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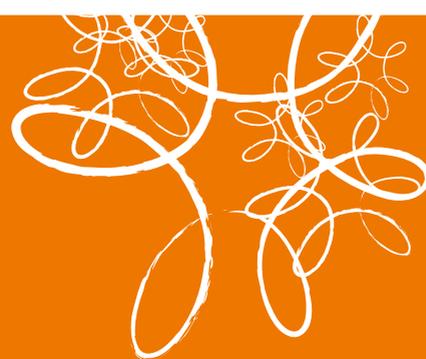


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The Holocaust forms a crucial chapter in European history, as well as a central issue in the contemporary European politics of memory. Today, researching the Holocaust, educating about the Holocaust and remembering the Holocaust remain a common European intellectual duty.

Holocaust and Genocide Studies form a cross-disciplinary field of scholarly inquiry for historians, lawyers, philosophers, psychologists as well as sociologists. As a field, the Holocaust and Genocide Studies are not limited to the events of the Second World War, but have taken a comprehensive interest into questions tied to the human rights and discrimination of minorities within societies, contributing directly to both foreign and domestic policy formation.

For the Finnish Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Finnish experience in the Second World War forms a natural and unique

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starting point, from which to set about tackling the questions in the whole field. Finland's particular experience differs from those countries forcefully attached to the post-war Soviet bloc as well as from those who adopted the Western security solution. The Finnish experience is one of periphery; her war-time alliance with Nazi Germany and her difficult post-war situation as a Soviet tributary combine to produce a still largely untapped field for scholarly inquiry into the Finnish relationship to the Holocaust.

The summer course introduces students to the field of the international Holocaust and Genocide Studies. As key speakers, the course will host such highly respected senior scholars as Cecilie Stokholm Banke, Alain Goldschlager and Wichert ten Have. The course also gives a unique opportunity to discuss advanced students' or junior researchers' own fields of interest.

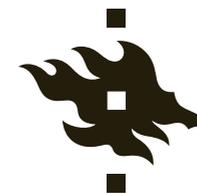
Participants are encouraged to contact the organizers if they would like to present their own work in the workshops of the programme. The successful completion of the course will require classroom attendance and active participation in the workshops as well as the completion of a written assignment. To receive the six ECTS credits, the students must actively take part in the course and write a 10–12 page essay. In addition to active participation, the students who wish to receive 10 ECTS credits must submit a 20–25 page essay. All students should submit their essays to the organization not later than one month after the conclusion of the course.

The department of World Cultures at the University of Helsinki has already been in cooperation with the Dutch-Nordic Network for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in preparation to launch the first systematic research effort into the Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Finland. The network is a research community consisting of North-European research organizations specializing in Holocaust-, genocide- and minority studies. The summer school will be

organized together with the network partners.

## Excursion: The Holocaust in the Baltic Area

While Finland remained largely outside the area where Nazi atrocities were put into effect, the Holocaust did unfold in territories very close to Finland, and in areas where Finland had traditional interests. The course programme is designed to raise the students' awareness of close areas for comparison. The programme includes an excursion into the killing sites in Estonia, the Klooga concentration camp and Tallinn central prison in Estonia. The participants have to pay an additional fee of €65 for the excursion.



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