



## EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



EHRI Newsletter - July 2024

### Development of EHRI as a Permanent Facility Enters Final Stage

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On 11 July, the Dutch government sent a formal request to the European Commission (EC) to set up the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) as a permanent facility, on behalf of all the countries involved. This request includes an elaborate plan with important details, such as the location of the headquarters of EHRI in the Netherlands, the content of the legal entity to be set up and the agreed draft statutes.



EHRI is transforming from a series of projects into a permanent organisation in the form of an ERIC – a European Research Infrastructure Consortium, a legal entity set up by the EC with legal personality and full legal capacity. This transformation is an initiative of the many research institutions, archives and museums worldwide that have participated in EHRI projects since 2010. The first participating countries of the new international Holocaust Research Infrastructure are expected to include, in addition to the Netherlands: Belgium, Germany, Israel, Croatia, Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom.

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### EHRI Academic Conference in Warsaw: Researching the Holocaust in the Digital Age

23/07/2024



On Tuesday 18 June 2024, the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) project hosted the international academic conference “Researching the Holocaust in the Digital Age” at the Staszic Palace, home of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research in Warsaw. EHRI partners in Poland, the Polish Center for Holocaust Research and the Jewish Historical Institute were co-organisers of the conference.

**A recording of the conference with time schedule is available on our [YouTube channel](#) or on this [webpage](#).**

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## Call for Applications EHRI Seminar | Citizen Science in the Archival Domain

27/06/2024

### **A Hands-On Seminar on Implementing Crowdsourcing Projects for Micro-Archives**

**November, 25-28, 2024 | Location: [Arolsen Archives](#) - International Center on Nazi Persecution | Bad Arolsen, Germany | Deadline for submissions: 31 August 2024**



Crowdsourcing can be an ideal way for institutions with archival collections to enrich their holdings, working with the public to, e.g., identify places and people in photographs, transcribe documents, or obtain other information that will make the collections more accessible. Archives can also gain greater public attention through crowdsourcing. That said, it can also be rather daunting to set out on a crowdsourcing project, particularly for smaller institutions.

EHRI partner Arolsen Archives - International Center on Nazi Persecution, the leading institution related to documenting National Socialist persecution and the liberated survivors, has significant experience in successfully planning and managing crowdsourcing projects such as [#everynamecounts](#) and will also host this event.

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## EHRI General Partners Meeting - July 19 2024



25/07/2024

### ***EHRI was praised for its “exceptional results”***

The day after the EHRI Academic Conference: *Researching the Holocaust in the Digital Age*, EHRI’s annual General Partners Meeting was hosted by the [Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute](#), Warsaw. Over fifty members of the European Holocaust Research

Infrastructure (EHRI) consortium, representing more than fifteen countries gathered to hear the latest updates of the work of EHRI.

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## Call for Applications EHRI Workshop in Poland | Holocaust Places and Spaces as Data

20/06/2024

### Challenges and Best Practices

**28-30 October 2024, Łódź ,Poland | Deadline for submissions: 31 July 2024**



With the growing interest in Holocaust geographies, researchers, projects and/or educators increasingly work and struggle with data representing the places and spaces of Holocaust history. We invite researchers creating and using geospatial data in the field of Holocaust studies to submit their application for the international EHRI workshop ***Holocaust Places and Spaces as Data: Challenges and Best Practices***. The workshop aims to share experience and discuss practical challenges many projects working with spatial data encounter. At the same time, we want to reflect on broader heuristic, epistemological and ethical issues triggered by turning places into data.

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## Bundesarchiv Holds Hands-On Workshop for Micro-Archives at the Jewish Community of Novi Sad



24/06/2024

*By Dora Komnenovic (Bundesarchiv)*

Ever since the beginning of the project, EHRI (the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) has been committed to enabling transnational Holocaust research by, among other things, integrating archival descriptions from institutions all over Europe, Israel and the United States. In recent years the scope of action has been broadened to include smaller archival collections that hold equally relevant materials into the research infrastructure, i.e. the EHRI Portal. The [EHRI Portal](#) offers access to information on Holocaust-related archival material held in institutions across Europe and beyond.

