



16th European Summer
School Ravensbrück
August 28th –
September 1st, 2023

Witnessed Memory. Narrating. Preserving. Passing on.

The testimony of survivor witnesses is an integral part of the historical and educational work at memorial sites. However, has this seemingly self-evident fact always been common practice? Should the role of the survivor witness itself be historicized given the changes in the cultures of remembrance since 1945? And how can the postulate of critical reflection in educational work be balanced with the conception of the witness as a moral authority?

This year's Summer University will address this area of tension between the witness, testimony, and historical and pedagogical conveyance. Thereby, changes in the meaning of testimony, its use in memorial education as well as current digital approaches to the presentation of eyewitnesses will be explored. The Ravensbrück Summer University is characterized by its emphasis on women's and gender history.

The European Summer University is aimed at an interdisciplinary audience of scholars, students, practitioners from the area of memorial sites and other interested individuals. The programme includes lectures, guided tours and workshops, as well as an open laboratory on new digital formats for the presentation of testimonies.

Additionally, a **research forum** for emerging scholars is planned within the conference framework, during which final theses (BA, MA, PhD) related to the thematic range of this year's summer university may be presented.

Participation in the European Summer University is free of charge. The conference languages are German and English. Simultaneous translation throughout the conference will be provided. The event is recognised as "Bildungsurlaub" in Berlin-Brandenburg.

Registration is open until **7 August 2023** under:
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More information at
www.ravensbrueck.de

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Information

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Accommodation

Shared room with full board: 46 euros per night.
Monday to Friday: 184 euros.

Conference Venue

Mahn- und Gedenkstätte
Ravensbrück
Straße der Nationen
16798 Fürstenberg/Havel

Travel

A regional train leaves every hour from Berlin's main station to Fürstenberg/Havel (direction: Stralsund/Rostock). From Fürstenberg station it is a 2 km walk to the memorial. Transfers are organised on request.

By car: Fürstenberg is about 80 km north of Berlin on the B96 Berlin-Stralsund.

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Program

Monday, August 28th

Opening Event

10:00 a.m.

Guided Tours at the Ravensbrück Memorial

12:30 a.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Andrea Genest: Introduction to the Summer University

2:00 p.m.

Opening Discussion

Talk with Ib Katznelson, survivor of Ravensbrück, Copenhagen

4:00 p.m.

Research Forum

Chair: Kolja Buchmeier & Marcus Funck

7:00 p.m.

Get-Together

Tuesday, August 29th

Theoretical Foundations of Testimony

Chair: Elizabeth Harvey

9:00 a.m.

Cornelia von Einem, Berlin: Witness, Witnessing and Testimony

10:00 a.m.

Aurélia Kalisky, Berlin: Literature and Testimony

11:15 a.m.

Daniel Schuch, Jena: Transformation of Testimony

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

3:00 p.m.

Advanced Workshops

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Wednesday, August 30th

Concepts and Functions of Testimony

Chair: Thomas Schaarschmidt

9:00 a.m.

Dialogic Tours: Approaches to testimony at Ravensbrück Memorial

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

3:00 p.m.

Roland Borchers, Berlin: Memory on the Individual and Collective Level. How do Eyewitnesses remember Forced Labour and How do they interpret it today?

4:00 p.m.

Dorothee Wierling, Hamburg: Testimony and Oral History

5:00 p.m.

Discussion

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Film and Discussion with Loretta Walz, Dusseldorf:

The Ravensbrück Memory - on the Changing of Narratives (1980s to 2010s)

Thursday, August 31st

Transformations of Mediality

Chair: Achim Saupe

9:00 a.m.

Alina Bothe, Berlin: Memory in the Digital Age

10:00 a.m.

Anja Ballis, Munich: Contemporary Witnesses in the “Media Network of Memory”: Current Developments, Empirical Findings, Ethical Considerations

11:15 a.m.

Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, Berlin: Witnessing in the Digital Age: Media and Historiographical Perspectives

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

3:00 p.m.

Workshop of Digital Applications (spur.lab)

5:00 p.m.

Discussion

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Witnesses in Nazi Trials with Thomas Walther, Lindenberg, Astrid Ley, Oranienburg and Katharina Stengel, Frankfurt

Chair: Stephanie Bohra

Friday, September 1st

Summary & Outlook

10:00 a.m.

Elke Gryglewski, Celle: Quo vadis: The Future of Testimony at Memorial Sites, followed by Final Discussion

Chair: Andrea Genest

11:30 a.m.

Critical Friends

Chair: Thomas Schaarschmidt

Departure after lunch

