

ICMEMOHRI CONFERENCE 2023

**CULTURAL POLICIES ON MEMORY FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE
THE ROLE OF MEMORIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS IN PROMOTING
TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND REPARATIONS FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE**

Madrid, Spain / 04-06 October 2023

Pre-conference Barcelona- Portbou 01-03 October

CULTURAL POLICIES ON MEMORY FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

International Conference organized by the Ministry of the Presidency, Relations with the Courts and Democratic Memory in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Sports. General Directorate of Fine Arts
Lázaro Galdiano Museum, Calle de Serrano, 122, Madrid. Date: October 4 & 5th 9:30-13:30

The Role of Memorial and Human Rights Museums in Promoting Truth, Justice, and Reparations for an Equitable Future

ICMEMOHRI Session: Centro Sefarad Israel, Calle Mayor, 69, Madrid Date: October 5th 14:00-16:00

Since the end of the armed conflicts that devastated Europe in the 20th century, the promotion of democratic memory policies has become a moral duty which requires reinforcement in order to neutralize oblivion and avoid a repetition of the most tragic episodes of our recent history. Education and Culture, as the pillars on which memory rests, are decisive elements in the promotion of open, inclusive and plural forms of citizenship. This International Conference will make visible those initiatives which have laid the foundations in Europe for the management of cultural heritage from the perspective of remembrance, the defense of human rights and the firm commitment to “never again” as the unequivocal ethical imperative of a democratic European society.

Registration Pre-conference, Barcelona/Portbou, 1-3 October

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Registration ICMEMOHRI Conference, Madrid, 4-6 October

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PRE-CONFERENCE - OPENING EVENT

1 October 2023, Barcelona

Evening encounter. Dinner and Stay in Barcelona

PRE-CONFERENCE - BARCELONA & PORTBOU MEMORIAL SITES

2 October 2023, Barcelona and Portbou

9:00 - 11:00	Visit to the Carcel Modelo Site & Cultural Center. Project Details Dr. Ricard Condesa
11:00 - 11:30	Historical Lecture on background to Spanish Civil War and Franco Regime from a country-wide perspective. Dr. Jordi Guixé
11:30 - 12:00	Packed Lunch
12:00 - 16:00	Bus to Portbou Visit the Memorial to the Exiled French/Spanish border
16:00 - 19:00	Portbou: The Walter Benjamin Memorial by Dani Karavan Welcoming words by Portbou's Mayor, Gael Rodríguez Garrido Historical background, Dr. David González Vázquez Presentation by Dr. Pnina Rosenberg: Sealed Passages-Unsealed Memories: Walter Benjamin's Memorial, Portbou. Passages by Dani Karavan (Portbou) and The Path of Human Rights (Nuremberg)
19:00 - 20:30	Bus to hotel in Girona
20:30 - 22:00	Dinner in Girona

PRE-CONFERENCE - GIRONA

3 October 2023, Girona

9:30 - 12:30	Guided visit to El Call, the Jewish Quarters of Girona Guided visit to The Jewish Museum
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 til departure	Free afternoon
TBA	Train to Madrid



CULTURAL POLICIES ON MEMORY FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE - DAY 1

4 October 2023, Madrid

	9:00 - 9:30	Reception and registration of pre-registered guests
	9:30 - 10:00	Opening - Felix Bolaños Garcia. Minister of the Presidency, Relations with the Courts and Democratic Memory - Miquel Iceta i Llorens. Minister of Culture and Sports Welcome - Fernando Martínez López. State Secretary Of Democratic Memory
Conference Opening	10:00 - 11:00	Promotion of democratic culture: memory for a better future Pablo de Greiff Former United Nations Rapporteur for the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Repitition. United Nations Commissioner of Inquiry on Ukraine
	11:00 - 11:30	Coffe break
International organisations The grouping of individuals, associations and institutions in different collaborative networks has been decisive in managing European democratic memory through its cultural heritage. This session will offer a broad vision of these connections at the international and European level	11:30 - 12:30	Round Table - The promotion of democratic values through culture Moderator: Juan Ignacio Iquino Lafuente. Chief Cabinet Undersecretary Ministry of Culture and Sports - Council of Europe. Directorate of Democratic Participation Jean-Philippe Restoueix. Administator - IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Sara Lustig. Co-chair 2023 - European Commission. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme Maria Inmaculada Pérez Rocha. Advisor - European Investment Bank. Financing of memory recovery projects Bruno Rossignol. Director of Climate and Historical Heritage



