

## Future of Remembrance Forum 2019

### Descendants of victims of Nazi persecution: Agents in a changing national and international culture of remembrance

Tuesday, April 30, 2019; 19:00–21:00 (public panel discussion)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019; 9:30–17:30

Thursday, May 2, 2019; 09:00–16:30

The 5th Future of Remembrance Forum 2019 focuses on the perspective of the heterogenous group of descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution on developments within national and international remembrance culture. We will address the following topics:

- the socio-psychological needs of descendants,
- the interplay between these needs and the role descendants have played in the discourse on the culture of remembrance over the past decades as well as
- the role of descendants in national and international politics regarding the commemoration of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution both on a macro and a micro level.

The Forum will begin with "The Double Inheritance: Persecution, Collaboration and Silence in Families", a public panel discussion, on the evening of April 30. It will be held in cooperation with the Körber-Stiftung. Ekaterina Makhotina, Nicole Duijkers and Jörg Watzinger discuss with Oliver von Wrochem how societies and individual families in different European countries deal with persecution, collaboration and perpetration, particularly regarding families in which there are both victims and survivors of Nazi persecution and Nazi perpetrators or collaborators respectively.

A central topic addressed during the panel discussion and the two ensuing conference days are the contradictions in the culture of remembrance, the continuing marginalization of certain groups of victims of persecution and their descendants as well as the question how social and family history and sustainable educational work can be brought together in a productive manner.

The last topic plays a particularly important role during the presentations of projects focusing on the exchange of ideas between young adults and descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution from different European countries. In these projects the descendants are chroniclers as well as agents of post-1945 history.

Furthermore, we focus on forms of cooperation between descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution, memorial staff and representatives of other institutions working in the field of remembrance culture as well as descendants of followers and Nazi perpetrators. One central aim of this section is to reflect on the participants' individual biographies as a motivating factor in their dedication to the culture of remembrance and the societal effects of this dedication.

Comparing dialogue meetings between descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution and descendants of Nazi perpetrators with dialogue projects from other post-conflict societies allows for insights into innovative forms of dealing with the effects of dictatorship and violence.

Participants, among them the representatives of survivors' associations and descendants of former prisoners, memorial staff and representatives of associated organizations, descendants of Nazi perpetrators, young people and other interested individuals will discuss the following questions and initiate new projects:

1. The socio-psychological needs of descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution and differences and similarities between the different groups of descendants will be discussed together. Beginning with services that are already available, we will develop ideas on how memorials and other institutions can better support descendants in the future.
2. The descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution whose experiences were marginalized in the post-war decades, for example, those persecuted as "asocials", members of the minority groups of the Sinti and Roma and victims of "euthanasia", will share their stories of fighting against the continuation of persecution and for recognition.
3. Considering the different levels of influence that descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution have on the national and international culture of remembrance, we will present projects from the field of politico-historical educational work that highlight the perspective of the marginalized groups of victims of Nazi persecution and their descendants.
4. Students from Hamburg will present the results of their project about descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution.
4. Participants of dialogue projects for descendants of victims of Nazi persecution and descendants of Nazi perpetrators as well as facilitators of dialogue projects from other post-conflict societies discuss how their work can contribute to meeting the socio-political needs of descendants as well as benefit society in dealing with the experience of violence.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Centre for Historical Studies

The event will be simultaneously translated into German, English and Polish.

