Intercultural Memory in the Public Space

Cities and places carry symbolic meanings and interpretations of the past. How are these meanings shaped and presented and what is their relationship to contemporary national identity? How is the history of minorities inscribed or not inscribed in the memory of the city? What alternative interpretations of memory of shared places can we find? How can these alternative interpretations be presented by guided walks and an on-line map and what is their education use?

Czech and international experts will discuss the project and various aspects of the memory of cities and places, as well as experiences of leading guided walks and using an on-line map.

A guided walk will form part of the conference.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WILL BE PRESENTED:

- Anna Czyżewska – Stowarzyszenie „Pracownia Etnograficzna” (Warsaw on-line map and guided walks),
- Anna Lénárd – Bupap (guided walks around Budapest),
- Anna Pokorná – MKC Praha (Prague interactive map and guided walks),
- Jerôme Ségal – the Vienna Project (map and public art installations),
- Olha Zarechnyuk – center for Urban History of East Central Europe (interactive map of Lviv)

Guest speakers:

- Csaba Szaló, sociologist, Masaryk University
- Petr Brod, publicist
- Jakub Mlynář, Malach Visual History Center
- Eva Bendová, curator and art historian, National Gallery in Prague
- Helena Sadilková, Romana Hudousková, Department of Roma Studies KSES FF Charles University,
- Olga Fečová, Roma witness
- Richard Biegel, Institute of Art History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University,
- The Club for Old Prague
- Miloš Vojtěchovský, co-author of the project Sounds of Prague (www.sonicity.cz)
- Klára Kuběnová, teacher, Lauder School in Prague
- Tereza Rejšková, educator and author of teachers’ handbooks, Lauder School in Prague
- Michal Valach, Milan Šimečka Foundation
- and many more

The working languages of the conference are English and Czech. Interpretation and light refreshments will be provided.

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Conference Programme

10:15–11:30 Guided tour in English: „Prague as a safe haven for refugees from Nazism”, lead by historian Thomas Oellermann, meeting place: Jan Hus monument, Old Town Square

12:30–12:40 Opening Ceremony

12:40–13:10 Memory of the City: presentation Csaba Szaló – Masaryk University Brno

13:10–13:20 Break

13:20–13:40 Guided walks and their mediation of the past: presentation Anna Lénárd – Bupap

Moderator: Anna Lénárd (Bupap)

14:40–15:00 Break

15:00–15:30 Memory Map: introduction to the on-line map (Prague Shared and Divided, Warsaw Shared and Divided, the Vienna Project, an interactive Map of Lviv, Sounds of Prague)

15:30–16:30 Memory Map: panel discussion (Jerôme Ségal – the Vienna Project, Olha Zarechnyuk – Lviv Interactive Map, Anna Pokorná – Prague Shared and Divided, Michal Valach – multicultural map of Bratislava, Miloš Vojtěchovský – Sounds of Prague)
Moderator: Marek Čaněk (MKC Praha)

16:30–16:45 Break

16:45–17:45 Discovering sites of memory in Prague: research and education activities of the Prague Shared and Divided project

The Roma in Prague: research seminars led by Roma Studies specialists, KSES, Charles University, in Prague's Smíchov district for the development of the Prague memory map (Helena Sadílková, Romana Hudousková, Olga Fečová)

Wenceslas Square in perspective: Methodology for secondary schools to work with sites of memory (Tereza Rejšková)

Refugees from Nazi Germany in Prague: an educational research project for schools about refugees from Nazi Germany implemented by the Lauder School students and students of Prague Anna-Freud-Oberschule in Berlin Center Malach Visual History in Prague (Klára Kubênová – Lauder School in Prague, Jakub Mlynář – Malach Visual History Center)