Teaching about the Holocaust: Pedagogical Challenges and Educational Opportunities

International Graduate Seminar in Riga, July 2016

This regional seminar is for a select group of experienced teachers from Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The three-day seminar will be conducted in Russian and English (with simultaneous interpretation), and will take place at the European Union House in Riga.

Monday, July 11, 2016

Welcome and Introduction
15:00 – 16:00 Arrival and check-in at Radi un Draugi Hotel, Mārstaļu iela 1, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia
   Hotel Website in English / Hotel Website in Russian
16:30 Pick-up from hotel to the Jānis Lipke Memorial
17:00 – 18:00 Guided tour and presentation of educational programs, Jānis Lipke Memorial
18:00 – 19:00 Reception and opening remarks by distinguished guests, organizers and partners

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Ms. Inna Šteinbuka, Head of the European Commission Office in Latvia

HE Ms. Lironne Bar-Sadeh, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Latvia

SE Mr. Stéphane Visconti, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République française en la République de Lettonie

Mr. Kārlis Šadurskis, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Latvia

Mrs. Gita Umanovska, Executive Director, Jewish Community of Riga

Mr. Kārlis Eihenbaums, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Latvia

HE Mr. Rolf Schütte, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Latvia

Mrs. Noa Sigal, Former Soviet Union Section Head, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Mr. Bruno Boyer, Head of International Relations, Mémorial de la Shoah

19:15 Pick-up from the Jānis Lipke Memorial to Radi un Draugi Hotel
19:15 – 20:30 Welcome Dinner at the Hotel
20:30 – 21:00 Introduction to the program and coordinating expectations

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Prewar Jewish life in Baltic States

8:15   Breakfast at Radi un Draugi Hotel

9:00   Walking together to the European Union House in Riga (Map)
       28 Aspazijas bulvāris
       Riga, LV-1050

9:15 – 10:45   Presentation about Jewish Life and Communities in the Baltic States
                Dr. Aharon Shneyer, Yad Vashem

10:45 – 11:00  Coffee break
                European Union House

11:00 – 12:30  The Jews and the First Soviet Occupation – Lecture and Discussion
                Daina Bleiere, University of Riga

12:30 – 13:30  Return to the hotel for lunch

13:30  Walking together to the Jewish Museum in Riga

13:45 – 15:00  Guided tour and presentation of educational programs of the Jewish
                Museum in Riga

15:00  Walking together to the European Union House

15:15 – 16:15  Workshop on pre-war Jewish life through children's eyes – Diary of
                Annie Heskelson (Riga)
                Noa Sigal, Yad Vashem

                Workshop on Jewish political commitment before WWII
                Philippe Boukara, Mémorial de la Shoah

16:15 – 16:30  Coffee break
                European Union House

16:30 – 17:30  Simultaneous presentations on pre-war Jewish life
                Two teachers per country
                European Union House

19:00   Reception
                Sponsored by the French Embassy to Latvia
Wednesday, July 13, 2016

**Teaching About Collaboration and Perpetrators**

- **7:30**  
  Breakfast at Radi un Draugi Hotel

- **8:30**  
  Pick-up from hotel to the Rumbula Forest

- **8:30 – 9:00**  
  Lecture on how to teach about perpetrators (en route to Rumbula)  
  *Noa Sigal, Yad Vashem*

- **9:00 – 11:00**  
  Guided tour of the Rumbula Memorial  
  *Dr. Aharon Shneyer, Yad Vashem*

- **11:30**  
  Pick-up from Rumbula Forest to the European Union House in Riga

- **12:00 – 12:30**  
  Coffee break  
  *European Union House*

- **12:30 – 13:15**  
  Debriefing

- **13:15 – 14:00**  
  Return to the hotel for lunch

- **14:00 – 15:30**  
  Local Collaborationist Units in Jelgava  
  *Andris Tomašāns, Doc.paed, Historian*

- **15:30 – 16:30**  
  Simultaneous presentations on collaboration and perpetrators  
  *Two teachers per country*  
  *European Union House*

- **16:30**  
  Return to hotel for free evening
Thursday, July 14, 2016

**Contemporary Antisemitism and Holocaust Remembrance**

7:45  Breakfast at Radi un Draugi Hotel

8:45  Check-out from the hotel and walk to European Union House

9:15 – 10:45  Workshops on Dealing with Racism and Antisemitism – Historical and Pedagogical Aspects

  *Natacha Chetcuti-Osorovitz, Mémorial de la Shoah*
  *Noa Sigal, Yad Vashem*
  *European Union House*

10:45 – 11:00  Coffee break

  *European Union House*

11:00 – 12:00  Critical Overview: Textbooks in the Baltic States

  *Heiko Paabo, Tartu University*

12:15 – 13:15  Simultaneous presentations on contemporary antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance

  *Two teachers per country*
  *European Union House*

13:15 – 13:45  Concluding Evaluation and Discussion on Possible Future Cooperation

14:00 – 15:15  Farewell Lunch at Radi un Draugi Hotel