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**Council of Europe  
Topography of Terror Foundation  
Shoah Memorial**

**Workshop for Journalists in Paris and Berlin**

**Dates:** November 5 to 10, 2011

**Location:** Topography of Terror Foundation, Berlin  
Shoah Memorial, Paris

**Number of participants:** 16 international journalists + 4 from Berlin

**History Media (all kinds of media, TV, journals, Web)**

**Language:** English / French, German with English interpreters

**Preparation:** Questionnaire in advance –important dates in the national histories of the participants and their public coverage, organization regarding which events they would like to participate in on November 9.

**Title:**

**Commemorating conflicting historical events:  
The 9th of November in Germany  
(1918 – 1923 – 1938 – 1989)**

**Workshop goals:**

- To foster an exchange about media coverage of important historical dates in Europe.
- To give background information about significant dates in Germany history (specifically November 9). How can the different events be addressed without minimizing the importance of each one, especially November 9, 1938 as an important step in the process of persecuting and killing Jews during the Nazi-regime.
- To provide the opportunity to participate in different events on November 9 and be involved in Berlin media coverage, particularly of events related to “Kristallnacht.”
- To generate information about propaganda, the use of pictures, and caricatures (through the lectures and workshop).

- To think about the responsibility of the media in preventing crimes against humanity.

## PARIS

### **Saturday, November 5, 2011**

Arrival in Paris

Welcome dinner (with representatives of the Shoah Memorial, Topography of Terror and the Council of Europe) and introduction of participants

### **Sunday, November 6, 2011**

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| 9:00  | Welcome at the Shoah Memorial by Jacques Fredj, Director   |
| 9:30  | Lecture and discussion<br><i>The Holocaust, a European tragedy between centrality and trivialization</i><br>Georges Bensoussan, historian, Editor-in-Chief of Revue d'Histoire de la Shoah, Shoah Memorial |
| 11.00 | Coffee break   |
| 11.15 | Visit of the Shoah Memorial  |
| 12.30 | Lunch  |
| 14.00 | <u>Lecture and discussion</u><br><i>Antisemitism: history and present (the role of the media)</i><br>Joël Kotek, Professor of Political Science, Free University of Brussels                               |
| 15.15 | Coffee break   |
| 15.30 | <u>Lecture and discussion</u><br><i>Victims and perpetrators: how to establish a new democracy when dealing with history?</i><br>Thomas Lutz, Topography of Terror   |
| 16.45 | Coffee break   |
| 17.00 | <u>Round Table</u>   |

*Media confronted to Genocides from the Holocaust to today: responsibilities and challenges?*

Introduced and chaired by Iannis Roder, historian, coordinator of training, Shoah Memorial

With Patrick de Saint-Exupéry OR Laure de Vulpian (Journalists, Rwanda) and Alain Finkielkraut OR Pascal Bruckner (Philosophers)

20.00 Reception /Dinner with round-table participants

### **Monday, November 7**

9.00 Lecture and discussion  
*Who were victims? Tentative of typology of Nazi policies of persecution*  
Tal Bruttman, historian, City of Grenoble

10.30 Coffee Break

10.45 Lecture and discussion  
*Israel, Zionism and the Holocaust: what are the connections?*  
Georges Bensoussan, historian, Editor-in-Chief of Revue d'Histoire de la Shoah, Shoah Memorial

12.15 Lunch

13.45 Lecture and discussion  
*How and why comparing genocides? Armenians, Jews, Tutsi*  
Yves Ternon, historian, Sorbonne University, Shoah Memorial

15.30 – 16.00 closing session

### **LATE AFTERNOON Departure to Berlin**

Arrival in Berlin

20:00 Welcome Dinner

## BERLIN

**Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

- 9:00 Guided visit to the new exhibition "Topography of Terror"
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Lecture and discussion  
"The significance of the 9th of November in German history (1918, 1923, 1938, 1989)"  
  
Reinhard Rürup, Prof. em., former Director of Research, ToT
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Exchange - Perceptions of participants as regards important national memorial days concerning the Nazi past, Wars, Liberation Movements, etc.
- 14:30 Workshops:
- The use of historical pictures
  - The importance of propaganda for the Nazi-regime
- 16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 Lecture and discussion  
"Europe's myths and national memorial days"  
  
Hefried Münkeler, Prof. Human Sciences, Humboldt-University, Berlin
- 18:00 Lecture and discussion  
"August 23: The European day to commemorate all crimes?"  
  
Thomas Lutz, Topography of Terror
- 19:00 Meeting with Ambassador Victoria Zimmermann von Siefarth, German Foreign Office, responsible for the cooperation with Jewish organizations

regarding Nazi history

### **Wednesday, November 9, 2011<sup>1</sup>**

- 9:00            The Berlin Wall and the events of November 9, 1989  
Visit to the exhibition in the Bernauer Strasse Memorial, participation in  
the official event to remember the fall of the wall in 1989
- 11:00            Coffee break
- 11:30            Preparation for participation in other events, commemoration ceremonies
- 12:00            Covering “Kristallnacht” anniversary events  
(possibly together with Berlin media)
- Walk to the “Memorial for the murdered Jews of Europe,” discussion with  
Uwe Neumärker (Director)
- 19:00            Dinner
- 20:00            Plenary  
Reports and Evaluation of the different meetings

### **Thursday, November 10, 2011**

- 9:00            Lecture and discussion  
“The media’s public responsibility to cover history in an accurate manner”  
  
*Carsten Heye, former speaker for Chancellor Schröder; or a prominent  
representative of a public TV-channel*
- 10:30            Coffee Break
- 11:00            Lecture and discussion

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<sup>1</sup> The intension of the day is to participate and reflect on different anniversary and commemoration ceremonies connected with the 9<sup>th</sup> of November anniversaries, especially the “Kristallnacht” 1938 and the fall of the wall 1989. The exact program on this day depends on the events covered and the possibility to work together with German media.

“Journalists under Nazism”

Dr Wolf Kaiser, Haus der Wannsee Konferenz

12:00 “The new CoE cross cutting program “Passing On the Remembrance of the Holocaust and Prevention of crimes against Humanity” and the results of the campaign “*Speak out against discrimination*”

Dr Carole Reich, Program Chief, General Direction IV, Council of Europe

12:30 Final evaluation of the program

13:00 Lunch

Optional: Visit of the “Haus der Wannsee Konferenz”

Afterwards Participants depart