

Call for abstracts

The Second International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma: Countering Holocaust Distortion and Anti-Roma Discrimination through Research and Education

Zagreb, 11 – 12 September 2023

The history of Roma in Europe was mostly marked by periods of their persecution, fuelled by stereotypes and prejudice. The peak of such persecution occurred during the Nazi Regime, throughout Europe, led by the racial policy of Nazi Germany, its allies and collaborators. After the war, the genocide of the Roma went unrecognised, especially in the context of a failure to uphold an appropriate culture of remembrance.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is one of the key international institutions that has recognised the need for research, education and development of culture of remembrance of the Roma genocide. The IHRA Committee on the Genocide of the Roma works to raise awareness of the genocide of the Roma among member countries, to further research and advance education while demonstrating the links between history and present-day situation of Roma.

The Croatian Presidency of the IHRA invites lecturers to submit abstracts for presentations at The Second International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma. The conference will be taking place in **September 11-12, 2023, in Zagreb.**

The aim of the conference is to further discuss conclusions from The First International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma, which include a call to enhance the work on remembrance and memorialisation, as well as scientific research through promotion of research projects and cooperation of academic institutions and universities. Additionally, the conclusions focused on the need for recognition and education on the genocide of the Roma, primarily through the work on the “Recommendations for Teaching Guidelines about the Persecution and Genocide of the Roma and Sinti during the Nazi era“. Moreover, the conclusions emphasized the importance of combating antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination as part of efforts in combating racism and need for a broader socio-political integration of the Roma population.

The conference will consist of five sessions:

- Session I: Development of national and international mechanisms to counter Holocaust distortion in the context of the Genocide of the Roma – Research perspectives
- Session II: Culture of remembrance and memorialization – Terminology
- Session III: Scientific and cultural projects on the Genocide of the Roma
- Session IV: Education on the Genocide of the Roma – Recommendations for Teaching Guidelines about the Persecution and Genocide of the Roma and Sinti during the Nazi era
- Session V: Future of Remembrance – future of the perspective of research, education



and remembrance in the post-survivor era

Submitted abstracts of the presentations should be focused on issues as specified in the session titles. The abstracts could deal with various layers of analysis – local, national, and international.

The organizers have decided to extend the deadline and are proposing the following calendar:

Deadline for abstracts: **July 31, 2023**

Selection of abstracts: **August 07, 2023**

Submissions should include the author's name, title, and a up to 500-word-long abstract.

The organizers will cover the cost of transportation and accommodation for the lecturers.

All abstracts should be sent to info@ihra2023.hr and with the subject line "The Second International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma" by **July 31, 2023**.