	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
	14:00 - 15:00	<p>Round Table</p> <p>- Cultural heritage as a catalyst for democratic values. Moderator: Prof. Dr. Almudena Cruz Yábar. Chief Cabinet of the Director General of Democratic Memory</p> <p>- ICOMOS International Council on Monuments and Sites Teresa Patricio. President</p> <p>- ICMEMOHRI International Committee of Memorial and Human Rights Museums Jane Klinger. Chair Kateryna Chuieva. Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine</p> <p>- Council of Europe</p> <p>- European Institute for Cultural Route ATRIUM. Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century in Europe's Urban Memory. Iron Curtain Trail. Liberation Route. Stefano Dominioni. Director</p>
	15:00 - 15:30	Coffe break
	16:00	Visit to the Contemporary Art Museum Reina Sofía
<p>STOLPERSTEINE On-site Memorial Concert</p> <p>Cello solo 'El Cant dels Ocells' by Pau Casals</p>	18:30 - 19:00	<p>The Stolpersteine, or "stumbling stones," are a constellation of around 75,000 small memorials placed on the sidewalks of European cities to remember the victims of the Holocaust and honor their memory. In Spain there are only around 480.</p> <p>We stop in front of one such stone in the heart of Madrid where these small commemorative plaques embedded in sidewalks pay tribute to the Spaniards deported to the German Concentration Camps of World War II.</p> <p>These stones, as living testimonies of history, invite us to reflect on the past and pay tribute to those who, for the most part, have fallen into oblivion.</p> <p>https://stolpersteine.eu/</p>

