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DURING AND AFTER THE HOLOCAUST**

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Riga, University of Latvia (Rainis Boulevard 19),
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Arrival in Rīga and Check-In (Hilton Garden Inn Riga Old Town, Grecinieku 25)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

09:00-09:30 Conference introductions

09:30-10:30 **Andrea Löw, Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History, Munich**, "'Our Days Were Numbered". German-speaking Jews deported to Riga: Expectations, Realities, Reactions"

10:30-11:00	Coffee break
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11:00-12:00	Daniela Ozacky Stern, Western Galilee College, "Jewish Refugees Documenting their Experiences in the Initial Phase of WWII, 1939-1940"
12:00-13:00	Katarzyna Nowak, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, "Telling History of Displacement Through Objects. Materiality and the „Civilizing Mission" in Displaced Persons Camps in Post-WWII Europe and Beyond, 1945-1952"

13:00-14:00	Lunch
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14:00-15:00	Martin Nekola, Independent Scholar, "Czechs in Displaced Persons Camps after 1948"
15:00-16:00	Serafima Velkovich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "'I Was Born On the Way Home!' - Family History of the DP Born "Babies"
16:00-17:00	Esther Meier, German Historical Institute Moscow, "Reconstructing Biographies: The Research and Documentation project "Soviet Prisoners of War""

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

09:00-10:00	Didzis Bērziņš, University of Latvia, "Controversy around "Latvia's Beehive for Freedom": Discussing the architecture of discourses behind the reactions in Latvia"
10:00-11:00	Richards Plavnieks, Florida Southern College, "Report about a Recent Legion Controversy and a Path Forward: Camp 2227, the "Latvian Beehive" Monument, and the Proposed Solution by an Academic Panel"

11:00-11:30	Coffee break
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11:30-12:15	University of Connecticut Presentation by Avinoam Patt (Presentation will be pre-recorded)
12:15-13:15	Jeffrey Koerber, Chapman University, "Migration and Transformation of Postwar Holocaust Narratives about the Kovno and Vilna Ghettos"

13:15-14:15	Lunch
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14:15-15:15 **Natalie Belsky, University of Minnesota-Duluth**, "Baltic Cultures Forged in Displacement: Baltic Evacuees in the Soviet Interior during World War II"

15:15-16:00 **Kherson State University Presentation by Yurii Kaparulin** (Presentation will be pre-recorded)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

09:00-10:00 **Eliyana Adler, Pennsylvania State University**, "Narratives of Return in Postwar Polish Jewish Memorial Books"

10:00-11:00 **Sarah Grandke, University of Regensburg/Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial**, "Polish General Władysław Camp Sikorski" in Flossenbürg 1946/47 Life paths and spaces of action of Displaced Persons in the period immediately after the World War II"

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15 **Arolsen Archives Presentation by Christiane Weber and Anna Meier-Osinski**

12:15-13:15 **Aleksandra Pomiecko, University of St. Andrews**, "Church, Archive, and Community: Belarusian Displaced Persons in the Early Postwar Period"

13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:15 **Daina Eglitis, George Washington University**, "Liberation and Return: Women's Stories of the End of the Holocaust and World War II in Eastern Europe"

15:15-16:00 **Yad Vashem Presentation by Arkadi Zeltser**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00-10:00 **Kenneth Slepyan, Transylvania University**, "Occupied Soviet Civilian Reactions to the "Holocaust by Bullets" and the Treatment of Soviet POWs"

10:00-11:00 **Michael Rom, University of British Columbia**, "The Best Among All the Refugees: Brazilian Immigration Policies toward European Displaced Persons, 1945-50"

11:00-11:30	Coffee break
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11:30-12:15	Yahad-In Unum Presentation by Michal Chojak and Albert Hytry
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12:15-13:15	Christoph Schiessl, University of Missouri-St. Louis , “Escaping from Hitler's Shadow? The German Expellees as Immigrants to the United States after World War II”
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13:15-14:15	Lunch
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14:15-15:15	Rachel Blumenthal, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem , “A Mixed Reception: Locals and Eastern European Refugees in Postwar Austria”
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15:15-16:00	Dallas Michelbacher, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum , “Key Findings in the <i>Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos Volume IV: Camps and Other Detention Facilities under the German Armed Forces</i> ” (Presentation will be pre-recorded)
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

09:00-18:00	Mr. Ilya Lensky (Museum “Jews in Latvia”) will lead a guided tour through Holocaust sites in and around Riga, including Rumbula, the Salaspils Memorial, KZ Jungfernhof Concentration Camp, and other sites as time permits. (Meeting at the Latvian Riflemen Monument, <i>Latviešu strēlnieku laukums</i>)
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

09:00-09:30	Checkout from Hotel and Departure from Rīga
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The conference will be conducted in English.