

POLIN Meeting Point – Summer Education School

3rd edition

August 13-27, 2017

Warsaw, Łódź, Zduńska Wola

LOCAL MULTICULTURALISM

preliminary programme (please note that the programme can be modified)

The POLIN Meeting Point – Summer Education School is an intensive two-week educational programme of **POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw** that offers young people from Poland, Israel, Germany and Ukraine the possibility to meet in an international group and take part in a series of lectures, workshops and discussions.

In this year edition, we would like you to focus on the topic of *Local multiculturalism*. The example of Zduńska Wola – a town in the Łódź Province, before World War II a rapidly growing Polish-Jewish-German centre – will serve as a point of departure for the discussion.

In the first week of the course – during lectures, discussions and workshops, and within the space of the POLIN Museum's core exhibition – we will discover tools used to study multiculturalism from the historical perspective. We will have a look at local studies as a research topic and will confront the myth of pre-war multicultural Poland.

A trip to Łódź and Zduńska Wola to be organised in the second week of the course will help the participants discover the multicultural past of both places and the contemporary local residents' approach to diversity. Is the memory of multicultural past being cherished? Does this heritage play a role in building the local identity? The participants will be encouraged to seek answers to these and other questions.

August 13 (Sunday), POLIN Museum

Until 18:00	Arrival of participants and accommodation
18:00	Walk around Muranów – former Jewish inner-north suburban district of Warsaw, where the POLIN Museum is located (optional)
20:00	Welcoming dinner

August 14 (Monday), POLIN Museum

10:00-11:30	The official opening of the 3rd edition of the <i>POLIN Meeting Point – Summer Education School</i>
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:00	“What is the <i>POLIN Meeting Point</i> ?” – introduction and organizational meeting
13:00-14:30	Lunch

14:30-17:30 Integration workshops in groups

August 15 (Tuesday), POLIN Museum [public holiday in Poland - Museum open to the public]

10:00-11:30 Visit to the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 Visit to the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 "Multicultural threads in the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum" – workshop in groups at the core exhibition (an introduction to the topic of multiculturalism from historical perspective)

August 16 (Wednesday), POLIN Museum

10:00-12:00 "Multi-ethnic interwar Poland" – lecture and discussion

12:00-12:15 Coffee break

12:15-13:45 "Multicultural threads in the core exhibition of the POLIN Museum" – visit to the core exhibition and workshops in groups (continuation)

13:45-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 Summary of the day – panel discussion with the creators of the core exhibition of POLIN Museum

August 17 (Thursday), POLIN Museum

10:00-12:00 "Local studies as a research topic. A methodological introduction" – lecture and discussion

12:00-12:15 Coffee break

12:15-13:30 "Multicultural heritage in POLIN Museum's practice" – meeting with the creators of:

- "Virtual Shtetl" portal <http://www.sztetl.org.pl/en/> ;
- "Museum on Wheels" project <http://www.polin.pl/en/education-culture-jewish-cultural-heritage-project/museum-on-wheels>;
- "Faces of Diversity" project <http://www.polin.pl/en/education-culture-jewish-cultural-heritage-project/faces-of-diversity>;
- Resource Center <http://www.polin.pl/en/resource-center> .

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:30 "How to study the history of multicultural towns and regions?" – workshops in three international groups

August 18 (Friday), POLIN Museum

10:00-11:30 "How to study the history of multicultural towns and regions?" – workshops in three international groups (continuation)

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 "How to study the history of multicultural towns and regions?" – workshops in three international groups (continuation)

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 "Ethnic relations in Łódź and the Łódź region before the World War II" – lecture

17:00 Departure for Łódź

20:00 Dinner

August 19 (Saturday), Łódź

10:00-14:00 The history of Jewish Łódź – an active tour of the city

14:00-15:00 Lunch

at 15:00 Free time

August 20 (Sunday), Łódź

10:00-14:00 Multicultural Łódź: discovering the multicultural past and present of the city – urban game

14:00-15:00 Lunch

at 15:00 Free time

August 21 (Monday), Zduńska Wola

8:00 Departure for Zduńska Wola

10:00-17:00 "Zduńska Wola – the history of forgetting" – series of workshops developed with our partners from Museum of the History of the City of Zduńska Wola (Muzeum Historii Miasta Zduńska Wola)

August 22 (Tuesday), Zduńska Wola

10:00-17:00 "Zduńska Wola - the history of forgetting" – workshops (continuation)

August 23 (Wednesday), Zduńska Wola

10:00-17:00 "Zduńska Wola - the history of forgetting" – workshops (continuation)

August 24 (Thursday), Zduńska Wola

10:00-18:00 "Zduńska Wola – the history of forgetting" – workshops and presentation of participants' research results

18:00 Return to Warsaw

August 25 (Friday), POLIN Museum

10:00-17:00 "Multiculturalism yesterday and today - challenges and opportunities" – summarizing lectures and workshops

20:30 Shabbat dinner with the Donors

August 26 (Saturday), Warsaw

Free time

August 27 (Sunday), POLIN Museum

14:00-15:30 Evaluation

16:00 Summary of the 3rd edition of the POLIN Meeting Point:
"Multiculturalism as a research topic and the challenge of modernity" – panel discussion with invited guests (event open to the public)

18:00 Farewell

August 27 / August 28

Departure of participants

Lectures and workshops will be held by Polish and international experts, including: Dr. Kamila Klauzińska (Jagiellonian University); Prof. Pietrow-Ennker (University of Konstanz); Prof. Krystyna Radziszewska (University of Łódź); Dr. hab. Jolanta Żyndul (Jewish Historical Institute).

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