

Day 3 – 15 November 2025 (Saturday)

9:00-11:00: panel 7 – Pomerania and Masuria 1

- ANNA GUT-CZERWONKA (Koszalin University of Technology, Poland)
The Memory of World War II in the Sculptures of Artists from Central Pomerania (in Polish)
- SYLWIA BYKOWSKA (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences, Gdańsk, Poland)
Memory in the Process of Shaping the Post-war Society of Gdańsk (in Polish)
- WOJCIECH SAMÓŁ (Museum of the Second World War, Gdańsk, Poland)
The Westerplatte Battlefield Today (in Polish)

Discussion

11:00-11:30: break

11:30-13:30: panel 8 – Pomerania and Masuria 2

- ANDRZEJ HOJA (Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Berlin, Germany / Museum of Gdańsk, Poland)
Military Service of Polish Citizens in the Army of Third Reich as a Non-place of Memory ("non-lieux de mémoire"). An Example of the Reception of the Exhibition 'Our boys. Residents of Gdańsk Pomerania in the Army of Third Reich' (in Polish)
- STEFAN MICHAŁ MARCINKIEWICZ (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland)
Places of Memory at the Transit POW and Concentration Camp in Bogusze/Prostki (in Polish) (online)
- PAWEŁ MIGDAŁSKI (University of Szczecin, Poland)
War Memory Tourism – Creation and Transformation of the Cedyń-Gozdowice-Siekierki National Remembrance Area (in Polish)

Discussion and conclusion of the conference

Academic coordinator: Paweł Migdałski (University of Szczecin)

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1 – 13 November 2025 (Thursday)

14:00-14:30 Conference opening: welcome and introduction

- Andrzej Skrendo (Vice-Rector for Research, University of Szczecin)
- Agnieszka Szudarek (Institute of History, University of Szczecin)
- Jörg Hackmann (International Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Szczecin, in Kulice)
- Representatives of partners
- Paweł Migdałski (Institute of History, University of Szczecin / International Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Szczecin, in Kulice)

14:30-16:30 p.m.: panel 1 – Varia 1 General topics 1

- ROBERT PARZER (Deutsch-Polnisches Haus, Berlin, Germany)
The German-Polish House as Part of the Commemoration of the Second World War and the German Occupation
- DAWID GRALIK (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)
Digital Memorial Sites, or How World War II is Commemorated on the Internet and What this Means (in Polish)
- TOMASZ KORBAN (Uniwersytet Komisji Edukacji Narodowej w Krakowie, Poland)
The Katyn Memorial in London as an Element of Local and International Relations in the 1970s (in Polish)

Discussion

16:30-17:00 p.m.: break

17:00-19:00: panel 2 – Comparative perspectives

- MARGARET COMER (Uniwersytet Warszawski, Poland)
Violence on and off the Battlefield, Present and Past: Depictions and Discourses of WWII Suffering at Memory Sites in Kazakhstan
- HUBERT KUBERSKI (Independent researcher, Warszawa, Poland)
Memorial Sites for the Victims of SS-Sonderkommando Dirlewanger in Europe: Poland, Belarus, Slovakia, Germany (in Polish)
- BRENDAN HUMPHREYS (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland)
The Innocence of Buildings: Physical Legacies of Ustaša Terror (online)
- OLENA DOBOSH (Independent researcher, Lviv, Ukraine)
University as Place for Memory or Memory Place

Discussion

Day 2 – 14 November 2025 (Friday)

9:00–11:00: panel 3 – Borderlands

- THOMAS WEGENER FRIIS (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)
Parallel Remembrance and Forgetfulness in the Danish-German Borderlands (online)
- PRATIT KR. MALLICK (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India)
Mnemonic Geographies of Contamination: A Comparative Study of World War II Commemoration, Ecological Crisis, and Cross-Border Agency in the Oder-Neisse Ecotone (online)
- MERAL GEZICI YALÇIN (Bielefeld University, Germany)
Remembering Across the River: World War II Memorial Landscapes in Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubice (online)

Discussion

11:00-11:30: break

11:30-14:00: panel 4 – Central and Eastern Europe

- JÖRG HACKMANN (University of Szczecin, Poland)
Ingratitude for the Liberation? On the Fate of Soviet War Memorials in East Central Europe (online)
- OLEKSANDRA STASIUK (I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Lviv, Ukraine)
The evolution of practices commemorating World War II in Ukraine

- NATALIYA MYSAK (I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Lviv, Ukraine)
World War II Sites of Remembrance in Ukraine and the Russian-Ukrainian War: Challenges, Transformations, Accents
- ANNA STRÓŻ-PAWŁOWSKA (The Pilecki Institute, Warszawa, Poland)
In the interest of the subjectivity of remembrance sites. Monuments in former death camps (in Polish) (online)

Discussion

14:00-15:00: Lunch break

15:00-17:00: panel 5 – General topics 2

- JOANNA BEDNARSKA-RYDZEWSKA (Uniwersytet Łódzki, Łódź, Poland)
Non-existent Places of Remembrance: “Lebensborn” as a Palimpsest of War Memory in Literature and Culture (in Polish)
- JOANNA WOJDON (University of Wrocław, Poland)
World War II Memorial Sites in School Textbooks in the People's Republic of Poland (in Polish) (online)
- MYKOLA NEBORACHKO (Ukrainian Institute of Education Development, Kyiv, Ukraine)
Archives as Sites of Memory: Declassified Soviet Security Files and the Bureaucratic Narratives of Healing after Terror (online)

Discussion

17:00-17:30: break

17:30-19:00: panel 6 – Lubusz Land

- GRZEGORZ URBANEK (Zbigniew Herbert Voivodeship and Municipal Public Library in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland)
The Międzyrzecz Fortified Region – a Space of Remembrance or Oblivion? (in Polish)
- KATARZYNA SZTUBA-FRĄCKOWIAK (Obrzyce Memorial Place Foundation / Gedenkstätte Obrawalde, Międzyrzecz, Poland)
The Memorial Chamber at the Psychiatric Hospital in Międzyrzecz-Obrzyce. Difficult Legacy and Contemporary Challenges (in Polish)

Discussion