

(CONFERENCE PROGRAMME)

THE PAST AND FUTURE OF PUBLIC HISTORY

Venue: Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University (IIRPS VU), 10 Vokiečių street, Vilnius

DAY 1 – OCTOBER 9

8.30 – 9.00	Room 401	Welcome coffee
9.00 – 9.30	Room 402	Welcome addresses
		- Artūras Vasiliauskas (Vilnius University)
		 Margarita Šešelgytė (Vilnius University)
		· Violeta Davoliūtė (Vilnius University / Lithuanian Institute of History)
9.30 – 10.30	Room 402	Keynote speech
		· Jan Kubik (Rutgers University), Says who? Ideological and political policing in history-making and collective memory entrepreneurship
		Moderator: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University)
10.30 – 10.45	Room 401	Coffee break
10.45 – 12.15	Room 402	Narratives and Agency in Public History
		 Joella van Donkersgoed (University of Luxembourg), Embracing Polyvocality and Uncertainty Through Public History Practices [online]
		· Marko Demantowsky (University of Vienna), MELPAUMENE. About Monument Practices: Heuristics, Methods, Observations
		· Cira Pallí-Asperó (Ghent University), State Sanctioned Narratives: The Institutionalization of Historical Commissions as Public History
		Chair: Dovilė Budrytė (Vilnius University / Georgia Gwinnett College / Vytautas Magnus University)
10.45 – 12.15	Room 302	Identity and Representation of a Difficult Past
10.45 – 12.15		· Lea Garcia (University of Greifswald), Narrative Diversity in Museum Representations of the Soviet Past
		- Barbara Pavlek Löbl (University of Vienna), Uncomfortable Memory: Remembrance of the NS Past at the Gates of Wachau [online]
		• Eveline Buchheim, Ralf Futselaar (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies), Truth on Demand? Commissioned Research at the State Institute for War Documentation 1945 – 2025: the Case of the National Railway Company
		Chair: Rūta Vyšniauskaitė (Vilnius I Iniversity)

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12.15 – 13.15 Room 401

Lunch break

13.15 – 14.45	Room 402	Cemeteries, Mass Graves and Mine fields as European Memory Sites: Creating, Experiencing and Reshaping the Legacy of the WWII in Past and Present
		- Odeta Rudling (Lund University), Dark tourism to the Soviet Periphery? Experiencing Memory Sites of the WWII in Soviet Lithuania during the 1960s and 1970s
		· Rūta Matimaitytė (Vilnius University), Into the Wild to Survive: Lithuania as a Traumatic landscape in Rick Ostermann's "Wolfskinder"
	• Tomas Sniegon (Lund University), Czech(oslovak) Shadows of Hiroshima and the Gulag	
		• Wiebke Kolbe (Lund University), (West) German war grave journeys to Western and Eastern Europe, 1950-2010
		Chair: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University)
13.15 – 14.45	Room 302	Public History in the Age of Al
		• Elizabete Grudovska (Latvian Academy of Culture), <i>Usable pasts in the Age of Immersive Technologies for Difficult Heritage</i> [online]
		• Tural Asgarli (University of Silesia in Katowice), Al as a Tool for Historica Manipulation and Misinformation: The case study Russia
		 Vanessa Prattes (University of Marburg), Antisemitism Instead of Reeducation: Media Reproductions of Liberation Images Between Historical Remembrance and Digital Reinterpretation [online]
		Chair: Liucija Vervečkienė (Lithuanian Institute of History / Vilnius University)
14.45 – 15.00	Room 401	Coffee break
15.00 – 16.30	Room 402	Rethinking Collective Memory
		 Georgiy Kasianov, (Maria Curie – Sklodowska University), Discipline and Punish": A Punitive Turn in the Politics of Memory (Ukraine and Beyond, 2015 – 2025)
		- Agneška Avin, Gopalas Michailovskis (Lithuanian Center for Social Science / Lithuanian Roma History and Memory Archive and Library), Ou Lives – Whose Lives? A Critical Reflection on Roma History and Public Memory in Lithuania
		· Rūta Vyšniauskaitė , Ignė Rasickaitė (Vilnius University), <i>Voices of Public</i> History at the National and Local Levels: the Case of the Vilnius Region
		· Douglas Ong (University of Greifswald), Forging Identities for City and Nation: Analyzing Selected Museal Depictions of the Kresy Expulsions in Present-day Wrocław
		Chair: Tomas Balkelis (Lithuanian Institute of History)
15.00 – 16.30	Room 302	Holocaust Remembrance and Public History in Europe
		 Michael Hollogschwandtner (University of Vienna), Beliefs in 'Holocaus education'. An interview study of tour guides at memorial sites
		• Adina Marincea ("Elie Wiesel" National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania), Contemporary Challenges to Public History Institutes and Holocaust Remembrance in Romania
		 Hannah Lahti (University of Nebraska at Kearney), Recovering Oshpitzin Complicating Holocaust Public History Between Oświęcim and Auschwitz [online]
		Chair: Stanislovas Stasiulis (Lithuanian Institute of History)

