

*Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies
invites to the XVIII round table discussion*

**“HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION
AND THE UKRAINIAN SOCIETY:
HERITAGE AND THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY”**

January 27, 2025, on the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day the XVIII round table discussion “*Holocaust Commemoration and the Ukrainian Society: Heritage and the Challenges of Today*” is taking place.

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of liberation of the inmates of the former Nazi concentration camp “Auschwitz-Birkenau”, 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, 80th anniversary of the UN, 30 years to the Srebrenica genocide, 11 years to the Russian war against Ukraine... Such figures encourage deeper reflection, reassessment of the discrepancies between the declared “never again” and reality.

This year’s event “Holocaust Commemoration and the Ukrainian Society” continues the traditional annual discussion of commemorative, educational and heritage challenges under the conditions of the full-scale war waged against our State. Ukrainian and foreign speakers are focusing on the present, heritage preservation, commemoration of victims, education through history, heritage and musical work.

In 2005, the UN General Assembly adopted the Resolution N 60/7 on the Holocaust Remembrance, which designates the 27th of January as an annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The Resolution claims the importance of the Holocaust remembrance and education in order to prevent the future acts of genocide and the outburst of hatred, fanaticism, racism, and prejudices.

The XVIII Round Table is organized by Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies, Goethe-Institut Ukraine and the House of Europe programme.



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*Cover picture shows one of the memorial signs
at Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum, photo by kucele*



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XVIII annual round table discussion
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Kyiv, 27 January 2025



10:00–10:45 Opening remarks by the organizers, partners, esteemed guests

Anatoly Podolsky (director of Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies (UCHS))

Fabian Mühlthaler (director of Goethe-Institut Ukraine)

Martin Jäger (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ukraine)

Jarosław Godun (director of the Polish Institute in Kyiv)

Rosa Tapanova (director of the National Historical and Memorial Reserve “Babyn Yar”)

10:45–11:00 Break

11:00–12:45 Session I “Remembrance, Heritage, Museums”

Vitalii Nakhmanovych (historian, political and ethnic scientist, chief research associate of the Museum of the History of the City of Kyiv, executive secretary of Babyn Yar Civic Committee, Kyiv)

“Babyn Yar Museum: Between Participation and Destiny”

Lesya Hasydzhak (CEO of National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide, Kyiv)

“Holodomor Museum: Remembrance Work and Challenges in Dire Times”

Tymur Korotkyy (head of the “Fund for Fundamental Research Support”, chief research associate at the State Scientific Institution “Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine”, Odesa)

“Genocide Museum ‘Territory of Memory’ in Odesa as an Instrument towards Affirmation of the Right to Memory in the System of Transitional Justice”

Matthias Richter (project manager, coordinator of international project “Tracks of Memory”, representative of the Jewish Community of Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf)

“Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Approaches to Projects Commemorating the Victims of the Holocaust”

Moderated by **Anastasiia Haidukevych-Kachuro**, research associate of the National Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred Memorial Complex – the Museum of the Revolution of Dignity, curator of exhibitions, Kyiv

12:45–13:30 Coffee-break, sandwiches

13:30–14:15 Presentation of the public cultural projects concerning Holocaust remembrance and Jewish Heritage

Edward Serotta (founder of Centropa Institute, Vienna)

“The exhibition ‘Ukrainian-Jewish Century. Pictures and Stories from the 1920s through 2024’”

Oleksandr Voroniuk (acting research associate of the Department for War Studies at Institute of History of NAS of Ukraine, teacher of history at Novopecherska School, Kyiv)

Lesya Yurchyshyn (teacher of history, law and civic education at Novopecherska School, best teacher of civic education by Global Teacher Prize Ukraine 2020, Kyiv)

“Teaching about the Holocaust with Audiolessons”

14:15–14:30 Break

14:30–16:15 Session II “Remembrance through Education”

Anna Lenchovska (psychologist, director of NGO Kyiv Educational Center “Tolerspace”, Kyiv)

“Unveiling the Box of Memory to Understand the Present”

Olena Zayets (director of Raihorod Lyceum, Vinnytsia oblast, Raihorod)

“Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust via Educational Activities at Raihorod Lyceum”

Nadiia Ufimtseva (program director of Ukrainian Association for Jewish Studies, educational trainer at UCHS, Khmelnytsky)

“‘Is a Textbook About the Holocaust Even Possible?’: Presenting a Project on Guidelines for Teaching About the Holocaust in Higher Education”

Olena Zaslavska (administrative director at Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies, founder and director of Online Studio “Diye-Slovo”, Kyiv)

“Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Jewish Studies at A. Krymsky Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine – Perspectives and Challenges”

Moderated by **Olga Limonova**, history teacher at NVK “Erudyt”, coordinator for formal education at UCHS, Kyiv

16:15–16:30 Concluding remarks