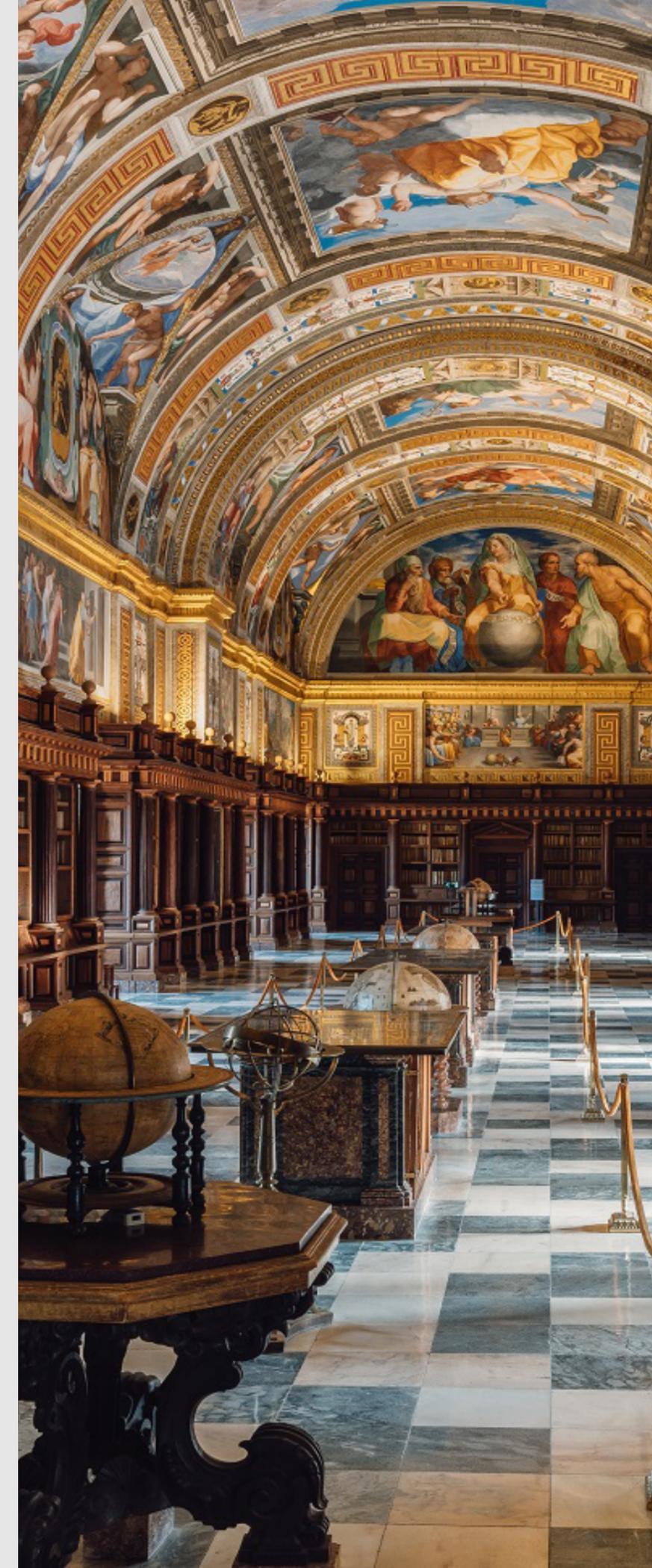
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CULTURAL POLICIES ON MEMORY FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE - DAY 2

5 October 2023, Madrid

<p>National cultural policies of democratic memory At the national level, cultural policies largely define the future of the European democratic memory. The importance, the space and the resources that are allocated to this end in Europe will be the object of analysis of this table moderated by Spain</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:30</p>	<p>Round Table - Spain. Ministry of the Presidency, Relations with the Cortes and Democratic Memory Moderator: Diego Blázquez Martín. Director General of Democratic Memory - France. Ministry of Culture. Bruno Favel. Head of European and International Affairs at the Directorate General of Heritage - Ukraine. Yevheniia Kravchuk. President of the Committee on Culture of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Slovenia. Ministry of Culture. Špela Spanžel. Director General of Cultural Heritage - Germany. Ministry of Culture and Media. Maria Bering. Director General of History and Memory - Croatia. Ministry of Culture and Media. Nevena Tudor Perković. Director General of Cultural and Artistic Development</p>
	<p>10:30 - 11:00</p>	<p>Coffe break</p>
<p>Museums and interpretation centers Today, from the perspective of respect for human rights, Europe is facing anti-democratic episodes reminiscent of the past. Museums are cultural agents of vital importance in non-regulated education. Museums are guarantors and transmitters of memory and a fundamental piece in the dissemination of democratic culture</p>	<p>11:00 - 12:30</p>	<p>Round Table Colonialism as part of European memory Moderator: Isaac Sastre de Diego. Director General of Fine Arts - Musée Royal de l'Afrique centrale Bart Ouvry. Director - Nationaal Museum van Wereldculturen Marieke van Bommel. Director - Mémorial de l'abolition de l'esclavage Dominique Taffin. Fondation pour la Mémoire de l'Esclavage</p>
	<p>12:30 - 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>



THE ROLE OF MEMORIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS IN PROMOTING TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND REPARATIONS FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE

