Terenetska: Cultural Memories of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century in CEE Eszter Vilmos: Holocaust post memory in contemporary literature</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00 – 18:30	<p>Presentation of Community Projects and Round Table Discussion on Memorial Culture in Hungary and Poland Gábor Mayer, Teleki tér project Szilvia Czingel, Centropa András Mink, Yellow Star project Patrycja Dołowy, Storytelling Warsaw Agnieszka Haska, Treblinka Death Camp Memorial Site</p>

Friday, September 7

9:30 – 11:15	<p>Mapping the Holocaust Tim Cole, University of Bristol Alberto Giordano, Texas State University</p>
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Presentation by three participants “‘Spaces” in Holocaust research’: Heléna Huhak: The role of places and the place-identity in Bergen-Belsen. Memories of the Hungarian deported Jewry (1944–1945) Hannah Wilson: The Materialisation of Sobibor Death Camp: Artefacts, Narratives and Representation Christin Zühlke: Response to evil in Nazi ideology and practice - The case of the Sonderkommando and their Yiddish writings</p>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 13:45	Seminar evaluation and concluding remarks
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Guided Tour Liberty Square Péter Bérczi, Central European Univeristy</p>
19:00	Concluding Dinner

YV: From the Living Room to the World-Wide Web: Documenting, Uploading and Utilizing Holocaust Testimonies in the Digital Age

11.-15.11.2018

YV (Jerusalem) with EVZ – the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation

Participants: 28

Sunday, November 11

- 9:00 – 9:30 Arrival and Coffee
- 9:30 – 10:00 Opening of the Workshop and Greetings
Haim Gertner, Yad Vashem
Andreas Eberhardt, Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Opening Lecture: The David Boder Archive – Creation and Accessibility
Alan Rosen, Independent Researcher, Israel
- 11:00 – 12:30 What Constitutes a Holocaust Testimony?
What is a Testimony and the Impact It Has on Our Research
Sylvia Hershcovitz, Bar-Ilan University
From Local to Global: History of the Fortunoff Archive and the Emergence of Audiovisual Testimony
Stephen Naron, Yale University Library
Differences Between Institutionally Commissioned Testimonies and Individually Produced Ones
Noam Rachmilevitch, Ghetto Fighters' House Archives
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Holocaust Testimonies: Vision and Future Plans
Round Table Discussion with Heads of Collections
Haim Gertner
Karen Taieb, Mémorial de la Shoah, France
Leslie Swift, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Karen Jungblut, USC Shoah Foundation
Stephen Naron

Monday, November 12

- 9:00 – 10:45 Special Tour: The Use of Testimonies in the Yad Vashem Historical Museum
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Cataloguing and Accessibility – Part A
The Digital Vision of the NLI
Yaron Deutscher, The National Library of Israel
- 12:00 – 12:15 Break
- 12:15 – 13:15 Cataloguing Testimonies
Sigal Arie Erez, Yad Vashem
Incorporating Names from the VHA Catalogue into the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names
Olga Tolokonsky, Yad Vashem
- 13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Cataloguing and Accessibility – Part B
 An Accessibility Success Story: Online Testimonies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum
 Leslie Swift, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
 Stories Survive: Sharing Survivor Experience through Technology and Public Access
 Yael Friedman, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
 Between Professionalism and Amateurism: Preservation, Document Processing and Valuation of the Confidential Collections of Testimonies
 Laurence Voix, Mémorial de la Shoah
 EHRI Online Edition of Early Holocaust Testimonies
 Magdalena Sedlicka, Jewish Museum in Prague

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 – 10:00 Using Testimonies
 Latent Content in Testimony: From Analog to Digital
 Amit Pinchevski, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

10:00 – 11:00 Testimonies in Research – Part A
 Survivors' Testimonies vs. Holocaust Historiography
 Kobi Kabalek, University of Haifa
 Searching for the Female Voice: Testimonies of Women Religious Who Hid Jews
 Eliot Nidam Orvieto, Yad Vashem and University of Tel Aviv

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:15 Testimonies in Research – Part B
 Use of Testimonies for Tracing the relation between the Holocaust and Spain
 Marta Simó, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
 How to make interviews accessible in the web - The Online Archive 'Forced Labor 1939-1945' - A Case Study
 Doris Tausenfreund, Freie Universität Berlin

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 14:45 Ethics and the Use of Testimonies
 At the limits of Representation? Considering the Ethics of Testimonies Online
 Alina Bothe, Free University Berlin
 From a Closed Archive into the Great Wide Open: The ITS Collections Online. Cataloguing, Legal and Ethical Challenges.
 Giora Zwilling, International Tracing Service