18.00 – 19.45	CAC	Roundtable discussion: Contested Pasts, Public Futures: Who Governs Historical Memory? [open to the public]
		Venue: Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), 2 Vokiečių street
		- Arūnas Gelūnas (Lithuanian National Museum of Art)
		- Eglė Grėbliauskaitė (Vilnius University)
		- Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University)
		- Marko Demantovsky (University of Vienna)
		Moderator: Violeta Davoliūtė (Vilnius University / Lithuanian Institute of History)

19.45 – 21.45 CAC

Reception and networking

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DAY 2 – OCTOBER 10

8.30 – 9.00	Room 401	Welcome coffee
9.00 –10.00	Room 402	Keynote speech
		Eneken Laanes (Tallinn University), Public History In the Times of War
		Moderator: Violeta Davoliūtė (Vilnius University / Lithuanian Institute of History)
10.00 - 10.15	Room 401	Coffee break
10.15 - 11.45	Room 402	War, Memory, and Memorial Landscapes in the 21st Century
		- Christopher Carl (University of Vienna), The Votivkirche in Vienna: A National Place of Remembrance in the 21st Century?
		- Andrey Suslov (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History), Public History in Progress: Activity of Memorial in Russia
		 Klara Valentina Fritz (University of Vienna), Memory Practices in Austrian War Cemeteries: The Case of "Gruppe 97" in Vienna's Central Cemetery [online]
		 Corinna Kuhr-Korolev, Vasco Kretschmann (Leibniz Center for Contemporary History / German War Grave Commission), German War Graves: From Memorials to Heroism and Sacrifice to Places of Reflection and Exchange Today
		Chair: Marko Demantowsky (University of Vienna)
10.15 - 11.45	Room 302	Rewriting the Past, Defending the Future
		 Marina Bantiou (University of Thessaly), Public History and the Shaping of Post – World War II Greek National Memory: The Role of Contemporary History Institutes [online]
		• Dilan Ciftci, Filiz Soyer (Cyprus International University), Public History in Transition: Digital Memory – Making and Contested Heritage in Cyprus
		 Tetiana Belimova (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv), (Re-)Reading History: The Reconstruction of Soviet World War II Monuments [online]
		• Dovilė Budrytė (Vilnius University / Georgia Gwinnett College / Vytautas Magnus University), "Proper" Historical Remembrance? Memorialization

Practices in the 21st Century Lithuania

Chair: Dora Komnenovic (University of Luxembourg)

