



On the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day  
the Embassy of Italy in Latvia and the Museum “Jews in Latvia”  
have the honor to invite you  
to a public discussion to be held at the EU House in Riga,  
on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2019, at 14.00-17.30/18.00

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#### **Session I:**

##### **Digital media about Holocaust and challenges of freedom of speech (14.00-15.30/16.00)**

How can we draw the line between freedom of speech and stigmatization of group or individuals?

Should the freedom of speech be redefined?

The challenge of the digital era. Is the mentioning about Holocaust slightly minimizing on Internet than in a real life, or just the opposite?

**Coffee break (15.30/16.00-16.00/16.30)**

#### **Session II:**

##### **The role of cultural institutions in preserving the memory about Holocaust and in promoting the common values (16.00/16.30-17.30/18.00)**

The role of State or NGOs in the preservation of memory. The motivation of the State.

The role of art/culture and the academic research.

Meaning of the Holocaust for the “general” public. What is a source of inspiration in advancing contemporary values, especially within the Eastern European societies?

#### **Participating experts:**

- Stefano Gatti  
Researcher, CDEC (Jewish Contemporary Research Center) Milan, Italy
  
- Felix Klein  
Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Anti-Semitism,  
Federal Minister of Interior, Building and Community, Germany
  
- René Nyberg  
Ambassador, author of the book “Last train to Moscow”, Finland
  
- Clint Curle  
Professor, Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg, Canada
  
- Eva Kovacs  
Research Programme Director, Simon Wiesenthal Institute, Austria

- Martynas Užpelkis  
Heritage Preservation Specialist, Lithuanian Jewish Community's Heritage Protection, Lithuania
  
- Fotini Tomai-Konstantopoulou  
Head of the Diplomatic and Historical Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece
  
- Teresa Śmiechowska, Art historian, exhibitions curator, custodian in Art Department  
Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, Jewish Historical Institute, Poland
  
- Mr. Øivind Kopperud, Center for studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities in Oslo, Norway
  
- Daniel Gerson  
Lecturer and Research Associate, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Bern, Switzerland
  
- Frederic Pottier  
Inter-Ministerial delegate in charge of the Fight against racism and antisemitism, France
  
- Anhelita Kamenska  
Director, Centre for Human Rights, Latvia

Moderator of both discussion sessions: Ilya Lensky, Director of the museum “Jews in Latvia”

**Venue:** Europe House  
Aspazijas Bulv. 28, Riga, LV-1050, LATVIA

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