

**10th International Centropa Summer Academy: Vienna – Prague/Terezin – Berlin
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**Teaching 20th Century Jewish-European History and the Holocaust in the 21st Century
A nine-day workshop for 90 educators from 17 countries**

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Day One: Monday, July 4

Meet Centropa, Meet Vienna

12:00 (Sit with Regional Groups.) Program begins with buffet lunch at Diplomatic Akademie.

13:00 Welcome and introduction. Highlights of our nine days together, during which we will study the two following topics:

- 1) The tragedy of Germany and Austria's Jews in the 20th century: what we built, what was taken from us
- 2) Upstanders, Bystanders, and Civil Society

In addition, participants will work on projects based on their elective choices. The elective topics are:

1. The ones who got away: Kindertransports, hidden families, and refugees
2. How Jewish Emigrées shaped Western Culture
3. The Cold War, with an emphasis on 1989: The Fall of the Berlin Wall.
4. Cross-Cultural Projects
5. Video-making and podcasts

13:15 Elective Groups: Meeting One

In this first session, members of each small elective group will get to know one another, including the subject(s) and grad(s)/age(s) you teach, the kind of lesson or project you think you will work on during the elective sessions, and anything about your curriculum that will help others understand your work. You may work on your lessons or projects individually, in pairs, or in small groups.

Facilitators: please keep track of the time and make sure everyone has a chance to speak.

14:00 Icebreaker activity, led by veteran teachers and Centropa staff.

15:00 Coffee break. Walk to the Austria Trend Hotel to check in.

16:30 Tour groups – buses leave hotel.

16:45 Walking tour of Vienna's city center, led by historians. We will start at Heldenplatz, pass Hofburg, walk through Vienna's historic center and visit the Holocaust memorial at Judenplatz. We will also visit the Memorial Against War and Fascism in front of the Albertina Museum.

18:30 Buses leave for dinner.

19:00 Welcome dinner at local Heuriger wine restaurant in the Vienna woods, hosted by the city of Vienna.

Special guests: Silvia Friedrich, City of Vienna, and Claus Raidl, President of the National Bank of Austria.

21:00 Buses leave for hotel.

Day Two: Tuesday, July 5

From a Multi-Ethnic Empire to the Anschluss

Location: Diplomatische Akademie

8:45 Welcome remarks by Ambassador Hans Winkler, Director of the Diplomatische Akademie, Austria's first diplomatic school and now a private university.

9:15 Short introduction to Jews in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, including: Why should we study this? Why should we teach this? Ed Serotta will introduce our short documentary film, *Jewish Soldiers in the Austro-Hungarian Empire*, which deals with the multi-ethnic Habsburg Empire.

Screening of the Centropa film *Only a Couple of Streets Away from Each other* about Kitty and Otto Suschny from Vienna, who will join us on Wednesday. Otto's father was one of many Jewish soldiers who fought for the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the First World War.

Discussion questions: Is this history relevant to your courses and curricula? Why teach this history? How can we make this topic relevant for students today?

