

Program

75th anniversary of the liberation of the Ravensbrück women's concentration camp
Friday, 17 April 2020 – Sunday, 19 April 2020

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Forum

10 am – 5 pm

International Forum of the Second and Third Generation

Meeting of relatives of former prisoners of the Ravensbrück concentration camp

Registration required: paedagogik@ravensbrueck.de

Moderation: Dr. Matthias Heyl, Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

Location: Event hall in the garages

Saturday, 18 April 2020

Commemoration

9.30 am

Avenue of Remembrance: From Fürstenberg railway station to Ravensbrück

Meeting point: railway station

Organizer: Camp Community Ravensbrück/Freundeskreis e.V.

Exhibitions and events

10 am - 6 pm (Sat/Sun)

- The memorial ball: Chronicle of a Visibility - The persecution of lesbian women in the NS era and the importance of commemoration
- Multimedia exhibition "Constellations brisées", Mémoires en chantier, France

1 pm Workshop for the creation of cartographies "Making the paths of deportees visible", Mémoires en chantier

4.30 pm Discussion on the topic "In Sight - a memorial ball for the lesbian prisoners who were imprisoned in Ravensbrück. Chronicle of a Visibility."

Location: Seminar house

Organizers: Initiative Autonomous feminist women and lesbians from Germany and Austria in cooperation with Mémoires en chantier, France (www.queercode.net)

International meeting

10 am

Embattled remembrance: the nationalisation of remembrance

Location: House of the camp community

Organizer: Camp Community Ravensbrück/Freundeskreis e.V.

Memorial sign

11.30 am

Unveiling of a memorial sign for the women who performed forced sex work

Location: New memorial site

Organizer: Project Group Ravensbrück (Bielefeld)

Lecture

12 om

Julius Leber, resistance fighter, European and mastermind of the citizen in uniform

Prof. Dr. Claus Jander, Colonel (ret.), political scientist and Vice President of the Julius Leber Society

Place: Former waterworks

Organizer: Julius-Leber-Gesellschaft e.V., Berlin

Commemoration

1 pm

International commemoration walk across the historic camp site

Meeting point: In front of the visitor centre

Organizer: Camp Community Ravensbrück/Freundeskreis e.V.

Guided tours

2 pm

Guided tours of the southern historical half of the camp in French, English and Polish

Meeting point: In front of the visitor centre

Book presentations

2 – 3 pm

Portrait of Austrian resistance fighters

Veronika Duma: Rosa Jochmann. Political actor and contemporary witness, Vienna 2019 and

Helga Amesberger / Brigitte Halbmayr / Simon Clemens: My mom was a resistance fighter, Vienna 2019

Location: Visitor Center

Organizer: Austrian camp community Ravensbrück & friends

Exhibition opening

2.30 – 3.30 pm

In memory of Zofia Pociłowska-Kann (1920-2019)

An open-air exhibition of the Ravensbrück Memorial in cooperation with the Institute of Art and Image

History of the HU, Berlin

Location: Garage yard

Book presentation

3 – 4 pm

Jacqueline Fleury-Marié: Résistante. 2019

The event will be held in French.

Location: Visitor Centre

Organizer: Association nationale des anciennes déportées et internées de la résistance (SFAADIR)

Commemoration

3 – 4.30 pm

Commemoration on the Uckermark site

Shuttle departure from Visitor Centre at 2.30 pm

The commemoration will be followed by the opening of the new exhibition on the Uckermark site.

Organizer: Initiative for a memorial site former concentration camp Uckermark e.V./ Network

Book presentation and exhibition opening

3.30 – 4.30 pm

Thematic focus "Asociality"

Book presentation:

Helga Amesberger / Brigitte Halbmayr / Elke Rajal: „Arbeitsscheu und moralisch verkommen.“

Verfolgung von Frauen als „Asoziale“ im Nationalsozialismus. Mandelbaum Verlag 2019

Opening of the exhibition: "Asocial" - exclusion yesterday and today

Concept & Implementation: Helga Amesberger & Brigitte Halbmayr (Institute for Conflict Research, Vienna)

Location: "Textile factory"

Organizer: Austrian Camp Community Ravensbrück & friends

Presentation

4 – 5 pm

The Ravensbrück men's camp and the story of the Polish prisoner Jan Blaszczyk

Lecture and discussion in German and Polish

Dr. habil. Grażyna Kubica-Heller – Institute for Sociology of the Jagiellonian University, Krakow and Ulrich Kasten - Cultural Foundation-Siberia, Fürstenberg/Havel.