<p>ICMEMOHRI Session</p>	<p>14:00 – 14:05</p>	<p>Opening Jane Klinger, ICMEMOHRI Chair</p>
<p>“Never Again” The imperative “Never again!” has characterized the European peace and democratization process after 1945. However, this motto has different meanings today. War, persecution and mass violence are more current than ever. Is this slogan now outdated?</p>	<p>14:05 – 15:40</p>	<p>- Introduction Moderator – Felicitas Heimann-Jelinek</p> <p>- The Peter and Mary Kalikow Jewish Genealogy Center at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – a Living Memorial to the Holocaust Karen Franklin</p> <p>- Questioning Traumatic Heritage: SPEME Spaces of Memory in Europe, Argentina, Colombia. (SPEME project lead by University of Bologna 2018 -2023) Patrizia Violi, Cristina Demaria and Anna Maria Lorusso, University Bologna</p> <p>- Genocide Museums and Genocide Prevention: A Comparative Look at Guatemala and Cambodia JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz and Martha Galvan, Texas A&M University at Galveston and California Polytechnic State University</p> <p>- The Elephant in the Room or Do We Make a Difference? Zahava Doering , University of Chicago</p> <p>- Questions and Answers</p>
	<p>15:40 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee / tea break</p>
<p>Museums under Political Pressure Museums can play a role in bridging existing political and social divides. How remain museums credible in this process and to what extent do they face political pressure?. Museums want to defend democratic values, but can also be used or abused to promote specific political goals.</p>	<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>- Introduction Moderator – Erik Somers</p> <p>- The Power of Museums: Visibility and Voice, a Global Security Imperative, Cathleen Pearl, Military Women’s Memorial</p> <p>- Museum as Repertoires of Contention in Nigeria Godwin Onuoha, Mercer County Community College</p> <p>- The National Center of Historical Memory, the construction of the Memory Museum and its territorial strategy William Gamboa, Museo de Memoria Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica, Columbia</p>



<p>Digital Platforms Sowing the purpose to create a space for reflection on the opportunities and challenges of digital tools applied to spaces of remembrance and human rights. We expect this session to be the beginning of a discussion on digital innovation, leading to the creation of The ICMEMOHRI Cartography, an online platform for continued dialogue.</p>	<p>17:00 – 17:55</p>	<p>- Introduction Moderator – Ophelia Leon</p> <p>- Art 4Women’s Rights: Interactive Digital Museum & Sound Cartographies of violence against women in Nigeria Louisa Onuoha, President ICOM Nigeria, National Museums of Nigeria Raúl San Miguel, Digital Strategist & Designer</p> <p>- The Quipu Project: Testimonies of people affected by forced sterilizations in Peru, 1990s. Winner of a Peabody Legacy Award in Interactive Storytelling Rosemarie Lerner, co-director & producer</p> <p>- Questions and Answers</p>
	<p>17:55 – 18:00</p>	<p>Closing Jane Klinger, ICMEMOHRI Chair</p>

CULTURAL POLICIES ON MEMORY FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE - OFF SITE

