

Representations of Jewish-Slavic Relations in Museums and Internet Databases, June 2018

Organizers:

- Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization “Sefer” (Moscow)
- Institute for Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow)
- Polish Academy of Sciences

The workshop will be dedicated to discussions on developing standards of proceeding with regard to the organisation and construction of museum exhibitions as well as internet databases on Jewish-Slavic relations by museums. The socially crucial issue of relations between communities analysed from both sides - the positive and the negative aspects of those relations - as well as through the diffusion of culture, ideas and rituals will form the basis for debates on exhibition formulas and combining them with the electronic system of supporting education in museums. Scholars from the Russian Federation, USA, Poland and Czechia will attempt to reflect upon the compatibility of the two forms of museum communication. Ideas for exhibitions (some of them virtual) developed by various museums and devoted to the history of Jews all over the world will be demonstrated during the workshop, alongside the electronic systems of databases used by museums in Russia, Poland and Czechia.

Deported, exiled, saved. History and memory of Polish Jews in the Soviet Union (1940–1959), October 2018

Organizers / Sponsors:

- European University Viadrina
- Jewish Historical Institute Warsaw
- Deutsch-Polnische Wissenschaftsstiftung
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The aim of the workshop is the presentation and historical classification of the events and experiences of Polish Jews in the Soviet Union during World War II, to date largely under-researched Part of the Jewish wartime experiences, the history of Polish Jews in the Soviet exile is to be integrated in the general understanding of the Shoah. With this workshop, the organizers wish to re-examine the existing historiography on the topic and add new layers to

our understanding of Jewish life in the Soviet Union during WW2. Last but not least, this particular Jewish experience ought to be recognized as a part of Polish and European history. Such approach provides a hitherto disregarded starting point for the historical analysis not only of the Shoah and its aftermath, but also of the complex history of the Eastern European Jewish experience in the 20th century. The organizers aim at creating a space of exchange and mutual assistance. A topic of such complexity and size calls for a collective research effort, which the proposed workshop aims to establish. The workshop shall gather experts from Poland, Russian Federation, the USA, Israel, and Germany who are currently conducting research on this subject, including young researchers plus experienced commentators with great expertise in the field.