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"80 YEARS AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KAUNAS GHETTO – WHAT DO WE REMEMBER, WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?"

PROGRAMME

17-18 July 2024

Kaunas Ninth Fort Museum
Žemaičių pl. 73, Kaunas

17 July

INTRODUCTION

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| 17 July | |
| INTRODUCTION | |
| 9:30–10:00 | Arrival of participants / Welcome coffee |
| 10:00–10:30 | Welcome speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director of Kaunas Ninth Fort Museum Marius Pečiulis• Representative of the Israel Embassy in Lithuania• Representative of the German Embassy in Lithuania |

| PART I KAUNAS GHETTO: MEMORY AND PEOPLE Moderated by Editor-in-Chief, ELTA News Agency Vytautas Bruveris | |
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| 10:30–11:00 | Problems of Understanding the History of the Kaunas Ghetto Dr. Nerijus Šepetys, Vilnius University, Lithuania |
| 11:00–11:30 | Visual representations of everyday life in the Kaunas ghetto: Reality and Memory Prof. dr. (HP) Giedrė Jankevičiūtė, Vilnius Academy of Arts, Lithuania |
| 11:30–12:00 | Coffee break |
| 12:00–12:30 | Zvi George Kadish – Kaunas resident, Kaunas Ghetto chronicler Dr. Linas Venclauskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania |
| 12:30–13:00 | Kaunas Ghetto Jews in Stutthof Concentration Camp in 1944-1945 Dr. Arūnas Bubnys, Lithuanian Genocide and Resistance Research Centre, Lithuania |
| 13:00–14:00 | Lunch break |
| PART II HISTORICAL MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST Moderated by journalist, director, documentary-historical filmmaker Rimas Bružas | |
| 14:00–14:30 | The Holocaust in Lithuanian Memory Culture Prof. Alvydas Nikžentaitis, Lithuanian Historical Institute, Lithuania |
| 14:30–15:00 | Holocaust History Education: Traditional Models and/or New Possibilities Dr. Hektoras Vitkus, Klaipėda University, Lithuania |
| 15:00–15:30 | Holocaust Remembrance in Poland [remote presentation] Dr. Malgorzata Pakier, European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity, POLAND |
| 15:30–16:00 | Babyn Yar after Bucza: The Russian-Ukrainian War and Holocaust Memory in Ukraine [remote presentation] Dr. Yana Prymachenko, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine |
| 16:00–17:00 | Discussion and Conclusion of Day One |

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PART III

FATES AFFECTED BY THE HOLOCAUST

Moderated by Head of the Media and Democracy Programme, Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis Donatas Pūslys

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| 9:00–9:30 | Arrival of participants |
| 9:30–10:00 | "Vu ahin zol ikh geyn" ["Where shall I go"]: The Fates of Postwar Šiauliai Jews Dr. Vadim Altskan, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, U.S.A. |
| 10:00–10:30 | "Few Days Were Left for Us" – German-speaking Jews after Deportation to the Occupied Baltic States Dr. Andrea Löw, Centre for Holocaust Studies, Institute of Contemporary History in Munich, Deutschland |
| 10:30–11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00–11:30 | "Who can remain indifferent to such images – worse than in Nero's time..." – Analysis of non-Jewish reactions to anti-Jewish policies in former soviet territories – the case of the Crimean Peninsula Masha Pollak-Rozenberg, Yad Vashem, Israel |
| 11:30–12:00 | The prosecution of World War II criminals in the United States: The Case of the Lithuanian Diaspora Dr. Justas Stončius, Klaipėda University, Lithuania |
| 12:00–12:30 | Information about the Holocaust in Kaunas in the Soviet Lithuania newspaper 1944-1945. Dr. Modestas Kuodys, Kaunas Ninth Fort Museum, Lithuania |
| 12:30–13:30 | Lunch break |

CLOSING PART

Moderated by Marius Pečiulis, Director of Kaunas Ninth Fort Museum, and Vytautas Petrikėnas, Historian

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| 13:30–14:30 | Discussion, summary and closing of the conference |
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Conference languages: Lithuanian and English with simultaneous translation

The conference will be streamed live on Kaunas Ninth Fort Museum's Youtube account