

# Call for Papers



An international interdisciplinary conference in Budapest on women's experiences and representations of the Holocaust across Central and Eastern Europe.

Title

## **Across Borders: Women in the Holocaust in Central and Eastern Europe: History, Arts, and Memory**

*The FIFTH Annual International WHISC Conference*

*Holocaust Memorial Center, Budapest  
in cooperation with*

*WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center, Givat Haviva, Israel*



The Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest and the WHISC – Women in the Holocaust International Study Center at the Moreshet Mordechai Anielewicz Memorial, Givat Haviva, Israel, are pleased to announce a Call for Papers for its International Conference on Women in the Holocaust. This year's conference, titled: *Across Borders: Women in the Holocaust in Central and Eastern Europe: History, Arts, and Memory* is dedicated to exploring the lives, actions, and legacies of Jewish, non-Jewish, and Roma women during the Holocaust and WWII through a multidisciplinary approach, turning these women's stories into a vivid, colorful mosaic. The conference aims to bring together historians, scholars of history, literature, arts, and Holocaust memory. A special round table on the second day will focus on pedagogical approaches to teaching about women in the Holocaust.

The conference will take place on  
**November 11 – 12, 2026 in Budapest, Hungary at the Holocaust Memorial Center (H-1094 Budapest, 39 Páva St.)**

**The first day will feature 2–3 panels, while the second day will include one panel, a workshop, and a roundtable discussion. The conference will be conducted in English.**





We welcome topic proposals that challenge both established and new interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the Holocaust and women's history.

We encourage participation from both early-career scholars and more established, experienced scholars.

### **Optional topics for proposals (but are not strictly limited to them):**

- A personal narrative relating to one woman's role during the Holocaust.
- A narrative of a women's group activity during the Holocaust.
- Individual life stories that highlight and reveal women's leadership in education, resistance, health, arts, research, etc., during and related to the Holocaust.
- One woman's self-sacrifice during the Holocaust.
- Observant women coping with difficulties and obstacles during the Holocaust.
- A personal example of the struggle to maintain feminine identity during the Holocaust.
- A personal narrative about coping with sexual violence during the Holocaust.
- Roma women's stories and histories.
- Women's collective memory on the holocaust.



The conference panels will take place during plenary sessions. They will be moderated and comprise three to four presentations, each lasting no more than 20 minutes.

### **Submission of Conference Proposals**

Scholars interested in participating in the conference should apply by 15th of April, 2026.

Each proposal should include:

- Title
- Abstract (250 words in English)
- Short CV/Bio and affiliation (maximum 150 words)

Proposals should be sent to [whisc.center@gmail.com](mailto:whisc.center@gmail.com) and [kommunikacio@hdke.hu](mailto:kommunikacio@hdke.hu)

We offer refreshments, light meals and opening dinner during the conference, as well as an additional conference program and the publication of selected papers based on research presented at the conference, in an academic peer-reviewed publication.

### **Financial Assistance?**

The cost of travel expenses and accommodation will be covered by the organizers.

### **Conference Committee:**

Márta Goldmann, Adél Nagy, Dragana Stojanovic, Lily Zamir, András Zima



*After liberation in Oberammergau*