

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

„INNOVATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON HOLOCAUST RESEARCH: SOURCES, METHODS, AND DIGITAL TOOLS“

5-10 JULY 2026, WARSAW

We invite applications for the international summer school Innovative Perspectives on Holocaust Research — Sources, Methods, Tools, held in Warsaw, Poland from July 5-10, 2026. The summer school is organized by the German Historical Institute Warsaw, Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, Polish Center for Holocaust Research (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences) in cooperation with Center for Holocaust Studies at the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, Center for Urban History Lviv, Yahad-In Unum Paris.

The summer school will be an opportunity to present and discuss current approaches, sources, methods and tools in Holocaust studies, focusing on Central and Eastern Europe, both micro- and macrohistory.

During the summer school, we aim to explore new methodological perspectives, combining local and transnational history, based on various re-interpreted sources or previously unknown materials, with using different research methods and tools in conducting studies on the Holocaust. We are especially interested in the Holocaust in provincial areas – smaller towns and rural regions outside major cities – with different dynamics and factors of violence and attempts of survival. Lastly, we will reflect on remembrance and challenges in Holocaust studies – especially in the context of the “crisis of memory”, related to the passing away of the last survivors and witnesses and the emergence of new, especially digital, research methods and tools.

The goal of the summer school is to encourage an exchange between young scholars (PhD and advanced MA students) researching on Central and Eastern Europe. It will also be an opportunity to present and discuss projects, methodological approaches and sources. We plan also visits to Holocaust sites in central Poland.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- New research topics in the field of Holocaust in Central and Eastern Europe
- Problems with sources, research and interpretations: unknown and unused sources as a research base
- Holocaust as a microhistories vs. macrohistory — possibilities of synthesis
- Methodologies for identifying, gathering and analyzing data from source materials, including textual, audiovisual, and other sources
- New tools in Holocaust research — digital and new humanities approaches
- How history impacts local communities? Remembrance and field research

The deadline for applications is **December 7, 2025**. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered. The Seminar is meant for researchers at the graduate and doctoral studies level, both historians and those in neighboring fields such as sociology, anthropology, or cultural studies. It will be held in English. Organizers will cover participants' accommodation and travel costs (up to a limit of 300 Euros for participants from Europe and 800 Euros for those from overseas).

An application package consists of:

- A title and abstract (maximum 300 words)
- A biographical note (maximum 150 words)
- A letter of recommendation

Please submit the application package in one PDF-file (max 5 MB) to:

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