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## Latest EHRI Blogpost | Uncovering Local Hungarian Jewish

## Histories

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### By Researching Hungarian Jewish Community History Books



The latest [EHRI Document Blogpost](#), written by former EHRI fellow and Oxford Doctoral Candidate [Barnabas Balint](#), identifies a specific genre of local history source – Hungarian Jewish community history books. These books are similar to Yizkor books, that are Hebrew and Yiddish language memorial books that document the Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust.

In this blogpost, Barnabas Balint explores the contribution of these Jewish community books to our understanding of the Holocaust, including the history of Orthodox Jews and provincial areas of Hungary.

The example of the book of Ujpest showcases how this source can elaborate on the under-studied aspects of Hungarian Jewish history, provides insight into Jewish and non-Jewish spaces, and opens new opportunities for further research.

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## EHRI Conny Kristel Fellow | Jennifer Putnam



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*“My time at the Bundesarchiv-Lichterfelde as a European Holocaust Research Infrastructure #fellow has been illuminating. I have been able to see original documents that I have only read about and found fascinating information about programs that have yet to be studied. This has been a wonderful*

*opportunity to further my own research and knowledge,”* says Jennifer Putnam, an [EHRI Conny Kristel Fellow](#), about her stay at the [Bundesarchiv](#).

Jennifer Putnam is now a Research Historian at the [Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy at the National World War II Museum](#). Jennifer received her PhD in History from the University of London, where she studied prisoner graffiti in Nazi concentration camps and ghettos. Her current research focuses on *Briefaktion*, a forced letter-writing campaign that camouflaged the true purpose of the concentration and death camps.

[Read more about the EHRI Conny Kristel Fellowships](#)

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## Commemorating the Roma victims of the Nazi regime on 2 August

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For centuries, Roma people in Europe faced exclusion, discrimination and racism. They were among the groups singled out for persecution and murder by the Nazi regime, its allies, and collaborators before and during World War II. During the Nazi era, German authorities and their supporters throughout Europe subjected Roma to systematic racial persecution and decimated communities across the continent.



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## Watch the Video of the EHRI Online Lecture "Methodological Challenges of Photography Collections and Cataloguing"



27/05/2024

**With Jonathan Matthews, former Head of Yad Vashem's Photo Archives**

*"It was a thorough and engaging exploration of Holocaust photo archives. Jonathan was excellent" - Simon Edwards, PhD Student*

Watch the video of the [Online Lecture](#)

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## EHRI Wishes Everyone a Nice Summer!

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However, may you be interested in an *informative* summer, or in *expanding your (historical) horizon*, then we may have a few tips for you:

- Start with the first [EHRI Massive Open Online Course](#) (MOOC): *"It Must All be Recorded Without a Single Fact Left Out" - The Holocaust through the Perspective of Primary Sources*. In this new online video course produced by EHRI and [Yad Vashem](#), you will explore diaries, photographs, official Nazi documents, postwar survivor testimonies and much more - all together with leading scholars in the field. You will become acquainted with original documents and gain hands-on experience in using them while learning about their importance, and the unique perspectives they provide us into this cataclysmic event. The MOOC is hosted on the Coursera Platform and free of charge. Follow this link to find out more about the MOOC and start your first lesson today: [EHRI MOOC](#)
- Listen to an episode of the [EHRI Podcast](#) *For the Living and the Dead. Traces of the Holocaust*. In each episode of *For the Living and the Dead*, a Holocaust researcher talks about an object, now often in a museum or archive, that tells a very personal story about the Holocaust. The first and second season of the EHRI



podcast featured a teddy bear, sunflowers, a postcard, gramophone discs, birch-bark tefillin and a typewriter. The unique stories come from all over Europe – the Holocaust being a continent-wide phenomenon – ranging from Belgium to Ukraine, from Romania to Italy. The [EHRI Podcast series](#) contains 2 seasons and 12 episodes of around 30 minutes. A third season will be released in the autumn.

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## EHRI partners

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KNAW – NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NL)  
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 Belgian State Archives/CegeSoma (BE)  
 Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CZ)  
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 Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives (HU)  
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 Jewish Museum in Prague (CZ)  
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Watch a [video introduction to the EHRI Portal](#)

