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EHRI Newsletter - April 2019

Meet the New EHRI Project Director: Karel Berkhoff

Dear colleagues and friends,

Last year I was deeply saddened by Conny Kristel's death. She was a wonderful colleague, truly a model of conscientiousness and commitment. I am guessing that you all know a good project that was hampered (or worse) because egos stood in the way. Not so with EHRI under Conny. How befitting that the first Conny Kristel Fellowships will be dispensed this year.

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Open Invitation to the International EHRI Conference: Holocaust Studies and its Social Setting



11/04/2019

3 July 2019, Amsterdam

This international conference *Holocaust Studies and its Social Setting: Challenges and Trends* will focus on the importance of EHRI's human network and the public dimension of Holocaust Studies.

Renowned Holocaust researchers and policymakers, such as Wendy Lower, Dieter Pohl and Katharina von Schnurbein, will speak at the conference, discuss EHRI's achievements and reflect on the interaction of Holocaust research with society at large.

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Open Invitation to the EHRI Academic Conference: Holocaust Studies in the Digital Age

11/04/2019

2 July 2019, Amsterdam

This Academic Conference *Holocaust Studies in the Digital Age, What's New?*, organized by EHRI and the NIOD, Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, will explore how digital technology influences contemporary Holocaust research in its broadest sense. Is the research field undergoing a digital transition that profoundly changes its nature?



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Unifying Our Scattered Heritage - The Yerusha Project



02/04/2019

Gabor Kadar, from the Yerusha Project, Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe, introduces the EHRI-Yerusha collaboration.

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The Story of a Polish Prayer Book Found at the Vilnius Flea Market

10/04/2019

Neringa Latvytė from EHRI partner the **Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum** (VGSJM) in Lithuania presents a unique artefact from the flea market in Vilnius: A small prayer book in Polish, which tells us the unusual story about perceptions of a traumatic past.



Photos and article by Neringa Latvytė

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50,000 Archival Descriptions Added



11/04/2019

Major increase in EHRI Portal Collection Descriptions

The [EHRI Portal](#), that offers access to information on Holocaust-related archival material held in institutions across Europe and beyond, is one of the project's important tools. EHRI is proud to announce that as a result of collaborative hard work with institutions that hold important Holocaust collections no less than 50,000 new descriptions and 25,000 updates were ingested in the EHRI portal last month. Via automated data ingest we have been able to increase the number of collection descriptions in the EHRI Portal by 17 %. Our thanks go to all institutions and colleagues that have been involved in this process.

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People in EHRI: Adina Babesh – Works for the EHRI Team at CegeSoma

11/04/2019

Adina Babesh works at the Belgian State Archives - Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Society. She is involved in EHRI Work Package 9 on Data Identification and Integration and Work Package 11 on Users and Standards.



A usual day starts for me early around 6-6:30am. I am by no means a morning person, but I prefer having a nice seat on the two trams, which take me to work, and I can enjoy reading a few pages from a good book. 'Autour de ton cou' (Adichie) is a favorite these days in an effort to improve my French!

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The Archive as Digital User

11/04/2019

EHRI has conducted an international [web survey](#) to better understand how professional users such as archivists, librarians, curators, and information specialists use our services. These professionals are key users and stakeholders of EHRI, given their significant role in providing content for EHRI and their knowledge of Holocaust related materials available at their institutions.



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New EHRI Document Blog: Repatriation Efforts - Luxembourg State Policy Towards Jews

02/04/2019

Repatriation Efforts – Luxembourg State Policy Towards Jews during World War II

The author of this [EHRI Document Blog](#) post, Jakub Bronec from the University of Luxembourg, gives an insight into the repatriation attempts of Luxembourg concerning Jews during World War II.



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The European Commission Combines Efforts to Tackle Antisemitism



11/04/2019

Eurobarometer Survey on Antisemitism in Europe

Recently the European Fundamental Rights Agency, upon request of the European Commission, published the largest [survey](#) ever held among European Jews on their perception and experience of antisemitism. The Eurobarometer Survey on Antisemitism in Europe will serve as a basis for further fact-based policy making.

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EHRI partners

NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NL)
 CEGES-SOMA Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (BE)
 Jewish Museum in Prague (CZ)
 Institute of Contemporary History Munich - Berlin (DE)

Jewish Historical Institute (PL)
 King's College London (UK)
 Ontotext AD (BG)
 Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of Holocaust in Romania (RO)
 DANS Data Archiving and Networked Services (NL)
 Shoah Memorial, Museum, Center for Contemporary Jewish Documentation (FR)

YAD VASHEM The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes'
Remembrance Authority (IL)
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USA)
Bundesarchiv (DE)
The Wiener Library for the Study of the Holocaust
& Genocide (UK)
Holocaust Documentation Centre (SK)
Polish Centre for Holocaust Research (PL)
The Jewish Museum of Greece (GR)
Kazerne Dossin: Memorial, Museum and
Documentation Centre on Holocaust and Human
Rights (BE)

ITS International Tracing Service (DE)
Hungarian Jewish Archives (HU)
INRIA Institute for Research in Computer Science
and Automation (FR)
Vilna Gaon Jewish Museum (LT)
VWI Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust
Studies (AT)
Foundation Jewish Contemporary Documentation
Center (IT)

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