

**Program of the International Colloquium
CONTEMPORARY MEMORIALISATION OF THE HOLOCAUST IN CENTRAL
AND EASTERN COUNTRIES**

**“Elie Wiesel” National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania
Bucharest, October 11th -12th, 2019**

October 11th

9:00-9:30, Formal opening of the conference

Welcome speeches by Ana BĂRBULESCU, and Sonia CATRINA, on behalf of the Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania.

9:30-11:00, **Session 1**

THE MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST: ACCOUNTABILITY, LEGISLATIVE MECHANISMS & PUBLIC SPEECHES

Chairperson: Andrei MURARU, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Sonia CATRINA, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania
The legacies of difficult pasts in Post-communist Romania: spatialities of traumatic memory, (dis)connected politics of memory and anti-Semitic social attitudes

Valeriu ANTONOVICI, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania & National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
The efforts of the Romanian politicians in building the Holocaust public speech

Alina POPESCU, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania
The memory of the Holocaust and the myth of the “outside enemy”: from anti-Semitic attitudes to redundant politicization

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:30, **Session 2**

MEMORIAL MARKERS AND SOCIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Chairperson: Petre MATEI, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Astrid ROTTMAN, Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, Romania
Memorial space and otherness. Dialogue between memory and the spectator

Benjamin THORNE, Wingate University
Invisible monuments: representation of Romani Holocaust victims in Romania and Ukraine

Sylvia HERSHCOVITZ, Bar Ilan University
Romanian Jewish women and the legacy of the Holocaust: assisting Jewish children, and orphans rescued from Transnistria

Ananda MAJUMDAR, University of Alberta, Harvard Graduate School of Education
The genocide and the Ukrainian diaspora

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30, **Session 3**

LEARNING FROM THE PAST: TRENDS, PATTERNS AND PRACTICES IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION AND REMEMBRANCE

Chairperson: Ana BĂRBULESCU, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Part I

Cristian JURA, National Council for Combating Discrimination

The issue of Anti-Semitism reflected in jurisprudence of the National Council for Combating Discrimination

Maria BARBU-CIURCHEA, Independent Scholar

The Holocaust as presented in Romanian history textbooks

David DIACONU, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania & National University of Political Studies and Public Administration

Remembrance through education: the case of Romanian higher education institutions

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:30

Part II

Mihai-Stelian RUSU, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

Geographies of commemoration: remembering the Holocaust in Romania's educational system

Peninah ZILBERMAN, "Tarbut" Foundation

Remember and memorialize: Holocaust education without survivors through culture and arts

Kamila PALUBICKA, German School Bucharest & NGO Kulturerben e.V.

Decipher totalitarianism and empower democracy

19:00 Dinner

October 12th

9:00-10:30

Session 1

THE BURDEN OF THE PAST: ETHICAL ISSUES AND SYMBOLIC REPARATION

Chairperson: Marius CAZAN, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Janet WARD, University of Oklahoma

Holocaust forensic evidence and human rights memory-work

Adelin-Costin DUMITRU, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania & National University of Political Studies and Public Administration

Holocaust remembrance as reparation for the past: a relational egalitarian approach

Nicolae DRĂGUȘIN, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Mircea Vulcănescu's theological memorialization in contemporary Romania: from war criminal to victim of communism

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session 2

THE MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST AND COLLECTIVE IDENTITY

Chairperson: Sonia CATRINA, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania

Sorin MITULESCU, Independant Scholar

Truncated images about the Holocaust: deportation of Roma in censored Romanian literature

Gheorghe CIASCAI, Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University

The Holocaust in the memory of the peasants from Bogata de Sus, a village in North-West Transylvania

Petre MATEI, Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania
Roma treatment and deportations during WWII: perceptions in contemporary Romania

12:30-13:00

Closing remarks

13:00-14:00 Lunch