

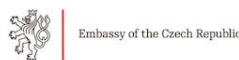
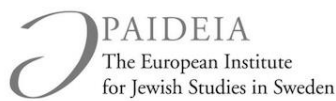
1989 – 2019:

Jews
in
Post-Communist
Europe

January 31 - February 1, 2019

Stockholm

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PAIDEIA ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

“1989 – 2019: JEWS IN POST-COMMUNIST EUROPE”

The fall of the Berlin wall marked a turning point in modern world history, as well as in modern Jewish history. The transition from communist regimes to democratic establishments, stable or struggling, aroused political, demographic, social and cultural change on the largest scale since the end of the Second World War. Europe has been transformed, the European Union challenged, and global politics overturned. New powers are unleashed on a broad scale from liberalism to chauvinism, from democracy to authoritarianism, from free markets to economic and political corruption.

This conference, marking 30 years from the fall of the Berlin Wall, focuses on the Jews of post-communist Europe as communities, individuals, activists, migrants, agents of change and cultural awakening, and targets of transition, anti-Semitism and renewed memory. For them, 1989 was a milestone not only in European and global history, but in Jewish history too. The conference aims to take stock of historical processes, challenges and concerns, including the grave concerns of renewed hostility to Jews and to Israel, and the more positive challenges of new freedom, cultural creativity and the realignment of memory. Sweden’s unique vantage point in this historical realignment will be included in the conference discussions.

Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, as a crucial player in the renewal of Jewish cultural life in Europe, embedded in its longstanding education and activist work with students, cultural centers and active intellectual work across Europe, is uniquely positioned to host this path-breaking meeting, along with partners in Sweden and beyond. 1989 – 2019: Jews in Post-Communist Europe is set to explore and analyse contemporary Jewish partaking in post-communist Europe and beyond.

The conference was made possible with support of Paideia folkhögskola, Swedish History Museum, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Goethe-Institut Schweden, Södertörn högskola, The Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg, Forum for Jewish Studies, Department of Theology, Uppsala University, IRES Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, University of Potsdam – School of Jewish Theology, Czech Embassy Stockholm, Ukrainska Institutet i Sverige, Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union and Judisk Kultur i Sverige.

Conference Advisory Committee: Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger, Noa Hermele, Prof. Lena Roos and Ivana Koutníková.

Photo exhibition “Speaking Memories – The Last Witnesses of the Holocaust” on display during the conference in the Swedish History Museum.

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Thursday, January 31,

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

11.30-13.00 **Registration with Lunch**

13.00-13.30 **Welcome Addresses**

Professor **Fania Oz-Salzberger**,
Director,
Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

Barbara Spectre,
Founding Director,
Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

Dr. Katherine Hauptman,
Director of the Swedish Museum of History

Professor **Lena Roos**,
Södertörn University

Joachim Bergström,
Ambassador, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Moderator: **Dr. Lukasz Gorniok**,
One-Year Jewish Studies Academic Coordinator
Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

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13:30-14:30

Keynote Address:

“Back to the Post-Communist Motherlands: Reflections of a Jerusalemite Historian”

Professor **Israel Bartal**,

Israel Academy of Sciences, Dept. of Jewish History, Former Dean of
Humanities Hebrew University of Jerusalem

14:45-16:15

Panel: “1989 - Second “Jahr Null”?”

“Russian Jews in Germany: Repatriates or Immigrants?”

Professor **Viktor Golinets**,

The Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

*“Between Hatred and Nostalgia: Creating a New Vision of Polish Jewry in the Third
Polish Republic”*

Dr. **Alix Landgrebe**,

Historian,

Goethe-Institut

*“Delayed Justice - Compensation of Holocaust Survivors in Central and Eastern Europe
After the Fall of Iron Curtain”*

Dr. **Jiří Šitler**,

Diplomat and Historian,

Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Stockholm

*“The Return of Liberal Rabbinic Education to Berlin: Abraham Geiger College and
Zacharias Frankel College”*

Rabbi **Eli Reich**,

The School of Jewish Theology,

University of Potsdam

Moderator: **Peter Johnsson**,

Historian,

Ukrainska Institutet i Sverige

16:15-16:45

Coffee Break

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POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

16:45-17:45

Keynote Address:

“Revival? Rebirth? Renaissance? What happened to Polish Jews over the last four decades?”

Konstanty Gebert,

Intellectual, Journalist and Activist, Paideia Board Member

18:00-19:30

Paideia Alumni Panel: “Jewish Communities and Leadership in 21st Century”

“Jewish Leadership Programs in Russia, Common Strategies and Patterns”

Yasna Aksenova,

Project Manager,

Joint Distribution Committee, The Russian Federation/ Israel

“Museum “Jews in Latvia” and Riga Jewish Community: Common and Separate ways”

Marina Gehta,

Deputy Director,

Museum “Jews in Latvia”, Riga Jewish Community

Rabbi Małgorzata Kordowicz,

Warsaw, Poland

“Where are Our Future Leaders?”

Petr Papoušek,

President of Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic

Moderator: **Noa Hermele,**

Rector,

Paideia folkhögskola

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Friday, February 1

ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVES

09:00-09:30

Coffee & Mingling

09:30-09:45

Welcome Addresses

Dr. Arpad Sölter,
Director,
Goethe-Institut Schweden

Professor Dr. Johannes Heil,
Rector,
The Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

Dr. Lars Andersson,
Associate Professor,
Uppsala University

Moderator: **Noa Hermele,**
Rector,
Paideia folkhögskola

09:45-10:45

Keynote Address:

“Jewish Studies in Post-Communist Europe”

Prof. Dr. Christina von Braun,
Senior Professor,
Humboldt University of Berlin

Introduction: Gerald Nagler,
Co-founder of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, Human
Rights Activist

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11:00-12:30

Panel: “Jewish Studies and Its Future”

“Jewish Studies in Central Europe: From Post-Communism to Neo-Nationalism”

Dr. Michael Miller,
Associate Professor,
Central European University

“The Future of Jewish Studies in Europe”

Barbara Lerner Spectre,
Founding Director;
Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

“Jewish and Israel Studies: Two Entangled Disciplines and their Current Specifics and Developments within the Central European Academia”

Dr. Marcela Zoufalá, Ph.D,
Centre for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Faculty of Arts,
Charles University in Prague

Moderator: Professor **Lena Roos,**
School of Historical and Contemporary Studies,
Södertörn University

12:30-13:30

Lunch

ART-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

13:30-14:00

“Looking at the Jewish Revival in Eastern Europe after 1989, Via the Lens of the Cine-Camera”

Dr. Ela Bauer,
Associate Professor,
Kibbutzim College in Tel Aviv

Introduction: **Frida Schatz,**
Dean of Students, One-Year Program,
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14:00-15:30

Paideia Alumni Panel: "Jewish Activism"

"Contemporary Art with Jewish Content"

Andrea Ausztrics,

Freelance Filmmaker, Curator, Media Artist, Hungary

"Giving You What You Don't Know: The Principal Idea Behind Chidusz Magazine"

Michal Bojanowski,

Editor in Chief,

CHIDUSZ Jewish Foundation, Poland

"The Impact of a Jewish Summer Camp"

Mina Pasajlic,

Program Director,

Szarvas International Jewish Summer Camp, Serbia

Moderator: Ivana Koutníková,

Project Coordinator,

Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

15:30-15:45

Closing

Professor **Gabriel Urwitz,**

Chairperson of Paideia Board

Paideia – The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden

15:45

Mingling

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