

Perceptions of the past, historical canons, historical distortion and socialisation. Theoretical approaches to history.

International conference –
Holocaust Memorial Centre, Budapest

12–13 November 2025.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:20 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

10:20 – 10:50 **Kinga Frojimovics**: Ludwig and Maria Knapp – Righteous Among the Nations
or Nazi Collaborators? Survivors' Memories of Forced Labor in Austria

10:50 – 11:05 Discussion

11:05 – 11:30 Coffee break

FIRST SECTION: COLLABORATION AND NARRATIVES- CHAIR: ISTVÁN PÁL ÁDÁM

11:30 – 11:50 **Ján Hlavinka**: On the Holocaust distortion in Slovakia: Myths and lies about
Jozef Tiso and his role in the Holocaust

11:50 – 12:10 **Borbála Klacsmann**: "Collaboration": a contested term
and an invitation for revisionism

12:10 – 12:30 **Attila Novák**: The Central Jewish Council and its legacy: the narratives of an
institution after 1945 in democratic Hungary and in the preparation of the
1953 anti-Jewish trials

12:30 – 12:50 Discussion

12:50 – 14:00 Lunch break

SECOND SECTION: HISTORICAL MEMORIES – CHAIR: ADÉL NAGY

14:00 – 14:20 **Vered Noam**: A Miraculous Victory or the Beginning of the Destruction?
Two Conflicting Perceptions of the Same Event

14:20 – 14:40 **Réka Földváryné Kiss**: The 1956 Revolution and the Kossuth Square shooting:
canonization, silence, reinterpretation

14:40 – 15:00 **András Zima**: 'We, as living members of the Jewish people...'
Zionist perceptions of the past in Hungary in the first half of the 20th century.

15:00 – 15:20 **Norbert Glässer**: Perceptions of the past in the Hungarian-language
Jewish press before 1944

15:20 – 15:50 Discussion

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

THIRD SECTION: SURVIVORS AND RE-STARTERS - CHAIR: ATTILA JAKAB

10:05 – 10:25 **Angel Chorapchiev:** Memory as Politics: Holocaust Narratives and National Myth-making
10:25 – 10:45 **Robert Rozett:** A Nation of Rescuers: Rescue Inflation, Misrepresentation and a Useable Past
10:45 – 11:05 **Ilia Mainshlos:** Narratives of Resilience: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Jewish History in the Aftermath of October 7
11:05 – 11:30 Discussion
11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

EDUCATION AND THE HOLOCAUST - CHAIR: ANDRÁS LÉNÁRT

11:45 – 12:05 **Zuzanna Schnepf-Kołacz:** Photographs documenting the Holocaust in exhibitions on the example of photographs from the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
12:05 – 12:25 **Brian Egede-Pedersen:** Combatting Bigotry through Canon and Curriculum
12:25 – 12:45 **Ondřej Klípa:** The Battle Over History Textbooks in Divided Societies of Czechia and Poland. Similarities between liberal and conservative approaches.
12:45 – 13:15 Discussion
13:15 – 13:20 Closing remarks
13:20 – 14:30 Lunch