The Rolling Traces of War

Perceptions of the Second World War in Hungary

International Conference

The Second World War was a series of actions, experiences, traumas, losses, and survivals. The experiences of war became embedded in individual, familial, and communal practices, in social discourses, and continue to shape interpretations of the past as well as visions of the future.

The Second World War can be understood not only as a matter of collective memory, a geopolitical condition shaping social structures, a historical experience, or an educational issue, but also as one of the defining factors of everyday life.

The incorporation of the Second World War into collective memory, its transformation into a component of various national historical narratives, and its representation in popular culture continue to constitute important fields of social research. Due to their symbolic nature, cultural phenomena become spaces of continuous reinterpretation. The history of memory, education, genealogical memory, as well as inherited family patterns, narratives, and routines all remain at the center of ongoing research.

The Holocaust Memorial Center and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) Subcommittee on the History of the Second World War are organizing an international conference entitled:

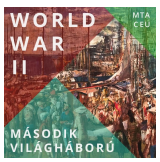
The Rolling Traces of War – Perceptions of the Second World War in Hungary
to be held on **15–16 September 2027**.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for presenting contemporary research findings and methodological questions, as well as for analyzing new sources through interdisciplinary approaches including history, cultural anthropology, ethnography, literary studies, and art history. These approaches contribute to a more nuanced understanding of collective interpretations related to the Second World War, with particular attention to phenomena that have previously been marginalized or subject to oversimplified interpretations.

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The conference will place special emphasis on examining the persistence of wartime experiences in everyday routines, patterns of crisis interpretation, and intergenerationally transmitted strategies.

Another objective is to strengthen professional dialogue and cooperation among researchers, educators, and practitioners working in the field.

The conference will focus on (but is not limited to) the following topics:

- Memory politics and historiography; historiographical perspectives
- Historical discourses and the heteroglossia of national narratives
- Historical memory in popular culture (film, novels, comics, newspapers, magazines, military reenactment traditions)
- The role of women and kinship systems in coping with wartime losses and rebuilding life (food provision, escape, taking over male roles); historical experience and everyday routines; surviving transgenerational patterns of crisis management
- Processing wartime losses; familial and communal dimensions of mourning; religious interpretations of war**.**

Venue:
Holocaust Memorial Center
1094 Budapest, Páva utca 39.

We invite 20-minute presentations in Hungarian or English presenting new research findings.

Conference languages: Hungarian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided on site.

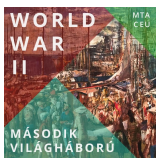
Participation is free of charge. The organizers will provide two nights of accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses for foreign and non-Budapest speakers.

Applications for the conference should be submitted by **1 March 2027** to:
kommunikacio@hdke.hu

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Applications should include:

- **Name and e-mail address of the applicant**
- **Institution**
- **Position/title**
- **Short biography (max. 1,200 characters including spaces)**
- **Title of the presentation**
- **Abstract (800–1,000 characters including spaces)**
- **Keywords (4–5 words)**

The organizers will notify all applicants by **30 April 2027**.

We hope that we have aroused your interest and that you will honor the conference with your presentation.

We look forward to receiving your application!



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