6 October 2023, Madrid

	<p>All day</p>	<p>Visit to Cuelgamuros, El Escorial For PRE-REGISTERED guests www.mpr.gob.es/memoriademocratica/actividades-de-difusion/Paginas/eventos/Conferencia-Politicas-Culturales/inscripcion.aspx</p>
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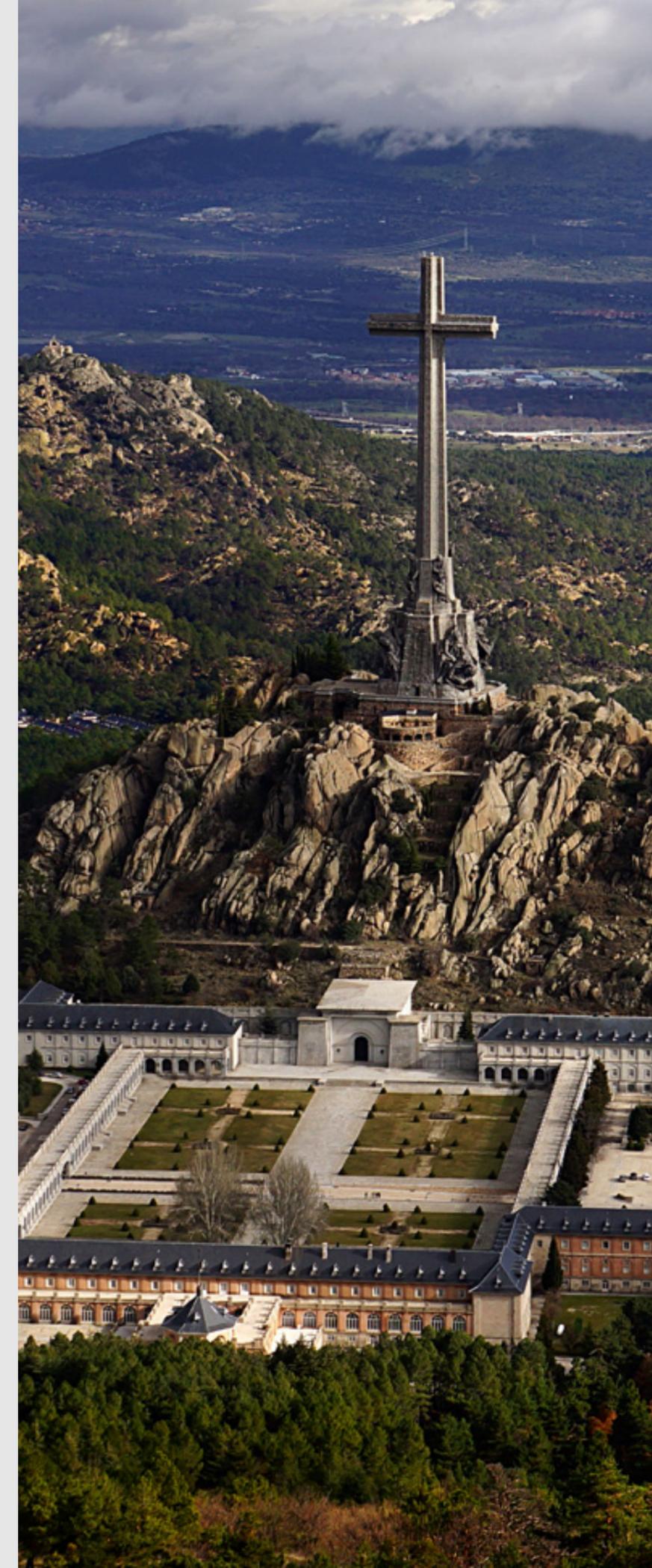
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ICMEMOHRI and ICETHICS Joint EXPERT MEETING

Museums in Ukraine Facing War, Civil Unrest, and Conflict

Amsterdam 1-3 November 2023

Theme

The war in Ukraine poses huge challenges and dilemmas for museum professionals. They have to function in threatening conditions in a war where cultural heritage is under deliberate attack. What are the implications of this situation for their work, their personal lives and for the protection of their collections? How do they plan for the post-war period – both in terms of narrative and of collecting tangible and intangible heritage during the war? In this expert meeting, ICMEMOHRI and IC Ethics offer Ukrainian museum professionals the possibility to exchange experiences, ideas, dilemmas and good practices with colleagues from countries that also faced armed conflict: Bangladesh, Rwanda, Argentina, Lebanon, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Netherlands and the United States. Based on the needs of the Ukrainian participants, this expert meeting will offer a platform for discussing a broad range of questions like: How will historical and military events and the role of the aggressor be represented? How can museums be future places of remembrance and reconciliation? How do they work with and support contemporary artists? How can trauma be processed through culture and, in particular, through museum presentation? How to address ethical dilemmas such as cultural forensics and collecting?

Format

Presentations, workshop and discussions. Visits to Anne Frank House and Resistance Museum

Outcome

Publishing findings and creating sustainable partnerships among participants.

More information about the event will be released soon

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