Organizer: Cultural Foundation Siberia, Fürstenberg

Location: Event hall in the garages

Get-together

5 pm

Musical accompaniment: Esther Bejarano & Microphone Mafia

Place: Large tent in front of the former commandant's office

Concert: Siła Miłości / The Power of Love

7 pm

A multimedia concert organized by the Prawy Brzeg Association, Cracow in cooperation with the Rodzina Association Więźniarek Niemieckiego Obozu Koncentracyjnego Ravensbrück, Cracow, the Piwnica Association św.Norberta, Cracow and the Institute Pamięci Narodowej, IPN

Artistic direction: Andrzej Róg, Cracow

Location: Large stage former roll call area

Sunday, 19 April 2020

Commemoration at the Soviet memorial

9 am

Organizer: Camp Community Ravensbrück/Freundeskreis e.V.

Place: Soviet memorial, Bahnhofstraße

Central memorial event on the former roll call square

10 am

piece of music

Samuel Barber: Adagio for Strings op. 11

Welcome

Dr. Insa Eschebach, Director of the Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

Ambra Laurenzi, President of the International Ravensbrück Committee

Dr. Dietmar Woidke, Minister President of the State of Brandenburg (to be confirmed)

Speeches

Prof. Dr. Monika Grütters, Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media

Polish Government, N. N.

Amélie de Montchalin, Secretary of State for European Affairs, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic

Piece of music:

"European Anthem"

Speeches

Barbara Piotrowska, International Ravensbrück Committee, Warsaw

Adriana Altaras, publicist, Berlin

piece of music

Gerhard Tittel: Wohin auch das Auge blicket

Ravensbrücker "Our Father", spoken by Alicja Kubecka

Kaddish, Cantor Mimi Sheffer, Cantor Isaac Sheffer

Laying of wreaths at the memorial

Musical accompaniment: State Youth Orchestra of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Management: Stanley Dodds

Event with Italian Embassy

12 pm

Location: Visitor Information Centre

Holy Mass in Polish language

12.30 pm

With the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Szczecin-Cammin Andrzej Dzięga

Organizer: Polish Catholic Mission in the Archdiocese of Berlin

Location: former roll call square

Memorial signs

12.30 pm Remembering the lesbian prisoners

1.30 pm Commemoration at the memorial for the Catalans

Location: New memorial site

Exhibition opening

1.30 – 2.30 pm

Faces of Europe. Daughters remember their mothers, prisoners of the Ravensbrück women's concentration camp.

Greetings

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Speeches

Prof. Monika Grütters, Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media

Amélie de Montchalin, State Secretary for European Affairs to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic

Musical accompaniment: Marina Rossell, Barcelona

Location: Large foyer in the garages

A photo exhibition in cooperation with the International Ravensbrück Committee

Guided tour

1 – 4 pm

"Unknown places. Ravensbrück"

Meeting point: Visitor Centre

Tour in German of the functional and administrative buildings of the former Ravensbrück concentration camp

Sturdy shoes and weatherproof clothing are recommended. Registration at k.witte@instytut.net is requested.

Organizer: Institute for Applied History - Society and Science in Dialogue e.V.

Website Launch

2.30 pm

The new website of the International Ravensbrück Committee goes online.

Location: Visitor Centre

Interreligious and interconfessional commemoration

3 – 4 pm

Location: Large event hall

Lecture and book presentation

4.30 – 5.30 pm

"The purple angle as a sign of suffering and hope - Polish Jehovah's Witnesses in the Ravensbrück Concentration Camp" / "Fioletowy trójkąt jako symbol cierpienia i nadziei - Polskie więźniarki będące Świadcami Jehowy w KL Ravensbrück"

Speaker: Dr. Aleksandra Matelska

Book presentation: "Jehovah's Witnesses in Europe" (Volume 3) by Prof. Dr. mult. Gerhard Besier (Director of the Sigmund Neumann Institute) and Prof. Dr. Katarzyna Stokłosa (South Danish University, Odense)

Moderation: Dr. Andrea Genest

Location: Large event hall

Organizer: Jehovah's Witnesses, Central Europe Branch Office