11.45 – 12.45	Room 401	Lunch break
12.45 – 14.15	Room 402	Visual Memories and Public History
		 Emilia Sánchez González (University of Luxembourg), Embracing, Rejecting, and Nationalizing Postwar Visual Memories through Photographic Exhibitions
		- Brigita Valantinavičiūtė (Loughborough University), Generations of Remembering: Video Elicitation Interviews with Lithuanians
		 Viktorija Rimaitė-Beržiūnienė (Vilnius University / Vilnius Academy of Arts), The Duality of De-Sovietization and Different Regimes of Art: A Lithuanian Case
		 Giorgio Ruggeri (Lithuanian Institute of History / Vilnius University), Between Visual Canon and Archival Oblivion: The Uneven Fates of Documentary Footage of the Nazi Occupation of Lithuania
		Chair: Odeta Rudling (Lund university)
12.45 – 14.15	Room 302	Remembering Conflict: Narratives and Practices of Public History
		· Nerija Putinaitė (Vilnius University), The Contested Personalities of 1989: Irreconcilable Collective Memory and the Impossibility of Forgetting
		· Rasa Navickaitė (Vilnius University), The even accused him of homosexuality": The Limits on Re-considering Soviet Political Homophobia in Lithuanian Public History
		 Laurenţiu Vîju ("Elie Wiesel" National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania), The Role of Memory Institutions in Promoting Public History. A case study: The "Elie Wiesel" National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania
		 Liucija Vervečkienė (Lithuanian Institute of History / Vilnius University), With or Without the Public? Debates on Past Collaboration(ism) in Times of Geopolitical Uncertainties
		Chair: Corinna Kuhr-Korolev (Leibniz Center for Contemporary History)
14.15 – 14.30	Room 401	Coffee break
14.30 – 16.00	Room 402	Emotions Legacies and Future Challenges for Legacy and Public History
		· Jogilė Ulinskaitė (Vilnius University), Temporal Emotions: Chronopolitical Strategies, and Affective Governance in Central and Eastern Europe
		 Tereza Begović Gudelj (University of Zagreb), Memory, Myth, and the State: The Role of Public History in Shaping New Russian National Identity [online]
		· Iryna Ramanava (European Humanities University), The Genocide of the Belarusian people during the Great Patriotic War": Useful Concept For Lukashenka's regime
		 Aviezer Tucker (The University of Ostrava), Historical Lessons: What can be learned from history and how?
		Chair: Dora Komnenovic (University of Luxembourg)
14:30 – 16:00	Room 302	Archival Research and Public History
		 Sacha van Leeuwen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Archivists As Memory Agents: How NIOD's War Diary Collection (1944 – 2010) Influenced Dutch Collective Memory of The Second World War
		- Carlijn Keijzer, Milan van Lange (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies / Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences), "Niet weggooien!": How The Early History (1945-1960) of NIOD Inspires Documenting and Studying War and Violence in The Twenty-First Century

Heritage for Local Communities in Lithuania. Between Significance and Irrelevance

- Salvijus Kulevičius (Vilnius University), Local Code: The Role of Cultural

- Robert Obermair (University of Salzburg), Active Activism

Chair: Lina Strupinskienė (Vilnius University)

16.00 – 16.15	Room 401	Coffee break
16.15 - 17:45	Room 402	Historical Lessons and Memory Wars
		• Philippe Perchoc (Institute for Strategic Studies – French Ministry of Defence), Brussels: politically crafting a European narrative both in the minds and in the urban landscape
		 Josephine Eckert (University of Greifswald), Conflicting (hi)stories? Debating the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarianism [online]
		 Małgorzata Pakier (Institute European Network Remembrance and Solidarity), Negotiating the meanings of the XX century European past: The role of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity
		Chair: Violeta Davoliūtė (Vilnius University / Lithuanian Institute of History)
16.15 – 17.45	Room 302	Public History in Postcolonial and Post-Conflict Societies
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DAY 3 – OCTOBER 11

11.00

City tour with historian Andrius Povilas Stepavičius, City of Seven Faiths and Five Languages: The Story of Vilnius

Note: Those who wish to participate are kindly asked to contact us by email: ruta.matimaityte@tspmi.vu.lt by the 15th of September. The tour is free of charge. Meeting point: Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University (10 Vokiečių street).