<p>10:00 Coffee Break</p>
<p>10:30 Elective Groups: Meeting Two</p> <p>In this session, you will use the Centropa database (www.centropa.org), films, and the Vienna and German Source Books (sent in PDF form prior to the CSA) to begin designing your lessons and projects.</p> <p><i>Those in electives “The Ones Who Got Away” and “Cold War” please spend the first twenty minutes exploring the Centropa database for some moving, powerful stories our interviewees shared with us about fleeing for their lives and about living through the Cold War. You can use the search engine at the top of the home page to search terms such as “refugee” and “flee.”</i></p>
<p>12:00 Historical lecture by Phillip Blom, author of <i>The Vertigo Years: Europe, 1900-1914</i> and <i>Fracture: Life and Culture in the West, 1918-1938</i>.</p> <p>12:45 Q&A.</p>
<p>13:00 Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 Edward Serotta will introduce our panel discussion on “Vergangenheitsbewältigung (coming to terms with the past) in Germany and Austria. Speakers:</p> <p>Hannah Lessing – Director of the Nationalfonds, Austria’s Holocaust Restitution Agency</p> <p>Michaela Spaeth – Deputy Chief of Mission, German Embassy in Vienna</p> <p>14:45 Q&A</p>
<p>15:00 Coffee break.</p> <p>15:30 Participants drop off their computers at the hotel.</p>
<p>16:00 (Tour groups) Buses depart from the hotel for the Jewish Museum. Participants will explore the museum in guided groups. During the guided tour, we recommend that you pay particular attention to the following objects or displays:</p> <p>Lilly Bial’s box from her Kindertransport</p> <p>Julius Brod’s gloves</p> <p>Chanukkiah from Bosnia</p> <p>**Members of the Jewish Emigrees elective group: be sure to visit the special exhibit “Stars of David” about Jewish artists.</p>
<p>18:00 Free evening. Centropa staff will provide directions to the hotel from the Jewish Museum (directions are also available on the CSA website under “Logistics”).</p>
<p>Day Three: Wednesday, July 6</p>
<p>From the <i>Fin de Siècle</i> to the two World Wars: Austria in the 20th Century</p> <p>**Dress for meeting with Centropa seniors</p> <p>8:15 Leave hotel and walk to the Heeresgeschichtliches Museum (Military History Museum).</p> <p>9:00 Arrive at the Heeresgeschichtliches Museum where Edward Serotta will discuss the outbreak of the First World War – right in front of the car in which Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated on 28 June 1914 in Sarajevo. Participants will then have 30 minutes to view some of the other displays.</p>

9:50 Participants walk to the Belvedere Museum, one of Vienna’s grandest Baroque palaces. Built as a summer residence for Prince Eugen of Savoy, the Belvedere later served as the residence of Franz Ferdinand and his wife. In 1955, the treaty that reestablished Austria as a sovereign state was signed in the Belvedere. Today it houses the world’s largest collection of paintings by Gustav Klimt, the most prominent member of the famous Vienna Secession Movement.

10:15 Guided tour of the Belvedere Museum, where we will focus on three paintings by Gustav Klimt.

11:15 Walk back from the museum to the Diplomatische Akademie.

11:30 Arrive at the Diplomatische Akademie. Coffee and water available.

11:45 Meet 30 elderly Viennese Jews Centropa interviewed between 2001 and 2010.

Note: participants will be assigned to groups for speaking with seniors based on languages spoken. We will make sure you know your group in advance.

12:30 Lunch at the Diplomatische Akademie with our elderly interviewees. Invited guests include the Israeli, German, and Ukrainian ambassadors to Austria. Ambassador Daniel Baer, the United States’ Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE), will speak.

14:30 Session – Refugees Then, Refugees Now: Making History Relevant for Today’s Students

Sonia Feiger from the Austrian-Jewish NGO Shalom Alaikum will discuss the organization’s work with refugees today, and Nance Adler from the Jewish Day School in Seattle will talk about her students’ involvement raising funds. We will also share the story of Anthony Ludwig’s students raising and sending money to help Syrian refugees through Shalom Alaikum.

15:00 Q&A

15:15 Centropa film screening: *The Past is Another Country*. It tells the story of Leo Luster, who was born in Vienna and deported to Terezin and Auschwitz, and has lived in Israel since the late 1940s.

15:45 Israeli teacher Lowell Blackman will present how he uses this film in class.

16:15 Coffee break.

16:45 Elective Groups: Meeting Three.

18:00 Free evening. We encourage you to have dinner with your international groups.

Day Four: Thursday, July 7

A Visit to Prague

07:45 Please be sure to finish breakfast and check out of the hotel by 07:45.

08:00 Buses depart for Prague.

13:00 Buffet lunch in Prague.

