

# Leisure History(ies): The Significance of Summer in the Biography



## Venue

Curonian Spit History Museum  
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## Concept and Organization

Prof. Dr. Ruth Leiserowitz  
Dr. Gintarė Malinauskaitė

## Partners

Thomas Mann Cultural Centre  
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International Workshop  
in Cooperation with  
the Thomas Mann Cultural Center in Nida  
and Neringa museums

Nida, 2–3 June, 2021

## Wednesday, June 2

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17.00

Dinner

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18.00

**Welcome and Introduction**

Lina Motuzienė (Nida), Gintarė Malinauskaitė (Vilnius)

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18.15–19.20

Nijolė Strakauskaitė (Juodkrantė)

**Curonian Spit – A Resort Landscape:  
Why Has Only Schwarzort Flourished?**

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19.30–20.30

**Keynote Lecture**

Ruth Leiserowitz (Warsaw)

**The Significance of Summer**



## Thursday, June 3

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9.00–10.30

**Panel 1:**

**A Look into Summer Experiences  
of the 19th Century**

Waltraud Schütz (Vienna)

**Notions of Summer in Viennese Aristocratic Sibling  
Correspondence, 1820s to 1850s**

Gintarė Malinauskaitė (Vilnius)

**The Experiences of Summer in a Diary of Noblewoman  
Gabrielė Giunterytė-Puzinienė in the First Half  
of the Nineteenth Century**

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10.30–11.00

Coffee Break

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11.00–13.30

**Panel 2:**

**Leisure Time in Pre-War Lithuania**

Juozapas Paškauskas (Vilnius)

**Workers Experiences of Summer  
at the Beginning of 20th Century Lithuania**

Dovilė Bataitytė (Klaipėda)

**Summers in Klaipėda (1923–1939)  
Between Leisure and Duty.  
The Sea, Sand and Entertainment**

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13.30–14.30

Lunch Break



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14.30–16.00

**Panel 3:**

**Retreats, Travel, Identity, and Politics**

Ula Madej-Krupitski (Montreal)

**Polish Jewish Youth Encounters the ‘Other’  
while Vacationing in the Second Polish Republic**

Robert Obermair (Salzburg)

**Summer Retreats as an Intersection of Leisure  
and Political Engagement**

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16.00–16.30

Coffee Break

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16.30–18.00

**Panel 4:**

**Can a Single Summer Shape a Biography?**

Andreas Kurt Borm (Mainz)

**Between Perception and Historical Reality –  
Experiences of the First Evacuation of Memel  
(Klaipėda) and the Memel Territory (Klaipėdos  
kraštas) in the Summer of 1944**

Mariya Savina (Berlin)

**The Images of Summer in Walter Benjamin’s  
Autobiographical Texts**

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18.00–19.30

**Final Discussion**

Picnic in the nature