



DISARMING HISTORY

Within the scope of celebration of 75th anniversary of Council of Europe and in the wake of 3rd Annual Conference of Observatory on History Teaching in Europe, Belgrade History Teaching Symposium continues its mission of advocating for quality history education and exchange of different innovative education practices among, academics, teachers, educators, and students.

The 3rd Belgrade Symposium **Disarming History** through panel sessions and creative workshops intends to reflect upon history teaching in post-conflict environment, as well as to draw attention on distortion and misuse of history education for political, ideological, and military purposes. The topic is enhanced after the aggression of Russian Federation on Ukraine in 2022, and escalation of long-lasting Israel – Palestine conflict in 2023. Legacy of wars that followed dissolution of Yugoslavia are still challenging topic for history teachers in the Balkans.

The 3rd Belgrade Symposium will create an opportunity to discuss and analyse conceptual, linguistic, didactic, and educational approach dealing with issue of war, peace, promoted militant narratives in history teaching for the first time on regional level.

As a follow-up activity to the symposium, we are excited to announce the **Monumental Challenges International Workshop** on teaching contested histories in Belgrade, scheduled for April 12-14, 2024, in collaboration with EuroClio - European Association of History Educators.

Furthermore, we are excited to announce that the "**Onsite Remembrance Learning**" Toolkit will be publicly released during the 3rd Belgrade History Teaching Symposium. This valuable resource, meticulously developed by teachers from across Serbia, is designed to facilitate meaningful engagement with historical memory sites.

Furthermore, the Students of History Club – Ostrogorski/Belgrade, a member of the International Students of History Association (ISHA), is organizing an **International ISHA seminar in Belgrade** concurrently with our Symposium. Themed "*Places of Memory – Where the Past Becomes the Bridge for the Future,*" the seminar will run parallel to the "Third Belgrade Symposium on History Teaching." Students will actively take part in some of the activities of the Symposium, enriching the discussions on historical education, memory and youth politics.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL 2024

Venue: Rectorate of the Belgrade university (Studentski trg 1)
Languages: English

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch buffet**

13:30-14:00 **registration of the participants** (registered participants and upon invitation only)

14:00-14:30 **Official opening**

- Mr. Janos Babity, head of the CoE Office Belgrade
- H.E. Silvia Davidoiu, Ambassador of Romania in Serbia
- Mr. Danijel Sinani, dean of Faculty of Philosophy (TBC)
- H.E. Edward Ferguson (TBC)

14:30-16:00 **Introductory panel: *Challenges of history teaching in Europe***
with the support of Council of Europe office in Belgrade together with the OHTe

Speakers:

- Ms. Aurora Ailincai, executive director Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTe)/HISTOLAB
- Mr. Raul Carstocea, Vice-Chair of Scientific Advisory Council OHTe, Lecturer in European History, Maynooth University, Ireland
- Ms. Ana Radaković, Vice-Chair of Education for 21st Century

Chair Ms. Mr. Fin Heckert, Project Officer HISTOLAB /OHTe

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

6:30-16:45 **Walk to the Embassy of France** (registered participants and upon invitation only)

Venue: Embassy of France, Gračanička 2, Belgrade

Languages: Traduction simultanée français-anglais / French-English simultaneous interpretation

17:00-18:30 **Opening speech**

- H.E. Pierre Cochard

Second panel: *Disarming history*

Speakers:

- Mr Steffen Sammler, Historian, Georg-Eckert-Institute, Braunschweig, Germany
- Ms Valerie Hannin, Editorial director of the magazine L'Histoire, France
- Mr Slobodan Markovic, Professor at Faculty of Political Sciences Belgrade/ Ratiu Forum/LSE program Ideas, Serbia
- Ms Paula O'Donohoe, Program Director, EuroClio, Netherlands

Chair Mr. John Lotherington, Historian, Ratiu Forum/LSE program Ideas, Great Britain

19:00-20:00 **Public event: Reconciliation through history teaching** with the support of Ambassade de France

Speakers:

- H.E. René TROCCAZ, Ambassadeur, Envoyé spécial pour les Balkans occidentaux, France
- H.E. Anke Konrad, Ambassador of Germany in Serbia
- Mr Marko Šuica, Professor at Faculty of Philosophy Belgrade, Member of Scientific Advisory Council, OHTE

Chair: Ms Maria Branea Ratiu Forum/LSE

20:15 **Cocktail party**

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL 2024

Venue: French Institute Belgrade, Knez Mihailova 31
Languages: Serbian/English

Parallel workshops

9:00-10:30.

Workshop 1 (For participants of the Belgrade History Education Symposium)

Disarming history – regional perspective on war of 90's: History textbooks (Ms Lidija Županić Šuica and Ms. Ana Radakovic, Education for 21st Century)

Venue: Goethe Institute, Knez Mihailova 50, Belgrade
Languages: English only

Workshop 2 (For participants of the Monumental Challenges International Workshop)

Public monuments - mirror of contested histories (Mr. Andreas Holtberget, EuroClio, The Hague and Prof Marko Šuica, Faculty of Philosophy Belgrade University of Belgrade)

10:30-10:35 Walk to the Rectorate of the Belgrade university

Venue: Rectorate of the Belgrade university (Studentski trg 1)
Languages: English

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

Closing session

11:00-11:15 **Report from the workshops**

11:15-12:45 **Round table discussion: Forging Paths to Reconciliation: How Young People Can Overcome the Legacy of Conflicts by Confronting Diverse National Historical Narratives**

- Mr Fynn Heckert Project Officer, HISTOLAB /OHTe
- Mr Igor Mijović, Vice chair, Students history association KSIO, Belgrade, Serbia
- Ms Nadira Ćurulija, RYCO Office, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chair Ms. Marija Bulat, RYCO, Serbia

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH**

Venue/starting point: Plateau of the Faculty of Philosophy, Ćika-Ljubina 18-20, Belgrade
Languages: English only (no interpretation)

16:00-18:00 / **Guided city tour in Belgrade** with the support of Belgrade adventure-Beotura initiative

- Contested monuments of Belgrade
- Controversial murals on 20th Century history
- Layers of history in Kalemegdan

Venue: KC Grad, Braće Krsmanovića 4, Beograd

Languages: Serbian/ English

18:30 dinner – buffet

19h :00: Presentation of the "*Onsite Remembrance learning*" Toolkit (for Serbian participants)