14:00 (Tour groups) Visit to the New Jewish Cemetery, where Franz Kafka and Rafael Schächter, one of the organizers of Jewish life in the Theresienstadt Ghetto, are buried.

15:00 Buses depart from cemetery.

15:30 Check in at Hotel B&B.

17:00 (Tour groups) Walking tour through Stare Mesto.
19:00 Reception at the Austrian Ambassador's residence with a light buffet dinner. Welcome remarks from Ambassador Dr. Alexander Grubmayr.
20:15 Free evening. Enjoy Prague, and please return to the hotel on their own. Staff can provide directions.
Day Five: Friday, July 8
<p>Terezin and Berlin</p> <p>*Passports needed for the synagogue in the evening.</p> <p>* Shabat dinner at the end of the day – dress appropriately.</p> <p>07:30 Check out and finish breakfast.</p> <p>07:45 Buses depart from the hotel for Terezin.</p>
<p>09:00 (Tour groups) You will be split into three groups for a guided walking tour of the former Theresienstadt Ghetto.</p> <p>11:00 Survivors of Terezin Dagmar Lieblova and Doris Grozdanovičova will join us. We will watch Centropa's film about Dagmar Lieblova, one of Centropa's interviewees. Mrs. Lieblova will answer questions after the film.</p>
12:30 Buses depart for Berlin. You will receive lunch bags.
16:30 Check in at Hotel Berlin.
<p>18:15 Buses will take us to Shabbat services in Berlin-Charlottenburg.</p> <p>19:00 Shabbat services at the Pestalozzi Street Synagogue, the last classic German liberal service with the liturgy composed by Cantor Lewandowski. We will then walk to our dinner venue.</p>
20:30 Shabbat dinner at Filmbühne am Steinplatz.
22:00 Return to hotel by bus.
Day Six: Saturday, July 9
<p>Free morning. For those observing the Sabbath, we will gladly provide information about where to go for morning services and where to obtain glatt kosher meals.</p> <p>Lunch on your own.</p>
<p>13:00 (Regional groups) How to use Centropa's German Source Book in your classroom.</p> <p>Meet at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Academy. Edward Serotta will spend 15 minutes introducing you to how to navigate the German Source Book to show you the many types of resources available for you to use in class.</p> <p>13:15 You will then meet in your regional groups to discuss the various activities and types of lessons you can create using the Source Book materials, from the list of dates to the Important Figures, Quotes, articles, and interview excerpts. Regional groups with more than 7 participants, please break up into smaller groups according to the subject and/or grade or age you teach. At least one person</p>

should take notes.

13:45 Small groups share their ideas for using the Source Book with the rest of the participants. Moderated by US teacher Sarah Martin from Baltimore, Maryland.

14:15 Elective Groups: Meeting Four

Coffee break with snacks. Continue to design your lessons and projects. Spend this time finalizing your lesson or project ideas so that you can present a strong lesson or project to your small elective groups at the next meeting. Projects don't have to be completely finished, but your group members should be able to get a clear idea of the arc of your lesson, its goals, the resources you will use, and at least some of the activities included in it.

15:30 Buses depart for the Brandenburg Gate.

16:00 We will visit the Berlin Holocaust memorial.

16:15 After viewing the memorial, we will visit the underground Information Center of the memorial. After a short introduction by a representative of the Memorial, participants will explore the exhibition on their own.

17:00 We often hear from teachers that they would like time to reflect about and process their visit to Holocaust memorial sites, so we invite you to meet in a separate seminar room we have reserved to discuss your responses to the Holocaust memorial and the exhibition and consider if there is any way to use this site in your classes.

17:30 Buses leave for the Jewish Museum.

18:00 Participants will have up to two hours to explore the Jewish Museum on their own (it closes at *pm). For members of the following electives, Centropa recommends that you focus on and study these objects:

Kindertransports:

- Lower floor section with Axis of Exile and Axis of Holocaust
- Upper floor: film on Kindertransport by Deborah Oppenheimer, letters from Kindertransports
- Children's corner: "What would you take with you?"

