



Press Release: International Conference:

Locations of Memory: From building exhibitions to education at memorials/museums

From 10–11 November, the Museum of Romani Culture will be holding an **International Conference on Locations of Memory: From building exhibitions to education at memorials/museums** (*Místa paměti: od budování expozic po edukaci v muzeích-památnících*). The aim of the conference is to access examples of good practice or the necessary know-how, both from abroad and here in the Czech Republic, on not just how to perfect the exhibitions shown by memorials/museums, but also on how to run such facilities. Thematically, the conference will concentrate on bringing authentic locations of memory to life and on how the history of the 20th century is presented (in terms of coming to terms with totalitarian regimes). The conference is part of the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Museum of Romani Culture.

On Wednesday, 10 November, we will assemble in the conference facility at the Sitassni Villa, where lectures by Czech and Polish experts on this subject will be given. The program is divided into three thematic blocs and ends with a social event in the evening.

The first bloc, entitled **Museum Exhibits from Theme to Installation** will feature presentations on behalf of the Museum of Romani Culture by Petra Svobodová and Dušan Slačka, on behalf of the Czech National Museum by Tomáš Kavka, and by Łukasz Kukawski, our guest from the Museum and Memorial at Sobibor, Poland.

After lunch the second bloc will feature Viktor Janák from the newly-opened Memorial at Zámeček, Czech Republic, Dominika Pasieczna from the Beżec Museum and Memorial in Poland, and Anna Stróż-Pawłowska from the Institute of Witold Pilecki in Poland. These guests will present their findings on the subject of **Daily Operations of Memorials/Museums**.

After a brief coffee break there will be the final bloc, **Education in Memorials/ Museums**.

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Experiences will be shared by Jolanta Laskowska of the Majdanek State Museum in Poland, by Jakub Jareš and Václav Sixta from the Czech Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, and by Nataliya Tkachenko from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland.

A guided tour of the Stiasni Villa will be given as part of the evening's social event.

On 11 November a bus will bring conference participants to the Hodonín u Kunštátu Memorial to the Holocaust of the Roma and Sinti in Moravia, where the second day of the conference will be held. There will be a guided tour of the grounds of the memorial, including its new exhibit, entitled **Hodonín u Kunštátu: Intersecting Tragedies 1940–1950. Central Europe** as well as demonstrations of its education programs. After returning from Hodonín u Kunštátu it will be possible to take a guided tour of the permanent exhibit at the Museum of Romani Culture entitled **The Story of the Roma** as well as the temporary exhibition **Impressions of Journeys**.

Given the deteriorating pandemic situation, the guests from Poland will present virtually. The video recording of the entire conference will be published. The conference languages are Czech and Polish (with simultaneous interpretation).

During the conference those attending will be asked to demonstrate that they have been vaccinated, or that they have previously contracted and recovered from COVID-19, or that they have recently been tested. We ask all participants to uphold all applicable Government ordinances.

To attend the conference, please complete the registration form [here](#).

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