



Call for Applications: Jasenovac Researchers Workshop

Dates: October 24 - 27, 2024

Location: Daruvar and Jasenovac, Croatia

Jasenovac Memorial Site, situated in present-day Croatia, collects, processes and presents museum and archive material on the Ustasha concentration camp Jasenovac, takes care of monuments and mass grave sites and teaches young people about the history of the camp and respect for diversity. Jasenovac is a site of memory emblematic of the Holocaust in Europe, yet its specific history is not well known beyond the borders of former Yugoslavia. This lack of wider knowledge about discrimination and mass prosecution of Serbs, Roma and Jews by the Ustasha regime in the Independent State of Croatia during the Second World War, especially in Jasenovac camp, holds vital lessons crucial to understanding the broader history of the Holocaust and genocide. The Jasenovac Remembrance Initiative is a collaborative effort to increase the visibility and international outreach of the Jasenovac Memorial Site as an educational center promoting peace and understanding. Supported by the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), our initiative aims to enrich existing Jasenovac educational content and expand its international visibility and international partnerships.

Here are some of the topics and questions we plan to explore during the international workshop:

- How do different cultural settings and traditions shape remembrance practices and perceptions of the Jasenovac Camp history?
- What are the contextual drivers and barriers for acknowledging the history of the Jasenovac Camp in Western Europe?
- What is the role of the Jasenovac Camp history in the wider context of Holocaust education and memory in Europe?
- What are the political and cultural factors that enable or impede public engagement with learning about or commemorating the Jasenovac Camp history?
- What strategies could be implemented to address some of the divisive and polarising narratives about the history of the Jasenovac Camp?
- What is the effectiveness of various remembrance practices and educational initiatives related to the Jasenovac Camp history?

This event aims to bring together individuals whose work addresses, but is not limited to, any of these points.

Participants profile:

In convening the Jasenovac Researchers Workshop, we invite applications from PhD candidates, researchers, and academics conducting research on Holocaust education, Jasenovac Camp history, and comparative remembrance practices in Europe. The event will be interdisciplinary in nature and will gather a group of researchers working on these topics, to facilitate knowledge sharing, network-building and cooperation in expanding the visibility of Jasenovac history across Europe.

Venue, application procedure, and costs:

This is an in-person event that will be hosted by the Jasenovac Memorial Site, with accommodation provided in the nearby town (Daruvar, Croatia).

You can apply to participate in the workshop by filling out the application, which involves a short motivation statement: <https://kreisauinitiative.wufoo.com/forms/m19iszuc0b0xpml/>

The deadline for the application is **June 7, 2024**. You will be notified about the results of the selection process by June 15, 2024.

There is no workshop fee. The accommodation and meals for the entire duration of the conference will be covered by the organizers. Travel to Jasenovac will be reimbursed (up to 360 EUR). Unfortunately, we are unable to cover costs for participants from outside of Europe.

In case you need additional information, please contact: ipuljic@jusp-jasenovac.hr

About the organizers:

The Public Institution Jasenovac Memorial Site, in collaboration with the Kreisau-Initiative e. V. and the Croatian Education and Development Network for the Evolution of Communication - HERMES have joined forces in implementing the "Jasenovac Remembrance Initiative" whose aim is to establish a lasting legacy of remembrance of Holocaust and genocide victims by promoting peace, tolerance, and active citizen participation. Through enhanced educational content, international engagement, and collaborative partnerships, we seek to inspire reflection, learning, and research at the Jasenovac Memorial Site.

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