



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
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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 Tomašūns, Doc.paed, Historian
- 15:30 – 16:30 Simultaneous presentations on collaboration and perpetrators
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- 16:30 Return to hotel for free evening



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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



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