# GEOP Workshop:

# Between Experience and Memory: Refuge and Asylum in Polish-Jewish History, Politics, and Culture

04-06.09.2023, POLIN Museum

**Monday, 4 September 2023**

15:00 – 17:15 Museum Tour: Refuge and asylum: lessons from Polish-Jewish history

17:15 – 17:45 Coffee Break

17:45 – 18:00 Opening Remarks

18:00 Keynote lecture: Prof. Rector Gur Alroey - From the wandering Jew to the settled Jew: Immigrants, Refugees and Olim in the 20th Century.

19:00 Reception for panelists and invited guests

**Tuesday, 5 September 2023**

10:30 – 12:00 Panel 1: Rethinking the Experience of Refuge - Polish-Jewish Perspective

Chair and Respondent: Prof. Marcos Silber

* Ms. Dorota Choińska - Refuge in Spain during the Second World War – Polish Jewish experience
* Dr. Gustavo Guzman - Exile in the Andes: Polish-Jewish refugees in Chile, Peru, and Bolivia (1945-1955)
* Dr. Ewa Węgrzyn - Polish - Jewish refugees in Vienna 1956-1960

12.00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 Panel 2: Nostalgy and Anti-Nostalgy: Remembering Exile and Asylum in Literature and Culture

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Dorota Burda-Fischer

* Dr. Edyta Gawron - The bumpy road home: war time Jewish refugees in postwar Krakow and their recollections on searching for shelter
* Dr. Magadlena Ruta - "I stopped liking the country I was born in - the motherland". Nostalgia and anti-nostalgia in the works of Kalman Segal
* Prof. Eugenia Prokop–Janiec - Nostalgia and anti-nostalgia in Polish-Jewish writing

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 Panel 3: Nostalgy and Anti-Nostalgy: Remembering Exile and Asylum in Literature and Arts

Chair and respondent: Prof. Eugenia Prokop–Janiec

* Dr. Aviv Livnat - The art as refuge: sketches and insights on the Jewish-Polish art scene from a refugee’s perspective
* Dr. Dorota Burda-Fischer - Two homes and two nostalgies: from Carpathians to Nahariya
* Prof. Marcos Silber - Jewish, Polish and Jewish-Polish artists in transit: transforming local, transferring transnational

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:15 Panel 4: The Challenges of Exile and Asylum and Their Commemoration

Chair and respondent: Dr. Edyta Gawron

* Dr. Na'ama Seri-Levi - The new asylum as an unexpected challenge: Iran as a case study
* Dr. Daniel Mahla - Rabbis, refugees, and politics: the episode of the “Teheran Children” and the emergence of the national-religious and ultra-orthodox milieus

18:15 Dinner Reception

**Wednesday, 6 September 2023**

10:00 – 11:00 Panel 5: Refuge and Asylum in Palestine and Israel

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Ewa Wegrzyn

* Dr. Elżbieta Kossewska - Everyday life of Polish and Jewish refugees in Palestine (1939 - 1948)
* Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek - Strangers among their own: the experiences of Polish writers in Israel after 1948

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Round table and closing remarks: Current Trends and Future Research

Chair: Dr. Anat Vaturi

Participants:

* Prof. Eugenia Prokop-Janiec
* Prof. Marcos Silber

Prof. Gur Alroey

Prof. Sławomir Żurek

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* POLIN Museum
* University of Haifa
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