International Conference
#RemembranceResponsibilityFuture
November 9th, 2017, Vilnius
Novotel Vilnius Centre, Gedimino pr. 16

PROGRAMM

9.00 – 9.30 Participants registration
9.30 - 10.45 Opening session.
    Moderator: Renaldas Vaisbrodas, Executive Director, Lithuanian (Litvak) Jewish Community
    Welcome words:
    Faina Kukliansky, Chairwoman of Lithuanian (Litvak) Jewish Community
    Ambassador Anne Hall, U.S. Embassy
    Efrat Hochstetler, Israel Embassy
    Ambassador Angelika Viets, German Embassy

10.45 – 11.30 Keynote speech
A warning from history: the origins and evolution of anti-Semitism in Lithuania
Saulius Sužiedelis, Professor Emeritus of History, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-13.00 First session.
Fundamental questions about historical memory in Eastern Europe
Moderator – Arnoldas Prankevicius, head of EU Commission's mission in Vilnius
Legacy of WW2 In Lithuania today: Bridging the Archipelago of Memory
Violeta Davoliūtė, Vilnius University
Anti-Semitism in Europe: from blood legends to World Zionists Conspiracy
Vygantas Vareikis, Klaipeda University

From Philosemitism to Anti-Semitism: Jonas Sliupas, Refugees, and the Holocaust
Charles Perrin, Ph.D., Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Vytautas Magnus University

Lithuanian Antisemitism in 1930s
Linas Venclauskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Sugihara Diplomats for Life foundation

13.00-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.00 Second session.

Tackling issue of anti-Semitic, roma-fobic and xenophobic manifestations

Moderator: Dovilė Masalskienė, Women issues Information Center

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance actions against antisemitism is a fight for equality, non-discrimination, and social inclusion
Sarunas Liekis, the Dean of the Political Science and Diplomacy Faculty at VDU

Analysis of the results of the Roma and Jewish community group discussions (focus groups)
Rūta Reches, Jewish Community of Lithuania

Romofobia. Analysis of existing sources
Svetlana Novopolskaja, Roma Community Center

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-17.00 Third session.

Panel discussion with representatives from communities
Moderator - Rūta Kupetytė, journalist, Lithuanian National radio

Opening speech
Jewish life and anti-Semitism manifestations in Finland
Rony Smolar, writer, Board member of Jewish Community in Finland

Panel discussion participants:
Vida Montvydaitė, Director, Department of Ethnic Minorities
Ruth Reches, researcher, Jewish Community of Lithuania
Svetlana Novopolskaja, Director, Roma Community Center
Istvanas Kvik, member of Roma Community Center

17.00-18.00 Informal discussion