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20. Ost-West-Europäisches Gedenkstättenreffen Kreisau

29 March - 1 April 2023, International Meeting Place Krzyżowa/Kreisau

Postwar and postcommunist debates on Uprise, Protest and resistance and its remembrance in East- and Western European Museums and Memorials

Memory and history of protest cultures of the 20th century are an important part of state self-understanding and self-assurance in Europe. They are always about the renegotiation of basic democratic rights, freedom and human dignity. They are the subject of educational work and the topic of exhibitions at memorials and places of remembrance. It becomes clear that the way we remember resistance, protest and uprisings differs significantly from country to country. Therefore, we devote ourselves to the question: What changes are the representations of protest and uprisings in state museums and memorial sites in Europe subject to? What common features and differences can we identify? In doing so, it becomes clear that not all forms of protest find their way equally into the official canon. Some protests are hushed up, forgotten, while others take on symbolic significance beyond national borders. What function do the remembrance and commemoration of protests and resistance fulfill for the respective society? Resistance to the Nazi regime was wide-ranging. It took many forms, from passive resistance, sabotage, the documentation of crimes to emigration and the planned/attempted coup d'état of July 20, 1944. The resistance was supported by men and women from all social classes and political camps. Opposition circles in the Wehrmacht, in the occupied territories were just as much a part of it as, for example, the members of the "Kreisau Circle".

After the communists came to power and socialist dictatorships were established in Eastern Europe, resistance remained the order of the day, but the forms of protest changed significantly. Strikes, student protests and popular uprisings such as June 17, 1953 in the GDR, October 1956 in Hungary, or Prague 1968 and Solidarnosc in Poland continue to shape our culture of remembrance today. In Western Europe, too, protests and uprisings and the memory of those occupy a significant place in the processes of social change. In the 21st century, too, we remain witnesses of uprisings and protests; achievements are again called into question and have to be fought for anew.

We will discuss with staff members of museums, archive and educational projects and historical as well as artistic exhibitions from all over Europe about gains in knowledge, controversies, different perspectives on the topic of resistance and protest in the totalitarian regimes of the 20th century and today and about national particularities and cross-border commonalities in dealing with the past and present.

The East-West European Memorial Meeting in Krzyżowa/Kreisau is aimed at employees of memorial sites, museums, memorials, educational centers, human rights organizations or



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contemporary witness projects. The aim of the memorial meeting is to get to know each other and to exchange knowledge and experience. We invite to discuss together the national and regional narratives and their influence on the respective understanding of the history of the 20th century. We hope to contribute to deeper understanding and reconciliation in Europe through a free exchange of views on patterns of perception and tendencies among participants from different countries. The Memorial Meeting has a long tradition and we are pleased to continue to invite discourse on perception and memory, and on the representation of history and the past in the countries of Eastern and Western Europe. The seminar has a strong practical orientation and is not an academic conference. We emphasize informal exchange: open discussions and reflections characterize the memorial meetings in Kreisau.

The meeting will be simultaneously interpreted in German, English, Polish and Russian.

Programme

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

- until 18:00 Arrival and registration
- 18.00 – 19.00 **Welcome and introduction** to the memorial meeting by the organizers;
Interactive presentation of the participants
- 19.00 – 20.00 Dinner
- 20.00 – 20.30 **Interactive presentation of the participants**
in the evening free time for discussions

Thursday, March 31, 2023

- 09.00 – 09.30 **Interactive presentation of the participants**
- 09.45 – 11.45 **Introduction and discussion, two perspectives**
Prof. Claudia Weber (Viadrina Frankfurt Oder)
Dr. Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska (Deutsches Historisches Institut in
Warschau)
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 – 14.30 **Protest, resistance National Socialist period**
Univ.-Prof. em. Dr. Peter Steinbach (Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand,
Berlin)
Dr. Raphael Utz (Deutsches Historisches Museum)
Dr. Martyna Gradzka-Rejak (Biuro Badań Historycznych IPN, Warsaw)
- 14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Protest, Resistance Postwar Communism period**
Dr. Stefan Wolle (DDR-Museum, Berlin) DDR uprising of June 17, 1953
PhDr. Petr Blazek (Ústavu pro studium totalitních režimů, Prag) Prague
Spring 1968
n.n. Hungarian Revolution of 1956
- 16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30

Protest, Resistance Western Europe

Peter Éric de Chassey (France) Student protests 1968- exhibition á l' école des beaux arts

Prof. Almudena Cruz Yabar (Spain) The antifascist and communist resistance in the Spanish post-war period

n.n. (Portugal) Protest, resistance and remembrance in Postwar Portugal

19.00

Dinner

in the evening free time for discussions

For those interested: guided tour of the grounds of the foundation Kreisau (Dominik Kretschmann)

Friday, March 31, 2023

09.00 – 10.30

Educational work and research (exhibitions and documentation, archives)

Štěpán Černoušek (Memorial.cz, Gulag.cz, Czech Republic)

Christiane Weber & Hanna Lehun (Arolsen Archives, Germany)

Weronika Wiese (Director Documentation and Exhibition Center of the Germans in Poland, Opole)

10.30 – 12.30

Art, Online Campaign, Digital Projects

Doc. Petr Koura (Charles University, Czech Republic) Serious Game on student protests in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in 1939.

Magdalena Musilova (Education for Equality and Ecology –EDEQEC, Slovakia) Remembrance of women and members of various minorities who participated in the Slovak national uprising.

Maria Molenda und Maciej Walasek (Fundacja Nomina Rosae, Poland) Digital map: War time in Nowy Sacz.

Andrzej Jerie (Ośrodek “Pamięć i Przyszłość”, Poland) A documentary: “Bitwa Wrocławska”

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13:30

Trip to Wrocław

14.30 – 17.30

Field trip and discussion 20th anniversary of Kreisau - and beyond

Dr. Anna Kaminsky, Dr. Andrea Genest, Adam Kerpel-Fronius, Dr. Alfons Aragoneses, Annemarie Franke

18.30

Dinner

in the evening free time for discussions

Saturday, April 1, 2023

9.00 – 11.00

Revolution and Transformation- The Memory of the Success (and Failure?)

Irmgard Zündorf (Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam, Germany)

n.n. (NGO Mnemonic, Ukraine) Project presentation Memory Paths

Marius Peciulis (9th Fort Kaunas, Lithuania)

11.30 – 12.00

Evaluation and farewell

12.00

Departure