

OPERATION REINHARDT AND THE DESTRUCTION OF POLISH JEWS



CALL FOR PAPERS
International Conference
27-29 November 2022
POLIN Museum – Warsaw, Poland

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 APRIL 2022

ORGANIZERS

- POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw;
- Polish Center for Holocaust Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw;
- State Museum at Majdanek – The German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1941-1944), Lublin;
- The Center for Holocaust Studies at the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History, Munich-Berlin;
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.

IDEA

This conference marks the 80th anniversary of *Aktion Reinhardt* – a Nazi operation to exterminate Jews in German-occupied central Poland, between March 1942 and November 1943. Although Operation *Reinhardt* remains our primary focus, we are interested in the wider process of the destruction of Jews from 1941 until 1945 within the territory of the pre-war Second Polish Republic.

Consequently, this conference seeks to present innovative historical research approaches to the destruction of Polish Jewry, including the status of Polish Jews on the eve of Operation Reinhardt, mass executions after the German invasion of the USSR, how and why German perpetrators and their collaborators committed mass murder, the actions of non-German auxiliary formations under German command, beneficiaries who drew profit from Jewish forced labor or property, the progression of Operation Reinhardt across Polish towns and rural areas, the destruction of particular Jewish communities, Jewish interpretations of Operation Reinhardt and their response through resistance and escape, as well as Jewish strategies of survival, how information about the Holocaust circulated within and outside occupied Poland, attitudes of non-Jewish bystanders, including individuals or organizations, attempts to rescue and assist Jews, the final stages of the annihilation of Polish Jews, new methodological approaches to the investigation of the Holocaust in Poland, and new scholarship on the Holocaust in Poland.

APPLICATIONS

We are inviting applications from scholars ranging from advanced doctoral candidates to full professors. Please send a 300–500 word abstract of your paper in English (indicating the preferred language of your presentation: English or Polish) as well as a biographical note providing your institutional affiliation, an outline of your research experience, and contact details via <https://polin.pl/pl/form/conference-operation-reinhardt>

The application materials must be received by 30 April 2022. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. The selected participants will be notified by 15 June 2022.

ORGANIZATION

The organizers intend to hold the conference on site in Warsaw at the POLIN Museum. However, should it not be possible to physically convene from November 27 – November 29 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, then the conference will be held either entirely online or in a hybrid format. Details on the conference's format will be sent out well in advance of the beginning of the program.

The organizers will reimburse invited speakers' travel costs to and from the conference (economy class tickets) and will provide lodgings during the event.

The conference will be conducted in English and Polish with simultaneous translation. The organizers reserve the right to publish the conference materials.

For additional information please contact us at: geopconference2022@polin.pl

Steering Committee

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