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# THE TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY AND MEMORY OF WORLD WAR II CRIMES IN CROATIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, SLOVENIA, AND THE NORTHERN ADRIATIC

**International Conference, University of Regensburg, 12 - 14 May 2023**

*Venue: Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS Regensburg),  
Landshuter Str. 4, Room 319*

## Friday 12 May

**18:00-19:30**

**Introduction to the conference:**

Presentation of the project "Between Memory and Oblivion": **Vesna Teršelič** and **Alice Straniero** (*Documenta*)

Presentation of the conference: **Heike Karge** (University of Regensburg) and **Thomas Porena** (*Topografia per la storia*)

**Moritz Mauderer** (University of Regensburg): film presentation of the study visit to Koper/Trieste

**Short film screening:** Davor Konjikušić and Nika Petković, "Uvala" filmed in the cove of Slana, on the site of former concentration camp, *17 min.*

20:30 Dinner

## Saturday 13 May

**09:00-11:00**

**Panel 1 – Forgotten places of World War Two** (*live and streamed*)

- Keynote: **Tea Perinčić** (Maritime and History Museum of Croatian Littoral, Rijeka) The role of contemporary museums in mediating the past and memory

**Jovan Byford** (Open University): Rescuing the past from oblivion and denial: The history and memory of the killings in Sisak in early May 1945 (*online*)

**Lejla Gačanica** (researcher): Partisan Memorial Cemetery in Mostar, place of forgotten memory in Bosnia-Herzegovina (*online*)

**Lovro Kralj** (University of Rijeka) and **Hrvoje Volner** (University of Osijek): The History and Evolution of the Tenja Ghetto in Osijek During the Holocaust

**Sanja Horvatinčić** (Institute of Art History): Unravelling Memorial Landscapes: Case Studies of Drežnica and Slana (*online*)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

**11:30-13:00**

**Panel 2 – National Memory Narratives:**

- Keynote: **Vjeran Pavlaković** (University of Rijeka): Between Oblivion and Nationalisation of War Memories: Second World War Narratives in Croatia; and

**Milovan Pisarri** (Centre for public history): Between Oblivion and Nationalisation of War Memories: Second World War Narratives in Serbia

**Urška Strle** (University of Ljubljana): In the shadow of oblivion: Slovenes in the Italian fascist camps

**Tamara Pavasović Trost** and **Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc** (University of Ljubljana): Representations of WWII in Slovenian History Textbooks

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

**14:00-16:00**

**Panel 3 – Local Memory Narratives**

- Keynote: **Borut Klabjan** (Science and Research Centre Koper): Building Partisan Memory in a contested Borderland: the Northern Adriatic after World War II.

**Hikmet Karčić** (University of Sarajevo), Drina as a place of memory

**Gašper Mithans** (Science and Research Centre Koper): Village arsons in the Julian March: the specificity of commemorations and a neglected topic in historiography

**Marin Pekica** (University of Zagreb): Culture of Memory and Dealing with the Past – The Microhistoric Example of a village in Istria (Bokordići) (*online*)

**Richard S.A. Newell** (University of Sarajevo), The Jasenovac Monastery: analysing a new actor in WWII memory

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

**16:30-18:00**

#### Panel 4 – Memory and Visual sources

- Keynote: **Elma Hodžić** (Historical Museum of Bosnia-Herzegovina): The use of sources in creating collective memory through museological practice

**Elena Pirazzoli** (University of Cologne): Living rubble and unbearable images. Photographic and material traces of the nazi-fascist massacre in Lipa as a potentiality for transnational history and memory

**Petra Maštrović**, (Maritime and History Museum of Croatian Littoral, Rijeka): Memorial Centre Lipa Remembers as a place of community healing

**Aneta Vladimirov** (Serbian National Council): The moonlit surface of the Slana cove - an ideal place for a concentration camp and summer holidays (*online*)

**Alessandro Matta** (Sardinian Shoah Memorial Association): The “forgotten camps” of the Balkans in the cinema. Fascist and nazi “less known” camps and murder places in Yugoslavian cinema and television (1945-1992)

19:30 Dinner

#### Sunday 14 May

9:30-11:30

**Panel 5 – Holocaust and genocide memorialisation after the war and nowadays** (*live and streamed*)

- Keynote: **Heike Karge** (University of Regensburg) and **Thomas Porena** (Topografia per la storia): Memorialisation after 1945: theses

**Đorđe Mihovilović** (Jasenovac Memorial): Stara Gradiška in memorialisation after the WWII and nowadays (*online*)

**Danilo Trbojević** (University of Belgrade): (Re)living the trauma: balkanization of (Yugoslavian and Serbian) holocaust and genocide memory politics and instrumentalization of cultural and social role of (concentration camp) children-inmates

**Danijel Vojak** and **Dunja Jakopović** (University of Zagreb): Forgotten places of crimes against illegal marginals or about places of mass crimes against the Roma population in the Independent State of Croatia (*online*)

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break (brunch)

12:00-13:00 Conclusions