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Foundations for the Future: Towards a Permanent EHRI Organisation

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EHRI Conference, 23 May 2023, Amsterdam

"It is time that Europe takes responsibility for the Holocaust"

The EHRI Conference *Foundations for the Future*, that took place in Amsterdam on 23 May, started with an impressive show of support. Dutch Minister of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) **Robbert Dijkgraaf**, and Dutch State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), **Maarten van Ooijen**, **Christian Ehler**, Member of the European Parliament and **Marileen Dogterom**, President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) had each recorded short video messages in which they addressed the audience and spoke of the need for a permanent European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI), while congratulating the project for paving the way towards this goal.



Watch here all [4 Video Messages for EHRI](#)

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EHRI-3 General Partner Meeting in Jerusalem | The Only Commitment Should Be to the Facts

26/06/2023



EHRI-3 General Partner Meeting | 30 May-1 June 2023, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel

Eleven years after the first ever big EHRI General Partner Meeting was held at [Yad Vashem](#) in Israel, the EHRI-3 project returned for another gathering of representatives of today's 27 partner institutions. Around fifty people assembled at the Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies and were welcomed by co-Project Director Karel Berkhoff and a speech given by Dani Dayan, Chairman of Yad Vashem.

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"If this Portal could talk..." | EHRI's Veerle and Herminio Talk About Data Identification and Integration

03/07/2023

The [EHRI Portal](#) offers access to information on Holocaust-related archival material held in institutions across Europe and beyond. It is one of the main achievements of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure. The EHRI Portal, an ever growing resource, now enables you to browse 418,164 [archival descriptions](#) in 807 institutions. It also has information on 2,234 [archival institutions](#) in 60 countries. 63 [national reports](#) provide an overview of the Second World War and Holocaust history as well as of the archival situation in the covered countries. It makes it hard to believe that this all started in 2010 with an Excel spreadsheet. Veerle Vanden Daelen and Herminio García-González are leading on data identification and integration into the EHRI Portal. Time to ask them how this works.



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New Blogpost | Chance Encounters in a Holocaust Archive: Finding Elżbieta Nadel's "The Black Album"



06/07/2023

This new [Document Blogpost](#), by Rachel Perry, presents Elżbieta Nadel's recently discovered early post-war graphic work *The Black Album*. It describes the research information on the provenance, technique, and composition of the work.

In addition, a comparison of the album and its drawings with an earlier album, *Images from Home* (made in Lviv, 1942), by the same artist allows for an analysis of the *Black Album's* tone, style, content, voice, and point of view. The

post follows the album's bending to the pressures of its time and its function after the war.

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Call for Applications EHRI Seminar in Vienna | What's New in Austrian Holocaust Studies?

11/05/2023

What's New in Austrian Holocaust Studies? Digital Tools & Methods

EHRI-AT Methodological Seminar

16-18 January 2024 | Location: Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies (VWI) in Vienna, Austria

Deadline for submission: 15 July 2023

In the last decade, Austrian Holocaust research and education has gone digital.



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EHRI Launches its Geospatial Repository



19/06/2023

Have you ever needed to build a map of ghettos or camps for your research project? Analyse distances between them or trajectories walked by prisoners? Share your datasets with others in a reusable way?

The new EHRI Geospatial Repository aims to help researchers with these and similar challenges.

By providing access to data about Holocaust-related places and spaces, the EHRI Geospatial Repository facilitates research driven by spatial and geographic approaches. It builds on the spatial turn in the field of Holocaust Studies: Over the past years, the research in Holocaust geographies, as conducted by the [Holocaust Geographies Collaborative](#) and others, advanced new perspectives and methods. Thinking through place and space helps to formulate new questions and research projects.

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EHRI in the UK | Three Workshops – Many New

Opportunities

06/07/2023

By Rachel Pistol, EHRI-UK National Coordinator, KCL, and Maria Dermentzi, KCL

On May 4-5, 2023, EHRI organised two workshops that were hosted by the [Wiener Holocaust Library](#) (WHL) in London, UK. The first day focused on the work of the Work Package (EHRI-3 WP11) that is tasked with engaging and supporting micro-archives, while the second day was a special EHRI-UK workshop, run through EHRI-PP (Preparatory Phase).



A third workshop took place on 15-17 May, when EHRI-UK teamed up with [CLARIN](#) - the research infrastructure for language as social and cultural data - for a combined EHRI-CLARIN workshop "Using Holocaust Testimonies as Research Data".

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New Online Edition: "From Vienna to Nowhere: The Nisko Deportations 1939"



08/06/2023

By Wolfgang Schellenbacher (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute)

The Documentation Archive of the Austrian Resistance (DÖW) is pleased to have created a new online edition to add to the growing number of innovative digital EHRI Editions. The online document edition "[From Vienna to Nowhere: The Nisko Deportations 1939](#)" brings together documents from the [Archives of the Jewish Community in Vienna \(IKG\)](#), the [DÖW](#), the [Arolsen Archives](#), the [US Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) and the Vienna Regional Court. The edition (which is in German) will continue to be expanded upon and updated with new documents, using the innovative digital presentation tool of the Online Document Edition to assist scholars in further researching the Vienna transports to Nisko and the fate of these Viennese Jews deported to Eastern Poland - and serve as a foundation for new research questions.

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CALL EHRI-AT | Holocaust Literature and Ego Documents

20/06/2023

A conference of the [Center for Jewish Studies](#) of Graz University in cooperation with the [Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies](#) in the framework of [EHRI-AT](#)

December 11-12, 2023 | Graz, Austria | Deadline for submissions: 15 July 2023

Writing about the Holocaust has been shaped from the beginning by considerations of form, of the limits of language and the medium itself, and of the (im)possibilities of transmitting knowledge to future generations.



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Engaging the Educators – EHRI is Branching Out!



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As EHRI prepares to become a **permanent research infrastructure**, it is increasing its outreach towards user groups that have so far had less engagement with EHRI, but where the EHRI consortium sees potential value. As such, EHRI has organised two initiatives in 2023 to work more closely with Holocaust Educators.

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IHRA Grant Call Open for Projects

19/06/2023

Is your organization working on innovative ways to secure the future of Holocaust remembrance?

The **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance** (IHRA) has re-opened its grant program on 19 June 2023 and invites organizations to apply with projects that safeguard the record of the Holocaust and the genocide of the Roma, or counter distortion.



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EHRI partners

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 KNAW – DANS Data Archiving and Networked Services (NL)
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 Yad Vashem (IL)
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