

Call for Applications: EHRI Methodological Seminar in Trieste: The Nazi Occupation and the Extermination of the European Jews: sources, methods and interpretations

30 July – 4 August, 2017, University of Trieste, Italy (Department of Humanities)

The Seminar is planned within the framework of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) project, supported by the European Commission and organised by the Shoah Memorial of Paris, France, in close cooperation with Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum in Vilnius, Lithuania. The seminar is organized with the kind support of the University of Trieste which will host the event. We would like to invite researchers, historians and archivists working on Holocaust sources and historiography to apply for our seminar.

Trieste as an important example for analyzing some key-aspects of the Nazi occupation policy in Europe and of the Deportation of the Jews.

Given to its strategic geographical position at the crossroad of Central Europe, Italy, and the Levant, the region of Trieste played an important role for Nazi Germany. A combination of factors make this town and its region, which in 1943 was attached to the German Reich as part of the so-called Operationszone Adriatisches Küstenland, an interesting example for analyzing some key-aspects of Nazi occupation policy (from the repression of civilians to mass violence and forced labour) as well as of the process of the deportation of the Jews (Italians and foreign nationals) who were rounded up in the whole region. Here the antisemitic measures against the Jews were carried out more violently, efficiently and methodically (70 convoys left from Trieste to Auschwitz) than in the rest of occupied Italy. In 1943, "SS and Police Leader" and head of the Aktion Reinhard death camps Odilo Globocnik and his staff were transferred from Eastern Central Europe to the Trieste region, connecting Trieste with the core regions of the Holocaust in Eastern Central Europe.

New Sources and challenges: Holocaust Historiography in Context

The historiography of the Holocaust is constantly evolving and new sources are available and open to researchers and scholars. During the EHRI seminar we want to present various type of materials which can be useful for those working in the field of Holocaust research and documentation.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Basic research in the field of Holocaust in Italy and in Lithuania
- Problems with sources, research and interpretation
- Networks of solidarity among the persecuted Jews of Italy and East European Jews
- Collaborationism figures and policies in Italy and in Lithuania
- A gender perspective in Italian and Lithuanian memories

With an emphasis, though not only, on Italy and Lithuania during Nazi occupation, participants will have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge on the Holocaust issues. They will be encouraged to contribute with their own research and ideas to the development of methodological instruments useful to Holocaust research, while also broadening their knowledge of archival documentation and exploring the use of digital humanities methodologies as well as new methods of finding and using sources.

The seminar's agenda will also include visits to some places directly connected with the history of Jews and the Holocaust.

An interactive seminar on Holocaust research and history

We would like to encourage participants to play an active role during the whole seminar. In addition to keynote speakers and structured presentations, there will be opportunities for participants to briefly present their current research on the Holocaust and receive input and suggestions from the other participants and from the lecturers and tutors of the seminar.

EHRI Portal

Participants will be introduced to the EHRI Portal, which contains information on 57 countries, over 1.850 archival institutions, and more than 152.000 descriptions of archival units (<https://portal.ehri-project.eu/>).

Practical information

The deadline for applications is **April 20, 2017**. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered.

The selection process aims at making up a balanced group of participants equally made of researchers, historians and archivists.

Organizers covers participants travel, housing and living expenses.

An application package consists of:

- A completed application form
- A curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)
- A letter of motivation with reasons for attending this seminar (maximum 1 page)
- A letter of recommendation

Please submit the application package to: ehriseminar.trieste@gmail.com

Selected participants will be informed by e-mail **by the end of May 2017**