Jewish Emigrees:

- Upper floor section on Weimar Culture (Scientists: Paul Ehrlich, Albert Einstein, Fritz Haber, etc.)
- Jewish artists in the early 20th century, in particular Weimar-era cinema: *Menschen am Sonntag*, a silent film (1929) directed by the Siodmak brothers, screenplay by Billy Wilder, cinematography by Fred Zinneman (*High Noon*); "degenerate" art in Berlin – KaDeWe and Hertie
- Interactive map about exile

20:00 Free evening – enjoy Berlin by night! Participants will return to the hotel on their own. Centropa staff will provide directions (directions to the hotel from the Jewish Museum are also available on the CSA website under "Logistics").

Day Seven: Sunday, July 10

Berlin: From the Second World War to the Cold War

08:15 Buses depart.

08:45 Arrive at the Soviet War Memorial in Berlin-Treptow, the vast Stalinist memorial park built in honor of the more than 70,000 Soviet soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Berlin in 1945. After some introductory remarks by Edward Serotta, you will have 30 minutes to explore the site.

09:40 Buses depart.

10:00 Arrive at the German-Russian Museum in Berlin in Berlin-Karlshorts, located on the historic site of the surrender of the German Armed Forces on 8 May 1945, thus marking the end of the Second World War in Europe. The museum is maintained by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Russian Federation. Participants will explore, on their own, the permanent exhibition on the Second World War, which focuses on the war of annihilation against the USSR.

*Note: Tour groups – we will have to see the museum in our tour groups, each starting in a different part of the museum, due to its size, but there will be no tour guide. Group A will start with the historical rooms (the Shukov office); Group B will start with Chapter 1 on the upper floor; Group C will begin at the end.

11:20 Buses depart

11:50 Arrive at the Berlin Wall Memorial, the central memorial site of the division of Germany. Located in the middle of the capital and situated at the historic site of Bernauer Strasse, it extends along 1.4 kilometers of the former border strip. The memorial contains a standing piece of the Berlin Wall with the preserved grounds behind it and is thus able to convey an impression of how the border fortifications developed until the end of the 1980s.

When we arrive, we will gather for 20 minutes of introductory remarks, and then you will have 30 minutes on your own to explore the site and the adjacent museum.

12:45 Buses depart.

13:15 (International groups) Lunch at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Academy, where we will hold our afternoon workshop. We suggest you take this opportunity to meet in your international groups.

14:15 Elective Group: Meeting Five

Meet in small elective groups so each participant can briefly present his or her lesson or project. After presenting, other group members will provide feedback, suggestions, activity or organization ideas, and generally offer help and support.

Each small group must then nominate ONE project to submit to Centropa staff to potentially be presented to the entire CSA on our last day. Centropa staff will review all of the submitted projects and choose one from each elective topic for presentation. On Monday, we will notify those who submitted their lessons of our selection, and everyone will have one last session to either work on their presentation or finalize their lesson for submission to Centropa staff.

Please send submissions for presentation in the following format:

Subject line: Presentation Submission: [Name of Elective]

(Example: Presentation Submission: Cold War)

Body of the e-mail should include:

Small group: names of the people in your small elective group
Name of the person who wrote the lesson plan (should be on the submission as well)
Name of course the lesson is for:
Age of students the lesson is for:
Lesson attachment

Send presentation submissions to:

Lauren Granite (granite@centropa.org)
Fabian Ruehle (ruehle@centropa.org)
Marcell Kenesei (kenesei@centropa.org)
Your elective coordinator

15:30 Karen Ettinger from the National Library of Israel (NLI), our partner for our Israeli teacher training programs, will speak about the work of the NLI and about its primary sources for teachers and students. The NLI trains teachers to use primary sources and new technologies in their classrooms. Centropa is fortunate to work with the NLI. Followed by a Q&A.

