



**The Holocaust Memorial Center  
cordially invites you to the**

# **Memorials, Groups, Functions**

International conference – Holocaust Memorial Centre, Budapest –  
17 – 18 September 2025.

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.

## **DATE**

17-18 September, 2025

## **LOCATION**

1094 Budapest, 39 Páva street

The conference will be held in English with Hungarian interpretation.

Please RVSP by 16 September, 2025

## **Registration**

<https://bit.ly/memorials-groups-functions>