

# IBLS Workshop “The Shoah in European Memory”

## Budapest, May 5-6, 2025

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### Program

#### *Monday, May 5*

- 9:00 Welcome, opening lecture (László Munteán), division of groups, Q/A  
Location: IBIS Styles Budapest Center (1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 58), seminar room
- 10:30 Start of walking tour (we'll visit memorials and several sites of significance on foot. There will be an approximately 40-minute lunch break and a surprise activity at the end)
- 17:30 Free time
- 19:00 Dinner at <https://nagyfatalkonyhaja.hu/en/menu/>  
Address: 1052 Budapest, Kígyó utca 4.

#### *Tuesday, May 6*

- 9:45 Guided tour of the Holocaust Memorial Center Budapest: <https://hdke.hu/en/>  
Meeting at the main entrance: 1094 Budapest, Páva St. 39.
- 12:00 Free time and lunch
- 13:45 Individual tour in the House of Terror: <https://www.terrorhaza.hu/en>  
Meeting at the main entrance: 1062 Budapest, Andrásy út 60.
- 15:45 Students working on group projects
- 17:00 Group presentations and plenary discussion  
Location: IBIS Styles Budapest Center (1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 58), seminar room
- 19:00 Conclusion of the workshop

### Group assignments

Your task is to prepare a ppt or poster presentation of a maximum of 8 minutes as a critical reflection on our visit to the two museums. While your presentation may compare the two museums through a particular lens, you may also choose to focus only on one of them. You will sign up for a group after the opening lecture on Monday. In your presentations, please address the focal points listed next to the group of your choice. The lecturers will provide assistance should you have any questions while preparing your presentations.

**Hotel accommodation** from Sunday, May 4 to Wednesday, May 7, 2025

### Transportation from the airport to the city center

Please study the following website for detailed information on how to get from the airport to the city center at

[https://www.bud.hu/en/passengers/transport/public\\_transportation/budapest\\_public\\_transportation](https://www.bud.hu/en/passengers/transport/public_transportation/budapest_public_transportation)

It is advisable to choose either of the following two options:

- **Bus 200E** to Kőbánya Kispest metro station, and from there, take the blue line to Deák Ferenc tér, then the red line to Blaha Lujza tér to get to the hotel. You can buy your ticket in advance in the public transportation app (see next point).
- **Bus 100E** (this is a direct line to the city center, and you need to buy a separate ticket to use it). If you get off at Kálvin tér, you can take the bus or simply walk to the hotel.

### Transportation in Budapest

Please visit the website of the Budapest transportation company at <https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/budapestgo/>

You can download the app and buy the ticket/pass you need. It is advisable to buy a 72-hour pass for the duration of the workshop.

### Optional Reading

For a 'thematic immersion' into the workshop, you may read the following texts (or some of them) made available in pdf.

General introduction to the history of the Holocaust in Hungary:

- Frojimovics, Kinga. "The Special Characteristics of the Holocaust in Hungary, 1938-1945." The Routledge History of the Holocaust. Jonathan C. Friedman (ed). Routledge: London, 2010.

Commemoration and Memorials:

- Downing, Jamie L. and Jonathan S. Carter. "Budapest's Living Memorial and the Reperformance of Countermemory." *Western Journal of Communication* 86.1 (2022): 103-127.
- Kovács, Henriett and Mindler-Steiner, L. "Hungary and the Distortion of Holocaust Memory: The Hungarian Holocaust Memorial Year of 2014." *Politics in Central Europe* 11.2 (2015): 49-72.
- Sodaro, Amy. *Exhibiting Atrocity: Memorial Museums and the Politics of Past Violence*. New Brunswick, Rutgers UP, 2018, Chapter 1, "Memorial Museums: The Emergence of a New Form," pp. 12-29. Chapter 3, "The House of Terror: 'The Only One of Its Kind'" pp. 58-83.

