

Forum "Future of Remembrance" 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017, 9.30 – 17.00

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 9.30 – 17.00

The focus of this year's international forum "Future of Remembrance" lies on the work done by, for and with former prisoners' children and grandchildren as well as the interconnection among memorial sites in various countries. Panel discussions and workshops will bring together members of survivors' associations, former prisoners' children and grandchildren without institutional representation as well as employees of memorials for the victims of National Socialism and the associated organizations, young people and other interested parties, who will talk about the further development of the following projects and issues:

1. Children and grandchildren of the former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp talk about their plans regarding the establishment of an advocacy group and discuss its goals.
2. Why do children and grandchildren of former prisoners make their family stories public? What does their engagement for keeping the memory of National Socialism alive consist of at the national and international level? Former prisoners' children and grandchildren from France, Netherlands and Belgium talk about their motivation and engagement.
3. Examples of various forms of remembrance will be presented in a panel discussion. The main focus lies on the initiative regarding the remembrance of the deported in their home countries and the locations of former concentration camps as well as the organization of commemorative ceremonies and the ideas for online offers intended for former prisoners' children and grandchildren.
4. Participants will discuss the present-day relevance of the remembrance of Nazi crimes as well as the necessity to get involved in social development efforts, especially in the light of recent developments: How to respond to the resurgence of far-right populism, racism and hostility towards certain minority groups, attacks on democratic values and human rights? In the course of a youth project entitled "Raise Your Voice, Keep Your Choice", the results of the participants' research on resistance will be presented.
5. The representatives of the memorials located on the sites of former transit camps in Belgium, Denmark, France and Netherlands, which many prisoners were forced to go through on their way to the Neuengamme concentration camp, discuss various possibilities for transnational cooperation as well as the work they had done for and with children and grandchildren of former prisoners. The emphasis is placed on how memorials could establish a network, meet the expectations and get former prisoners' relatives involved in their work as well.

Location: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies

There will be simultaneous translation into German, English and Polish

All participants are required to register until April 20, 2017. The participation fee is 60€ (30€ reduced) and covers food expenses. In order to register please contact:

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Program

Monday, May 1, 2017; 9.30 – 17.00 (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

- 9.30-10.00 Introduction, looking back on the last year's forum
- 10.00-11.15 Getting to know each other
- 11.15-11.45 Presentation: Advocacy group for former prisoners' relatives
- 11.45-12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00-13.30 Panel discussion: Why do former prisoners' relatives write about their family stories? Why do they get involved in the fight against oblivion?
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30-15.30 Why is it necessary to participate in social development efforts? What motivates one to get involved in acts of resistance? The participants in the youth project "Raise Your Voice, Keep Your Choice" present the results of their research
- 15.30-17.00 Workshops on the fight against right-wing populism, racism and hostility towards specific groups today
- 19.00-21.00 Panel discussion on the dialogue between children and grandchildren of the persecuted and the perpetrators under the National Socialist regime

Tuesday, May 2, 2017; 9.30-17.00 (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

- 9.30-10.15 Presentation of results of the workshop on right-wing populism, racism and hostility towards specific groups
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45-12.15 Plenary session on the future forms of remembrance: "Ort der Verbundenheit" (place of attachment) for the relatives, Digital Monument Neuengamme, Reflections-Blog and Herdenkingsweek Meensel-Kiezezem.
- 12.15-13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00-14.30 Short presentations and discussions on the work of the following transit camp memorials: Breendonk, (Belgium), Compiègne (France), Amersfoort (Netherlands) and Frøslev (Denmark); Regional Center for Oral History in Voronezh (Russia)
- 14.30-15.15 Conversations at the stands prepared by the four memorials, offering information on flip charts as well as leaflets, pamphlets and books
- 15.30-16.30 Panel discussion and plenary session with representatives of the memorials on the following subjects:
1. Cooperation with former prisoners' relatives at memorials
 2. Exchange programs, for example youth exchange programs
 3. Cooperation among the memorials
- 16.30-17.00 Closing remarks
- 19.00-21.00 Public Testimonies of the Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and their relatives

Location: Baseler Hof Säle, Esplanade 15, 20354 Hamburg