Program for the International Student Conference
„Witnessing Responses”: A New Generation’s Perspectives on the Holocaust
Károli Gáspár University of the Hungarian Reformed Church
Budapest, Hungary
September 9-12, 2009.

(All welcome to every lecture and presentation, the receptions and other programs are only for registered participants)

Wednesday, September 9.

4 – 5: Registration
Károli Gáspár University, Faculty of Humanities
1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4. Room 100. (Diszterem)

5 – 5:30: Opening of the Conference
Prof. István Szabó, Bishop of the Hungarian Reformed Church
Her Excellency Aliza Bin-Noun, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Hungary
Dr. Péter Feldmájer, President of the Confederation of the Jewish Communities in Hungary
Prof. András Szabó, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Karoli Gaspar University
Prof. Tibor Fabiny, Head of the Department of English Languages and Cultures
Dr. Katalin G. Kállay, Associate Prof., Organizer of the Conference

5:30 -- 5:45: About the conference logo: Zsófia Tóth, Károli University

5:45-- 6:45: Opening Plenary Lecture
Professor Peter Kenéz
University of California, Santa Cruz, U.S.A.

6:45 – 7: Refreshments

7 – 7:30: (University Club „Pinceklub”): Concert of the Z’mirim Klezmer Band, Lauder Javne Jewish Community School, Budapest

7:30 – 9: Reception in the Club „Pinceklub” of the University

Thursday, September 10

For this day, the conference site is the Faculty of Theology of Károli Gáspár University,
1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 28. „Diszterem”, Conference Room

9--10:30: Session 1. Chair: Prof. Peter Kenez „MEASURES OF MEMORY”

9 -- 9:20: Darcy Ballister, University of California, Santa Cruz:
The Poetry of Dan Pagis: “Countermonument” in Post-Holocaust Verse

9:20 -- 9:40: Justin A. Katz, University of California, Santa Cruz:
The Next Generation: Moving Forward but Never Forgetting

9:40 -- 10: Florian Kemmelmeier, Humboldt Universität Berlin, Germany:
Teaching the Holocaust? – Victim and Perpetrator Memory in the Centre of Berlin

10--10:30: Discussion
10:30–10:45: Refreshments

10:45–12: Session 2. Chair: Dr. Katalin G. Kállay „TRANSLATION AND TRANSFERENCE”

11:05—11:35: Discussion of the book with the author, Aranka Siegal
11:35 – 12: Discussion of the questions of translation with translator and Holocaust survivor, Éva Baik

12–1:30: Lunch break

1:30–3: Session 3. Chair: Prof. Géza Kállay, L. Fötvös University, Budapest „RESPONSIBLE RESPONSES”

1:30–1:50: Dorka Marsi, Antónia Balogh, Mihály Nagy, Balázs Molnár, (students of Lauder Javne Jewish Community School): Asking survivors and witnesses
1:50–2:10: Péter Tausz: About the InterGeneration Program
2:10–2:30: Zsófia Szolga, Ádám Paulovics, Zachor Foundation: Peer-Guiding in the Budapest Jewish District
2:30 – 3: Discussion

3–6: Historic walk in the Jewish quarter of Budapest, (Míra Hervay and Zachor Foundation)

6-7: Reception at the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Hungary (Síp u. 12)

8 – 9: Mária Földes: The Walk- Memories from Childhood and the Time of the Holocaust – Monodrama
Performed by Judit Havas,
Stage adaptation: Katalin Wohl (Israel);
Directed by: Gyula Radó;
English translation: József Attila Balázs – Andy Grof

(at the Faculty of Theology, Ráday utca 28.)

**Friday, September 11.**

For this day, the conference site is the Budapest Holocaust Memorial Center (H-1094 Budapest, Páva utca 39)

9:30: Mr. Jeffrey D. Levine, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., United States Embassy, Budapest greets the conference

10 – 12: Visit to the exhibition

12 – 1: Discussion of the exhibition with the Head of the Alternative Educational and Cultural Programs Department, Dr. Katalin Pécsi and her colleagues, Dr. Mihály Riszovannij and Dr. György Vári

1 – 2: Lunch break (lunch will be provided to registered participants at the site)

2—3: Artists on the Holocaust; Convenor: Dr. Katalin G. Kállay

2 – 2:30: Moshe Galili, artist and survivor of the Holocaust presents a screening of his paintings
2:30—3: Vera Meisels, author of „Salty Coffee” talks about her experiences and the book with the editor, Dr. Katalin Pécsi
3:15–3:30: Refreshments

Session 4. Chair: Dr. Katalin Pécsi „HOW TO RE-PRESENT”

3:30 – 3:50: Dominika Herbst, Humboldt Universität, Berlin: Touching the Taboo – an Individual Approach to the Holocaust in Wilhelm Sasnal’s Paintings
3:50—4:10: Luisa Banki, Humboldt Universität, Berlin: The Limits of Representation: Holocaust Comedies
4:10 – 4:30: Benjamin Farkas, Princeton University: After Visiting Auschwitz
4:30 – 5: Discussion

