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OF TOTALITARIAN GENOCIDE PLACES



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PROGRAM



**ORGANIZERS:**

Platform of European Memory and Conscience (**PEMC**).

**COOPERATION:**

The Institute of National Remembrance (**IPN**), Warsaw Rising Museum (**MPW**),  
Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes in Prague (**USTR**).

**MONDAY** | 13 MAY | Accommodation.

**TUESDAY** | 14 MAY | IPN – Educational Centre, ul. Marszałkowska 21/25

**9:00-9:30** | Registration.

**9:30** | Welcome — Göran Lindblad PEMC, Jan Ołdakowski MPW, Dr. Łukasz Kamiński IPN,  
Pavla Foglová USTR.

**9:45-12:30** | session I

**TOPIC:**

What is genocide?

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Dr. Pavel Zeman (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic),  
Dr. Marek Cichocki (University of Warsaw – Institute of Applied Social Sciences, Poland),  
Prof. Jan Rydel (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, Poland),  
Prof. Stefan Troebst (University of Leipzig, Germany),  
Dr. Patrycja Grzebyk (University of Warsaw – Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Poland),  
Dr. Andrii Portnov (Institute for Advanced Study Berlin, Niemcy).

**MODERATOR:**

Dr. Sławomir Dębski (Director Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Polska).

**12:45** | Presentation of the publication issued by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC) — Dr. Neela Winkelmann (Managing Director Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Czech Republic).

**13:00** | Coffee break.

**14:00-17:00** | session II

**TOPIC:**

How to talk? Modern forms of commemoration.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Romulus Rusan (Director The Sighet Museum, Romania),  
Gretchen Skidmore (Director, Civic and Defense Initiatives National Institute for Holocaust Education United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (United States of America),  
Dr. Tamás Stark (The House of Terror Museum, Hungary),  
Žydrunė Šidagytė (Chief Education Pfficer, Museum of Genocide Victims, Genocide and Resistance Research Center of Lithuania, Lithuania),  
Dr. Paweł Ukielski (Director Warsaw Rising Museum, Poland).

**MODERATOR:**

Dr. Krzysztof Persak (Director of the Office of the IPN President, Poland).

**17:00** | Opening and Sightseeing Exhibition — “Totalitarianism in Europe”

**WEDNESDAY** | 15 MAY | Warsaw Rising Museum (MPW), ul. Grzybowska 79

**10:00-13:00** | session III

**TOPIC:**

How to teach? Education in memorial places.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Gundega Michele (Director Museum of the Occupation of Latvia 1940-1991, Latvia),  
Alex Dancyg (Chairman Yad Vashem, Israel),  
Dr. Levan Z. Urushadze (Director Museum of Soviet Occupation, Georgia),  
Prof. Zurab D. Urushadze (Museum of Soviet Occupation, Georgia),  
Dr. Łukasz Michalski (Deputy Director of Public Education Office IPN, Poland),  
Dr. Tomasz Kranz (Director of the State Museum at Majdanek, Poland).

**MODERATOR:**

Dr. Dariusz Gawin (Director Warsaw Rising Museum, Poland).

**13:15** | Coffee break.

**14:00-16:30** | session IV

**TOPIC:**

Message for the future.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Dr. hab. Rafał Wnuk (II World War Museum, Poland),  
Vesna Teršelič (Director Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the Past, Croatia),  
Andrzej Kacorzyk (Director Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland),  
Dr. Andreja Valič Zver (Director Study Centre for National Reconciliation, Slovenia),  
Uve Poom (CEO The Unitas Foundation, Estonia).

**MODERATOR:**

Göran Lindblad (President Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Sweden).

**16:45** | Concluding remarks — Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Council of the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Co-Chairman of the Polish-Russian Group for Difficult Matters).

**17:15** | Closing Remarks.

**18:00** | Sightseeing Warsaw Rising Museum.

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