16:00 Coffee break. Karen Ettinger from NLI will meet with the Israeli, South African, CJN, and American Jewish school teachers to discuss how their schools can benefit from NLI materials. All other participants will have a regular coffee break.

16:30 Marketplace of ideas: Selected teachers will share their Centropa lessons with the rest of the participants. The goal of this session is to spur conversation among participants and to learn about new projects.

17:30 As an introduction to our walking tour on Monday morning, we will show two Centropa films about Germany:

- 1) *Living with History* about Rosa Rosenstein, who grew up in interwar Berlin and escaped from Germany in 1933 (the walking tour will also be based on her interview).
- 2) Our brand new film on the Jews from the Moselle valley region.

18:30 Participants return to the hotel.

Free evening.

Day Eight: Monday, July 11

Jewish Berlin

08:15 *Bring your passport!* Buses will take us to Oranienburger Strasse for our walking tour through the historic Jewish quarter of Berlin, following the stories of our Centropa interviewees Hillel Kempler and Rosa Rosenstein.

08:45 (Tour groups) Walking tour starts at Oranienburger Strasse/Monbijou Park. Participants will be split into four groups. Centropa will provide water bottles.

We will start our walking tour on Tucholskystrasse, then head to Auguststrasse to visit the former Jewish Girls' School. We will also pass the site of the former Jewish orphanage and learn about how the orphans were smuggled out of Berlin in the late 1930s. We will visit the old Jewish cemetery where Moses Mendelssohn is buried and learn about Regina Jonas, the first female rabbi, who had been all but forgotten until recently. She was one of the rabbis of the Oranienburger Strasse

Synagogue. She was deported to Terezin and then sent to her death at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Along the way, we'll read excerpts from the two Centropa interviews set on these very streets.

10:45 Groups arrive at the Centrum Judaicum, once the largest synagogue in Berlin, and participants will tour the museum on their own. SA men tried to destroy this synagogue during the *Reichspogromnacht* in November 1938 but a police officer demanded that the fire brigade douse the flames. The synagogue was destroyed by Allied bombs during the Second World War. It was then left in ruins until being rebuilt at the end of the 1980s.

11:30 All groups meet at the buses on Oranienburger Strasse.

11:40 Buses depart for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, another of our long-term partners in Germany.

12:00 (Regional groups) Buffet lunch at the headquarters of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

13:00 Welcome remarks by Matthias Jobelius, the new head of the department for Central and Eastern Europe at FES.

13:15 Session: "When Civil Society Fails and when it Succeeds: Understanding Post-Communist Transformation in the Balkans and Central and Eastern Europe."

We will start this session with the screening of the 12-minute Centropa film *Survival in Sarajevo* with introduction by Edward Serotta.

Liz Goodloe from South Carolina will present how she has used this film with her students.

14:00 Alison Smale, head of the *New York Times's* Berlin office, will introduce the international panelists for our discussion on "Understanding Post-Communist Transformation in the Balkans."

Panelists:

Jakob Finci – former Ambassador and current President of the Jewish Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Žarko Korać – Member of the Serbian Parliament

Erich Rathfelder – Journalist and Balkan specialist for the German daily *Taz*

Each panelist will speak for 15 minutes.

15:00 Q&A moderated by Alison Smale.

15:30 Coffee break.

16:00 Alison Smale will introduce the second session, during which we will discuss the Euromaidan movement in Ukraine.

Speakers:

Katerina Bosko – Research Centre for East European Studies, University of Bremen

Wilfrid Jilge – German Council of Foreign Relations

17:15 Q&A moderated by Ronen Kandel from Ramat Hasharon, Israel.

17:30 Elective Groups: Final Meeting

Those presenting on Tuesday: please use this time to finalize your presentation. Those not presenting: please put the elective lesson or project you created into the Centropa format, found here: <http://www.centropa.org/teaching-materials/centropa-lesson-guidelines>. Please sent them to Fabian (ruehle@centropa.org), Lauren (granite@centropa.org) and Marcell (kenesei@centropa.org),

18:30 Buffet dinner at FES.