5 -- 5:30: Andrea Szőnyi, Regional Consultant in Hungary
USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education:
Introduction to the educational use of the Visual History Archive of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education

5:30—5:45: Refreshments

5:45 —6: Summary of the presentations heard so far, Dr. Katalin G. Kállay

6 – 6:30: Professor András Kovács, Central European University presents the latest results of his research on the negation of the Holocaust

6:30 – 8 : Dinner Break (dinner will be provided to registered participants at the site)

8 – 9: Film screening and discussion with the film directors: András Salamon: „Tell Your Children” and Richárd Schuster: „Babszi”

Saturday, September 12

The conference site for this day is DOCETE Christian Educational Center, 1056 Budapest, Váci utca 47.

9-10:30: Parallel Sessions

Room A, Session 5., Chair: Prof. Emily Budick „HOW OTHERS SEE…”

9—9:20: Eszter Rimár , Károli University: “Emily Dickinson Is Jewish”: Analysis of a Poem by Sarah Sarai
9:20—9:40: Szilvia Kiss, Károli University: Sylvia Plath’s Identification with Victims of the Holocaust
9:40—10: Júlia Balázs, Károli University: William Styron: Sophie’s Choice
10 – 10: 15: Anikó Papp, Károli University: J.G. Ballard: Empire of the Sun
10:15—10:30: Discussion

Room B, Session 6., Chair: Prof. Bruce Berglund „NOW AND THEN”

9 – 9:20: Gábor Bernáth, Károli University: 21st Century Impressions of Auschwitz
9:20 – 9:40: Ágnes Kende, Károli University: The Significance of the Holocaust in Present Day Students’ Lives
9:40 – 10: Melinda Korpa, Károli University: Anne Frank: A Diary of a Young Girl – Personal Holocaust Chronicles
10—10:15: Breanna Greer, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A.: The Holocaust as ‘Entertainment Media’
10:15 – 10:30: Discussion
10:30 – 10:45: Refreshments

10:45 – 12:15: Parallel Sessions

Room A, Session 7., Chair: Prof. Peter Kenez „LIVING HISTORY”

10:45 – 11:05: Michele Henrey, University of California, Santa Cruz: The Goldhagen Paradigm: Reinvigorating the Field
11:05 – 11:25: Chiriac Bogdan, Central European University, Budapest: The Trial of Marshall Antonescu and the Representation of the Holocaust in the Courtroom
11:25 – 11:45: Philipp Tolios Holocaust Memorial Center, Budapest: The Late Remorse of the First Victim – the Effects of the 1986 Waldheim Affair on Austrian Policy towards the Holocaust
11:45 – 12:15: Discussion

Room B, Session 8., Chair: Prof. Bruce Berglund „LANGUAGE AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION”

10:45 – 11:05: Benjamin Kurc, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany: Language as a Vector of Jewish Identity and Self-representation in Polish Society
11:05 – 11:25: Viktória Weisz, Károli University: The Role of Language in Cynthia Ozick’s The Shawl
11:25 – 11:45: Zsuzsanna Haraszti, Jewish Theological Seminary – University of Jewish Studies, Budapest: The Representation of the Holocaust in Malamud’s Selected Short Stories
11:45 – 12:15: Discussion

12:15 – 1: 30: Lunch break

1:30 – 3: Session 9, Chair: Prof. Ferenc Fröös “MEANING VS. MEANINGLESSNESS”

1:50 – 2:10: Nóra D. Nagy, Károli University: “tell him that i” The Ellipsis and Its Absence in Dan Pagis’s “Written in Pencil in a Sealed Railway-Car”
2:10 – 2:30: Krisztina Burján, Károli University: Viktor Frankl’s Man’s Search for Meaning and its Possible Relations to Literature Reflecting on the Holocaust
2:30—3: Discussion

3 – 3:15: Refreshments

3:15 – 4: 45: Session 10., Chair: Dr. Katalin G. Kállay „KEEPING THE FAITH”

3:15 – 3:35: Gábor Moskovits, Károli University: Express the Inexpressible: The Impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Identity
4:15 – 4:45: Discussion

4:45 – 5: Refreshments

5 -- 6: Professors’ Round-table talk
Convenor: Professor Emily Miller Budick, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Participants: **Prof. Peter Kenez**, University of California, Santa Cruz, **Prof. Bruce Berglund**, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, **Prof. Ferenc Erős**, University of Pécs, **Prof. András Kovács**, Central European University, **Prof. Monika Kovács**, ELTE University, Budapest, **Dr. Katalin G. Kállay**, Károli University, and others, TBA.

7 – 7:30: Concert: **Fourtissimo** Music Group at the Faculty of Theology, 1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 28, „Díszterem”

7: 30 – 9: Farewell Reception
at the Faculty of Theology, 1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 28.

This program is still subject to minor changes.