All participants are required to register. Registration fee is 60 € (30 € reduced). In order to register please contact Nathalie Döpken, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Centre for Historical Studies, Tel.: +49 (0)40 428 131 543, Email: [Studienzentrum@bkm.hamburg.de](mailto:Studienzentrum@bkm.hamburg.de)

## Program

**Tuesday, April 30, 19:00–21:00** (Körper-Stiftung – Kehrwieder 12, 20457 Hamburg)

19:00 Public panel discussion "The Double Inheritance: Persecution, Collaboration and Silence" (**Nicole Duijkers**, Stichting Vriendenkring Neuengamme; **Ekaterina Makhotina**, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn; **Jörg Watzinger**, Working Group Descendants of Former Prisoners of the Dachau concentration camp; Moderation: **Dr. Oliver von Wrochem**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019; 09:30–17:30** (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies)

From 09:00 *Arrival and Registration*

09:30–09:45 Opening remarks, review of Forum 2018, introduction of program

09:45–10:15 Presentation: Young AIN Committee as an example for descendants who want to shape the European remembrance culture (**Tom Devos**, N.C.P.G.R.-Meensel-Klezegem '44)

10:15–11:45 Panel discussion: Descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution who were not recognized as victims in post-War societies speak about the effects of these continuities and their fight for recognition (**Ute Meßfeldt-Strutz**; **Beate Köhler**; **Ursula Suhling**; **Michael Rosenberg**; all from Hamburg; Moderation: **Dr. Kristina Vagt** and **Swenja Granzow-Rauwald**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

11:45–12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00–13:45 Short presentation and workshops about the role of descendants in educational work (**Dr. Dieter Nelles**, teacher, Wuppertal; **Aurélie Boisseau**, Amicale de Neuengamme et de ses Kommandos; **David Korehnke**, teacher, Ludwigslust; **Dr. Martine Letterie**, Stichting Vriendenkring Neuengamme; Moderation: **Dr. Susann Lewerenz**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

13:45–14:45 *Lunch*

14:45–15:30 Descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution in European remembrance culture: a multi-media project (**Swenja Granzow-Rauwald** and **Christine Eckel**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–17:15 Workshop: Psycho-social effects on the following generations: The role of one's individual biography for the dedication to a sustainable culture of remembrance (phase 1) (**Joram Ronel**, Klinik Barmelweid; **Annelieke Drogendijk**, Arq Psychotrauma Expert Groep; **Karin Heddinga**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

17:15–17:30 Closing Remarks Day 1

**Thursday, May 2, 2019; 09:00–16:30** (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies) 09:00–09:15      Overview Day 2

- 09:15–10:45      Panel discussion: Forms of dialogue projects (**Yvonne Cossu-Alba**, "Mémoire à quatre voix"; **Ulrich Gantz**, Dialogue Workshops "**Getting to know each other – in spite of everything**"; **Jordi Palou**, "Audiencias Memoriales"; **Dr. Ljubinka Petrovic-Ziemer**, forumZFD – Akademie für Konflikttransformation im Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst e.V.; Moderation: **Swenja Granzow-Rauwald** and **Dr. Susann Lewerenz**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)
- 10:45–11:00      *Coffee break*
- 11:00–12:15      Workshop: Psycho-social effects on the following generations: The role of one's individual biography for the dedication to a sustainable culture of remembrance (phase 2) (**Joram Ronel**, Klinik Barmelweid; **Annelieke Drogendijk**, Arq Psychotrauma Expert Groep; **Karin Heddinga**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)
- 12:15–13:15      *Lunch*
- 13:15–14:00      Film screening and presentation of a project by young adults about descendants of victims and survivors of Nazi persecution (**Ulrike Jensen**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, and **students of the Ida-Ehre-Schule**, Hamburg)
- 14:00–15:00      "The dandelion usually breaks through the concrete when the sun shines from above" – Descendants in the work of the "Euthanasia" Memorial Lüneburg (**Dr. Carola S. Rudnick**, "Euthanasie"-Gedenkstätte Lüneburg e.V., and **Ulrike Haus**, granddaughter of the "euthanasia" victim Therese Schubert)
- 15:00–16:00      "Elevator Pitch" – Networking (including individual coffee break)
- 16:00–16:30      Closing discussion (**Swenja Granzow-Rauwald** and **Dr. Oliver von Wrochem**, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)
- 19:00              Evening event at Baseler Höfe: Cross-generational discussion with survivors of the Neuengamme concentration camp and their descendants (cooperation partner: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. The event will be held in English only.)