



Geography and Holocaust Research

International Workshop

**within the Framework of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI),
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International Tracing Service – Bad Arolsen

May 27-29, 2013

We would like to invite you to an international workshop on **Geography and Holocaust Research**, to be held at the International Tracing Service at Bad Arolsen, Germany on May 27-29, 2013.

This expert meeting is organised within the framework of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) programme, supported by the European Commission. EHRI was launched in November 2010, and is dedicated to opening up collections related to Holocaust history within a web-based environment. The overall objective of the EHRI experts' workshops is to generate a creative exchange of knowledge and views between experts in various methodological subfields of Holocaust research and documentation.

Geographic aspects of events and processes, landscape, environment, traffic routes, and more all impacted on plans and actions in the context of the Holocaust. The examination of geographic characteristics and the application of geographical methods to historical research of the Holocaust are, of course, not new. New technologies and interdisciplinary approaches, however, provide new and additional methods to convey and visualise relationships between parameters that affected the sequence of activities and events throughout history.

Participants are invited to present their findings and projects that focus on, in particular, the use of geographical components of interdisciplinary research in the context of the Holocaust. These findings and projects should either pertain directly to Holocaust research or should present an impetus for the integration of geographical methodologies into historical research in general. Hence, the Call for Papers is directed to historians and archivists, as well as geographers and representatives of related disciplines.

The planned EHRI archives and research portal will enable researchers to obtain knowledge about Holocaust-related fonds and collections in archives all over Europe. Widely scattered documents can be virtually rearranged according to their original provenances and material pertaining to specific topics can be brought together by interested researchers on their virtual desks. The conjunction of sources of information

and of information itself about events, persons and locations in the context of the Holocaust is partly conditioned by the necessity of illustrating historical and actual geographic relationships which extend to the whole of Europe. Therefore, tools for evaluating geographic information and the content and technological facilities provided by an online portal such as EHRI should get special attention.

This workshop will serve as a venue for representatives of various scientific disciplines to exchange ideas, with the goal of providing new incentives for Holocaust research, specifically in the application of geographical methods to the study of the Holocaust.

Call for Papers

Proposals are now invited for individual presentations or for participation in round tables relating to geographic aspects, in workshop sessions on the following topics:

1. Geography of the Holocaust: Impacts of border changes, geographic location of persecution and murder sites, geographic configuration in relation to chances of survival, death marches, additional issues
2. Geography of Surviving: Displacement and Displaced Persons, Repatriation and Emigration
3. Geographic Tools in the Service of Holocaust Research: Technical developments (including e-maps, multilayered historical maps, virtual and interactive maps of Holocaust events and stages) and current projects based on geographic data
4. Merging and Coordinating Geographic Knowledge on the Internet: Experiences at current online gateways (like Europeana, e.g.)
5. Geographic Sources: possibilities and ways to locate detailed maps, atlases, gazetteers, and databases that could constitute reliable sources for specific needs in terms of space and time span relevant to the Holocaust

Participants should endeavor to present the methodological issues as applied, or in the context of specific projects or research findings.

Individual Papers

Each accepted paper for individual presentation will be allotted 30 minutes for presentation and discussion.

Round Table Papers

This is an opportunity for several shorter presentations (approx. 10 minutes each) and a chaired discussion. This may be a more suitable slot for 'work in progress' submissions.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

If you are interested in giving an individual paper or participating in a round table discussion, please send a short 500 word proposal and a CV (including all relevant contact information) to:

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The deadline for submissions of proposals is December 31st, 2012.

Notification will be sent via email by February 15th, 2013.

Subsidies will be available to participants in accordance with European Commission guidelines and the EHRI project budget.

Contact

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