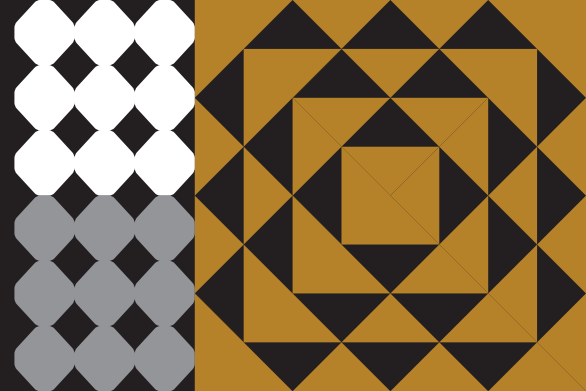


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Modernity has brought the secularisation of memory culture, and the 20th century has given rise to a new type of memorial.

Memory is linked to a group, but also to a place. The modern national memorials of the 19th century built on and reinterpreted the pages of religious/denominational and dynastic memory. The devastation of the world wars, the absence of mourning for relatives who had died far away, the inaccessibility of their graves, gave rise to new types of memorials. The unresolved losses of displacement and genocide also manifested themselves in memorials. This is all the more true of the destruction of the Holocaust and the creation of memorial sites. The individual can remember as a member of the group, through the group's discourses and communal rituals. Memorial sites are surrounded by heteroglossia, and may be associated with competing group memories. The importance of a memorial site in a group strategy may vary, and its necessity may be debated.

Our conference provides a forum for the analytical presentation of memorial sites and the forms of remembrance associated with them, regardless of whether they are still in use today or in need of preservation.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:45 – 9:15      Registration  
9:15 – 9:30      Welcome speeches:

**Andor Grósz**, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Holocaust Documentation Center and Memorial Collection Public Foundation

**Vince Szalay-Bobrovniczky**, Deputy Secretary of State for Civil and Social Relations of the Prime Minister

## PLENARY PRESENTATION - CHAIR: ANDRÁS ZIMA

9:30 – 10:00      Gilly Carr: **The IHRA Charter for Safeguarding Sites: preserving Holocaust sites in the context of the challenges of the 21st century**  
10:00 – 10:15      Discussion  
10:15 – 10:30      Coffee break

## First section - Chair: András Lénárt

10:30 – 10:50      Hanna Lessing: **A look at the changing nature of remembrance**  
10:50 – 11:10      Ádám Kerpel-Fronius: **The Holocaust Memorial in Berlin and its place in a diverse memorial landscape**  
11:10 – 11:30      Ljiljana Radonic: **The Era of Memorial Museums and Traveling Memorialization Trends**

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11:30 – 11:50 Discussion  
11:50 – 13:00 Lunch break

## Second section - Chair: Levente Olosz

13:00 – 13:20 Matej Beranek: **Memorials in Slovakia - history and present**  
13:20 – 13:40 László Csősz – **The fortress of Komárom as a memorial site in the Hungarian collective memory**  
13:40 – 14:00 Michal Brandl: **Holocaust between global and local: Holocaust memorialization in Croatia**  
14:00 – 14:20 Discussion  
14:20 – 14:45 Coffee break

## Third section - Chair: Adél Nagy

14:45 – 15:05 Éva Kovács: **Fluid and Forgotten Knowledge of the Roma Genocide. The Memoryscape of the Grábler Lake**  
15:05 – 15:25 Krinka Vidakovic: **Memorialization Today: A Case Study of "Staro Sajmište"**  
15:25 – 15:45 Milovan Pisarri: **A Winding Path to Memorialization: The Case of the Bor Concentration Camp**  
15:45 – 16:10 Discussion  
16:10 Closing remarks

## Thursday, September 18

9:40 – 10:00 Registration  
10:00 – 10:05 Welcome speech

## Fourth section – Chair: István Ádám Pál

10:05 – 10:25 Tanja Tulekovic: **Memorial sites – places of education**  
10:25 – 10:45 Ladislav Trajer: **Preserving Jewish cemeteries in Serbia**  
10:45 – 11:05 László Mód: **Transformation of War Landscape to Memorial Landscape. Examples from the Italian-Slovenian Borderland**  
11:05 – 11:30 Discussion  
11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

## Fifth section - Chair: László Csősz

12:00 – 12:20 Norbert Glässer – András Zima: **Places preserved by their multivocality**  
12:20 – 12:40 Nicolae Dragusin: **Before and After 1989/1991. Memorializations of the Holocaust in former Communist States**  
12:40 – 13:00 Discussion  
13:30 – 13:35 Closing remarks: András Zima  
13:35 – 14:35 Lunch