



Forum „Future of Remembrance“

Saturday, 30 April 2016, 10.30 am till 6
pm Sunday, 1 May 2016, 9.30 am till 6
pm Monday, 2 Mai 2016, 9.30 am till 4
pm

During the Forum „Future of Remembrance“ descendants of former concentration camp prisoners, members of survivors associations, Neuengamme Memorial staff and organizations supporting its work as well as young adults and other interested individuals can discuss questions regarding the future of remembering the time of National Socialism. Based on previous meetings and projects new perspectives on the following topics shall be developed.

1. Projects aiming to connect those interested in the „Future of Remembrance“ because of their family history will be presented. How can networks be developed further and an international exchange be established?
2. How can the work of the survivors associations, the commitment of descendants of those persecuted by the national socialists who are not members in any organization and the collaboration between them and the memorial be strengthened?
3. We also want to build on the idea, if and how the names of those who were persecuted during National Socialism and survived could be represented at the historical sites.
4. Why descendants of those persecuted by the National Socialists and those who are descendants of perpetrators give public presentations and write about their family history and what consequences does this have?
5. How can we help young adults find a link between the history of National Socialism and their current lives? Young adults who spent six months dealing with this question present their thoughts.
6. How can people be motivated to actively take part in the shaping of memory culture and the dialogue about the „Future of Remembrance“?
7. What meaning do people without a direct biographical connection to persecutees, perpetrators, victims, bystanders, collaborators or onlookers attribute to remembering National Socialism? Young adults discuss with survivors why remembering National Socialism remains important and what it means for an individual's life and society.
8. Further development of the Forum „Future of Remembrance“ and other projects.

Location: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies

Registration fee: 60 Euro/45 Euro reduced.

Registration is required. Interested individuals please contact:

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Program

On Friday, 29 April 2016, the day before the official start of the Forum „Future of Remembrance“, we will host a public reading „One war from two sides. Two people, two perspectives“ with the married couple Martine Letterie and Rinke Smedinga from 7 till 9 pm at the Bar GOLEM, Große Elbstraße 14, 22767 Hamburg. The granddaughter of the Dutch communist Martinus Letterie who was killed in the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and the son of a Dutch SS volunteer and guard at the transit camp Westerbork talk about their respective family histories and the impact they have had on their whole lives.

Saturday, 30 April, 10 am till 6 pm (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

- 10.00-10.30 am **Introduction**, review of Forum „Future of Remembrance“ 2015 and overview of the Forum “Future of Remembrance” 2016 (Swenja Granzow-Rauwald and Oliver von Wrochem)
- 10.30-11.45 am **Introduction of participants** (Swenja Granzow-Rauwald)
- 11.45-12.45 am **Presentations** (Ulrike Jensen)
- 1) Visualizing Names (Barbara Hartje, Uta Köhl)
 - 2) Workshops for Exchanging Thoughts and Ideas (Ulrich Gantz, Swenja Granzow-Rauwald)
 - 3) Collaboration between organizations and the Memorial (Jean-Michel Gaussoit, Detlef Garbe)
- 12.45-14.00 pm **Lunch**
- 14.00-15.45 pm **Presentation of the memory project “What film is being shown right now?”** (Wiebke Elias, Swenja Granzow-Rauwald)
- 15.45-16.15 pm **Coffee break**
- 16.30-18.00 pm **Opening of the exhibition „Between Harz and Heide. Death marches and removal transports in April 1945“** with Dagmar Lieblová (KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme, Ausstellung)
- 19.00 pm **Dinner at Commundo Hotel**

Sunday, 1 May 2016, 9.30 am – 6 pm (Neuengamme Concentration Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

9.30 am – 1 pm **Panel discussion** (Karin Heddinga, Ulrich Gantz, Oliver von Wrochem)

What motivates me to talk, what motivates me to write? Discussion about how the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation of descendants of those persecuted by the national socialists and descendants of perpetrators deal with their family history (Arend Hulshof, Victoria Evers, Ralph Schwerdt, Rinke Smedinga) (with a coffee break in between)

1 - 2 pm **Lunch**

2 - 3 pm	Time to explore the Neuengamme Memorial , visit the archives and conversations etc.
3 – 5 pm	Protecting privacy or public public engagement? Workshops (Swenja Granzow-Rauwald, Christine Eckel, Ulrike Jensen, Karin Heddinga, Ulrich Gantz)
5 – 6 pm	Presentation of workshops' results (workshop facilitators)
6 pm	End

Monday, 2 May 2016, 9.30 am – 4 pm (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

9:30 am - 12.15 pm **What does it have to do with me?** (Introduction/Comments Oliver von Wrochem)

The theme of the plenary discussion is how to motivate people to do more than consume information about National Socialism passively, that is, to actively join the discussion about its meaning and consequences for the present.

1. Using the Internet to build a network of those interested in their family history / organizing an online round-table (platform: Blog) (Swenja Granzow-Rauwald, Tom Devos)
2. Organizing international youth meetings (Martine Letterie, Katja Hertz-Eichenrode)
3. International Workshop / Further development of the Forum „Future of Remembrance“ (Ulrich Gantz, Jean-Michel Gaussoit)

12.15-12.45 pm **Feedback, Ideas**
(Swenja Granzow-Rauwald, Oliver von Wrochem)

12.45-1.45 pm **Lunch**

13.45-15.30 pm **Survivors and participants of the young adult project lead a discussion**
(Wiebke Elias)
(with Dagmar Lieblova, Knud Christensen, Natalija Radtchenko, young adults)

Where do the links between their contemporary lives to the history of National Socialism and World War II lie for those without direct biographical relations to the topic? What does it have to do with my life? Why will remembering the time of National Socialist rule be important in the future? What are the consequences of this history for society?

3.30-4 pm **Soup / Snack**

4 pm **End**

In the evening on May 2 you can attend a public talk by survivor Eva Smolková-Keulemansová and members of her family (19-21 Uhr, Baseler Hof Säle/Gartensaal, Esplanade 15, 20354 Hamburg, separate registration at hamburg@fes.de is required).