14:45 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:00 Testimony in Genealogy
 Restoring Family Links and Tracing Missing Persons
 Susan Edel, Magen David Adom
 Reuniting Holocaust Survivors ... Not Mission Impossible
 Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage and Genealogy Research Association (IGRA)

Wednesday, November 14

- 9:30 – 10:30 Using Testimonies – of the Savers and the Saved
Using Testimonies of Those Recognized as Righteous Among the Nations
Joel Zisenwine, Yad Vashem
The Process of Interviewing
Eva Fogelman, Independent Researcher and Writer
- 10:30 – 11:45 Testimonies and Education – Part A
Recorded Testimonies in the Educational Field – Two Paradigms in Revealing Their Added Value
Yael Richler-Friedman, Yad Vashem
How to Choose the Best Digital Application for Virtual Interaction with Holocaust Child Survivor Testimony in Yad LaYeled Museum
Michal Sadan and Madene Shachar, Ghetto Fighters' House Museum, Yad Leyeled Children's Memorial Museum
Discussion
- 11:45 – 12:00 Break
- 12:00 – 13:30 Testimonies and Education – Part B
Best Practices in Design & Delivery for Digital Projects in Holocaust Education
Michael R. Shaughnessy, Washington & Jefferson College
Engaging with Digital Natives about the Holocaust: a Scottish Approach
Angela Shapiro, Glasgow Caledonian University
Digital learning through Personal Perspective in Witness and Walks
Andrea Szőnyi, USC Shoah Foundation
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 Testimonial Projects
The Oral History Collection in Aristotle University: Choices and Process
Georgios Antoniou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
"Asylum Against Oppression" Narratives of Refugees and Survivors Who Faced Oppression for a Second Time
Alejandra Nudman, Memoria Viva Foundation
The Kuniuchovsky Testimony Collection as a Primary Source for The Untold Stories Project
Lea Prais, Yad Vashem
- 19:30 Dinner

Thursday, November 15

- 9:30 – 10:30 The Future of Holocaust Testimonies
Collecting Today: New Guidelines for Interviewers at Yad Vashem
Orit Noiman, Yad Vashem
The Accounts of Three non-Jewish Survivors of Auschwitz:
Testimonies Against Internet-based Holocaust Denial
Adele Valeria Messina, University of Calabria
- 10:30 – 12:00 Panel of Holocaust Survivors
My Story in an Archive: Thoughts and Concerns
Yehuda Bacon

	Rina Qwint
	Regine Cannetti
	Moderator: Iael Nidam Orvieto, Yad Vashem
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Digital Humanities
	From the Individual to the Archive: Learning from Testimonies in the Digital Age
	Alberto Giordano, Texas State University, United States of America
	Audio Mining. Advanced Speech Analytics for Oral History
	Almut Leh, FernUniversität Hagen
	Survivors' testimonies in the 'Care and maintenance' files of the International Refugee Organization. A presentation of the ITS' most recent online-collection
	Christian Groh, International Tracing Service
15:00 – 16:00	Concluding remarks
	Sharon Kangisser Cohen, Yad Vashem

INSHR-EW/USHMM: The Study of the Holocaust in Romania: Current State and Trends

18.-21.2.2019

INSHR-EW

Participants: 12

Monday, February 18

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome word
	Elisabeth Ungureanu, INSHR-EW
	Liviu Carare, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
10:00 – 12:00	The Chisinau Ghetto
	Paul Shapiro, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:00	The Particularities of Holocaust in Romania (I)
	Radu Ioanid, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:30	The Particularities of Holocaust in Romania (II)
	Radu Ioanid, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
19:00	Dinner

Tuesday, February 19

09:00 – 11:00	The Vapniarka Ghetto
	Paul Shapiro, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.30	ITS Archives
	Paul Shapiro, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	The Particularities of Holocaust in Romania (from laws to the extermination of the Jewish population)
	Radu Ioanid, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Romanian War Criminals Trial vs. International War Criminals Trials Andrei Muraru, independent researcher
19:00	Dinner

Wednesday, February 20

09:00 – 11:00	Holocaust Denial (I) Michael Shafir, INSHR-EW
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	The EHRI Portal, Open Data, Datasets Reuse, Database Queries Francesco Gelati, Belgian State Archives
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	National Archives visit
19:00	Dinner

Thursday, February 21

09.00 – 10.00	Departure to Bucharest-Popesti Leordeni
10:00 – 13:00	CNSAS Popesti Leordeni archival visit
13.00 – 14.00	Guided tour Popesti Leordeni-Bucharest
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30	Visit to the Holocaust Memorial in Bucharest
19:00	Dinner