



BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE EDUCATION

CAPE TOWN,
AUGUST 4-9, 2024

To mark its 25th anniversary, the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre is hosting a conference for museum educators. Coinciding with the 30th anniversaries of apartheid's end and the Rwandan genocide, the event will explore Holocaust and genocide education, share expertise, and develop new tools for modern challenges.

Conference will be organized by Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre



in cooperation with:

Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, Yahad-In Unum.



PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

18.00-20.00

Opening Dinner

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

09.00-09.45

Introduction Session

10.00-10.30

Official Opening

10.30-11.30

Keynote Session 1: **New challenges - old solutions?
Critical view on the Holocaust education results**
Speaker: **Stephen Smith**

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.00

Discussion Session 1: **What are the tools that
we are using today**
Moderators: **Orli Barnett, Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre**
Catherine Boyd, Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre
Claudia Hooper, Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.00

Keynote Session 2: **Ignorance or calculation?**

Holocaust terminology as a political weapon

Speaker: Prof. Adam Mendelsohn, Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Cape Town

15.00-15.30

Discussion Session 2: **Museum as a neutral space?**

Moderator: **Catherine Boyd**, Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre

15.30-16.00

Discussion Session 3: **Cultivating Legislative Backing for Holocaust Education: A Tulsa Case Study**

Presenter: **Bob McCormac**, Kaiser Holocaust Centre

16.00-17.00

Coffee break and day summary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

09.00-10.00

Tour of the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre core exhibition

10.00-11.00

Keynote Session 3: **Perpetrators perspective. Genocidaire as a moral person**

Speaker: **Konstanty Gebert**

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.30

Discussion Session 4: **Perpetrators in the core exhibitions and educational programs**

Moderator: TBC

12.30-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.00

Discussion Session 5: **When you listen to a witness, you become a witness. Importance of the oral testimonies in Holocaust and Genocide education**

Moderator: **Michal Chojak**, Yahad In-Unum

15.00-18.00

City tour: **Echoes of Trauma in the Fabric of the Cape Town City**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

09.00-10.00

Keynote Session 4: **Why Should We Care?
Incorporating the story of the Genocide against the
Tutsi in Rwanda into the narrative of the Holocaust
museum**

Speaker: **Tali Nates**, Johannesburg Holocaust &
Genocide Centre

10.00-10.30

Coffee break

10.30-11.30

Discussion Session 6: **Incorporating other acts of
Genocide into the core exhibition. Case study of the
Holocaust Museum Los Angeles**

Moderator: **Jordanna Gessler**, Holocaust Museum Los
Angeles

11.30-12.30

Discussion Session 7: **Engaging the past and the
present in educational programming**

Speaker: **Prof. Bjorn Krondorfer**, Martin-Springer
Institute

12.30-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-14.30

Keynote Session 5: **Why Should They Care? Holocaust education in post-Apartheid South Africa**

Speaker: **Richard Freedman**

14.30-15.00

Coffee break

15.00-16.00

Discussion Session 8: **Dealing with Trauma of Genocide and Persecution through art**

Moderator: **Nokozula Bikwana**, Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre

16.00-17.00

Day summary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

09.00-10.00

Keynote Session 6: New realities of Holocaust education

Speaker: **Dr. Rocco Giansante**, Yad Vashem

10.00-10.30

Coffee break

10.30-12.00

Discussion Session 9: **Teaching about the Holocaust and Genocide after October 7**

Moderator: **Mary Kluk**, Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre

12.00-13.00

Lunch break

13.00-14.00

Keynote Session 7: **Peacebuilding strategies in divided communities**

Speaker: **Dianna Yach**, Mauerberger Foundation Fund

14.00-14.30

Coffee break

14.30-15.30

Discussion Session 10: **Combating Antisemitism and hate speech on Social-media**

Moderator: TBC

15.30-16.30

Day summary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

09.30-11.00

Final Panel Discussion

Panellists: **Stephen Smith, Konstanty Gebert**

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-13.00

Discussion Session 11: **Conclusions for the Future**

Moderator: **Jakub Nowakowski**, Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre

13.00-14.00

Farewell lunch

Program may be subject to change.