

“Being Witness to the Holocaust”

70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

PROGRAM

April 22, 2013, Monday

9.00–9.15 – Opening of the conference

9.15–11.15 – Session I – **Helplessness, indifference and silence of the witnesses**

Chair: Dr Jacek Leociak (Institute of Literary Research
of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
Polish Center for Holocaust Research)

- Prof. Irena Grudzińska-Gross (Princeton University)
– Grammar of the witnesses’ silence
- Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir (Warsaw University)
– On generating indifference
- Prof. Michael Marrus (University of Toronto)
– International witnesses to the Holocaust in historical
perspective
- Prof. Jean Charles Szurek (CNRS – National Centre for Scientific
Research) – The Holocaust after the disappearance of direct
witnesses
- Dr Aleksandra Namysło (Institute of National Remembrance)
– Inhabitants of the so-called Ostoberschlesien toward
the Jewish population during the German occupation
- Discussion

11.15–11.30 – Coffee break

11.30–13.30 – Session II – **Churches towards the Holocaust**

Chair: Dr Bożena Szaynok (University of Wrocław)

- Prof. Stanisław Obirek (University of Łódź)
– Catholic Church in Poland towards the Holocaust
- Prof. John Conelly (University of California)
– Catholics who tried to stop the Holocaust
- Prof. Adam Rotfeld – Archbishop Andrzej Szeptycki
and Greek Catholic Church towards the Holocaust
- Prof. Anna Wolff-Powęska (Institute for Western Affairs)
– Churches in Germany towards the Holocaust
- Prof. Paweł Śpiewak (Jewish Historical Institute;
Warsaw University) – Judaism towards the Holocaust
- Discussion

13.30–15.30 – Lunch break

15.30–17.30 – Session III – **European resistance movements towards the Holocaust**

Chair: Dr Krzysztof Persak (Institute of National Remembrance;
Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences)

- Claire Zalc (CNRS – National Centre for Scientific Research)
– Facing persecution in France
- Prof. Grzegorz Motyka (Institute of Political Studies
of the Polish Academy of Sciences) – Ukrainian partisans
towards the Holocaust
- Dr Adam Puławski (Institute of National Remembrance)
– Polish Underground State towards the Holocaust
- Michał Trębacz (Institute of National Remembrance;
University of Łódź) – Jewish underground political parties
towards the Holocaust, 1940–1945. A comparative study
of Warsaw and Łódź
- Dr Kiril Feferman (Russian Research and Educational Holocaust
Center) – Soviet partisans towards the Jews and the Holocaust
- Discussion

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10.00–12.00 – Session IV – **European societies towards the Holocaust**

Chair: Prof. Andrzej Żbikowski (Jewish Historical Institute;
Polish Center for Holocaust Research)

- Dr Beate Kosmala (Silent Heroes Memorial Center)
– ‘Ordinary Germans’ and the deportation of Jews from Berlin, 1941–1945
- Dr Tomasz Stryjek (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences; Collegium Civitas)
– Ukrainian society towards the Holocaust
- Prof. Dan Michman (Yad Vashem; Bar Ilan University)
– Dutch society towards the Holocaust
- Radu Ioanid (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
– Romanian society towards the Holocaust
- Adam Sitarek (Institute of National Remembrance;
University of Łódź)
– Through the ghetto by a tram. A closed district through the eyes of residents of Litzmannstadt – Poles and Germans, 1940–1945
- Discussion

12.00–14.00 – Lunch break

14.00–15.30 – Session V – **Jews: the witnesses of the Holocaust**

Chair: Dr Barbara Engelking (Polish Center for Holocaust Research)

- Prof. Jan Grabowski (University of Ottawa; Polish Center for Holocaust Research)
– Jews: witnesses on the basis of unpublished journals
- dr Alina Skibińska (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Polish Center for Holocaust Research)
– Jews: witnesses in criminal trials

- Aleksandra Bańkowska (Jewish Historical Institute)
 - Witnesses of the Holocaust: accounts from the underground archive collections of the Warsaw and Białystok ghettos
- Dr Dariusz Libionka (Polish Holocaust Research Center)
 - Fates and testimonies of the Bełżec concentration camp escapees
- Discussion

15.30–15.45 – Coffee break

15.45–17.15 – Panel discussion – **What is left of the Hilberg triad
„Perpetrators – victims – witnesses“?**

Chair: Prof. Paweł Śpiewak (Jewish Historical Institute)

Participants: Prof. Jan Tomasz Gross (Princeton University),

Prof. Paweł Machcewicz (Museum of the Second World War;
Warsaw University),

Dr Grzegorz Berendt (Institute of National Remembrance)