19:30 Participants return to the hotel on their own.

Day Nine: Tuesday, July 12

***Note: Please bring passports.**

09:00 Buses depart from the hotel.

09:15 Arrival and registration at Alfred Herrhausen Society Deutsche Bank, Charlottenstrasse 37-39.

09:45 Welcome remarks by Dr. Claudia Huber of the Alfred Herrhausen Society.

10:00 Final Presentations, Part 1: Participants from the following elective groups will present their lessons:

“The Ones Who Got Away: Kindertransports, Hidden Families and Refugees”

“Jewish Emigrées”

“Video-Making and Podcasts” (2-3 videos/podcasts)

Each presenter (except videos and podcasts) will have 15 minutes to present with 5 minutes for questions or comments.

11:30 Coffee break.

12:00 Panel discussion on the changing identity of Berlin since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Panelists:

Dr. Sylke Tempel – Editor-in-Chief of the German journal *Internationale Politik*

Tim Renner – Berlin State Secretary for Cultural Affairs

13:00 Q&A with our panelists.

13:15 Lunch.

14:15 Final Presentations, Part 2: Participants from the following elective groups will present their lessons:

“Cold War”

“Cross-Cultural Projects”

“Video-Making and Podcasts” (2-3 videos/podcasts)

Each presenter (except videos and podcasts) will have 15 minutes to present with 5 minutes for questions or comments.

15:30 Coffee break.

16:00 Final discussion: “What to Keep, What to Change.”

During this session, Centropa will collect feedback from all participants about the CSA. We will ask you to meet in regional groups then share your collective feedback with everyone.

17:00 We will walk to the German Foreign Office for our final event.

(Tour groups) On our way we will visit Bebelplatz where on 10 May 1933, 40,000 people gathered for one of the most infamous Nazi book burnings orchestrated by Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels. As part of this campaign, German students burned more than 25,000 books by Jewish (and other non-Aryan) pacifist, classical liberal, anarchist, socialist, and communist authors – all of which they considered “un-German” and subversive. In many towns all over Germany, students marched in torch-lit parades and threw books into the bonfires. We will see the book burning memorial at Bebelplatz, which was designed in 1995 by Israeli artist Micha Ullman.

We will then cross Unter den Linden Boulevard and visit the Neue Wache memorial. Designed by the most famous German classicist architect, Karl Friedrich Schinkel, it houses a sculpture by Käthe Kollwitz and a rather ambiguous dedication – “To the victims of war and tyranny.” We will also pass by the construction site of the Hohenzollern Palace, currently under reconstruction, and, across from it, Schinkel’s largest building, the Altes Museum.

17:50 Arrive at the German Foreign Office, formerly the Reichsbank. Please make sure you have your passport for the security check.

18:20 Meet with Felix Klein from the German Foreign Office for an official reception and discussion of the political crisis in Ukraine, as well as how Germany and the US have made Ukraine a priority in their foreign affairs. Ukrainian, Israeli, and American diplomats have been invited.

18:35 Israeli teacher Ettie Abraham will read excerpts from *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Israeli author Amos Oz about Jewish life in Rivne (in what is now Ukraine) before the Second World War.

18:50 Edward Serotta will speak about Operation Barbarossa and the destruction of Jewish life in Ukraine during the Second World War.

19:00 Screening of Centropa film *Return to Rivne* about two Jewish girls – Shelly and Raya – from Rivne, Ukraine who were hidden during the war by their Ukrainian neighbors.

19:30 Q&A with Shelley Weiner, our very special guest from North Carolina whose life story is portrayed in the film.

20:00 Final dinner.

21:00 Return to the hotel by bus. End of the program!

Day Ten: Wednesday, July 13

Participants depart.