Museum and Trauma –

Museums as a Safe Space to Deal with the Dark Side of Humanity

Sybir Memorial Museum

May 19, 2025

Conference opening

10:00 **Welcome speech, Wojciech Śleszyński, Sybir Memorial Museum**

Session I – presentation of institutions

10:15 **Jakub Nowakowski,** Cape Town Holocaust and Genocide Centre, South Africa
10:30 **María Fernanda García Iribarren,** Museum of Memory and Human Rights, Chile
10:45 **Hang Nisay,** Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, Cambodia
11:00 **Hassen Maghdouri,** National Museum of the Moudjahid, Algeria
11:15 Video presentation, Victims of Communism Museum and Memorial Foundation, USA
11:25 Discussion

11:45 Coffee break

Session II – presentation of institutions

12:00 **Juan Fernando Jaramillo Montoya,** Museum House of Memory, Columbia
12:15 **Oscar Twizerimana,** Kigali Genocide Memorial, Rwanda
12:30 **Katharina Friedla,** Hoover Institution at Stanford University, USA
12:45 Video presentation, ESMA Museum and Site of Memory, Argentina
12:55 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

14:00 **The permanent exhibition tour**

16:00 Organizational break
16:30 Białystok guided walking tour
18:00 Dinner

May 20, 2025

Session I – Breaking the Silence

10:00 Welcome

10:05 **Katherine Jolluck**
Blank Spots in the Remembrance of Polish Female Deportees in the USSR during WWII

10:25 **Oscar Twizerimana**
Mechanisms of Transmission of the Intergenerational Effects of Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

10:45 **Hassen Maghdouri**
Therapeutic Approaches of the National Museum of the Mujahid in Addressing Historical Trauma

11:05 Discussion

11:25 Coffee break

Session II – Our Duty of Memory

11:40 **Katharina Friedla**
Voices from the Darkness: Early Witness Testimonies of Polish-Jewish Children and Youth on Their Survival Trajectories of WWII and the Gulag

12:00 **Jakub Nowakowski**
Breaking the Mirror: Holocaust and Genocide Education in South Africa – Opportunities and Challenges

12:20 **Hang Nisay**
Role of Museum in Reconciliation and Peace

12:40 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Session III – The Voices of the Past

13:45 **Juan Fernando Jaramillo Montoya**
Safe Spaces for Testimonial Narration: Methodologies Implemented by Museo Casa de la Memoria to Preserve the Authentic Voice of Victims

14:05 **María Fernanda García Iribarren**
From the Past to the Present: the Museum of Memory and Human Rights and its Challenges for the Future

14:25 **Sylwia Szarejko**
Personal and Postmemory in the Sybir Memorial Museum: the Case of the *Voices from Sybir* Portal

14:45 Discussion

15:05 **Conclusion**

15:30 Organizational break
16:00 Transfer to the city of Supraśl
16:30 Supraśl guided walking tour
18:00 Dinner