

CALL FOR PAPERS

ICMEMO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

“How Memorial Museums address issues of Displacement, Refugees and Education on Genocide Prevention”

Yerevan, Armenia

The ICMEMO 2021 conference in Yerevan will address the role of museums, memorial sites and institutions in educating about genocide and identifying the warning signs of potential violence against vulnerable populations, as well as addressing denial. The conference will include joint sessions and cultural events with ICTOP – ICOM’s committee for Training of Museum Professionals.

LIST OF THEMES

The framework of the conference will include four sessions organized around the following general topics:

1. Genocide and Justice

- Genocide and law: Historical trajectory. Legal aspects. Acceptable terminology.
- International courts: their failings and successes.
- Museums and restorative justice: repatriation of cultural properties.
- Museums, human rights, and excluded communities.

2. Genocide Education and Populations at Risk

- Public commemoration as a component of social education in Museums.
- Role of museums in genocide prevention and in confronting denial.
- Training and public education strategies in museums: alternative methods, new technologies, art, workshops for students.
- Use of social media, distance education and mapping technology. Web strategies in Museums. Memory and the digital world: New opportunities and challenges. Issues of privacy and respect of victims.

3. Representing the Displaced

- New approaches, transformation, challenges.
- Balance between political activism and culture.
- Intergenerational transmission. Reconciliation. Memorialisation and trauma.
- The migration of persecuted populations: Displacement and refugees interpreted in museums; the legacy of migrants and memory of migration.

4. The Future of Memorial Museums in Promoting Human Rights

- Raising awareness through museum exhibitions on human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination.
- Museums of diasporas: displaying dispersed cultural heritages and issues of identity in the diaspora.
- Engaging audiences through untold stories, interactive exhibits, and calls to action.
- Creative partnerships with other museums, non-profits, and NGOs.

In addition to papers and panels, the organizers encourage other modes of presentation, including workshops, roundtable discussions, film screenings, book presentations, cultural media and artistic works/readings.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must be original and not simultaneously submitted to another journal or conference. The application format should include:

- Name(s) of Author(s) - Affiliation(s), e-mail address(es) and full address(es)
- Title
- Abstract (250 words maximum).
- Biography of the applicant (100 words maximum).

Submissions should be in English. Presentation time limit is 15-20 minutes. Please identify any technical requirements for the presentation. All presenters must be ICOM members. Please note that ICMEMO membership is free but you will need to join ICOM.

Deadline for proposals: March 30th, 2021

Announcement of accepted proposals: April 30th, 2021

Deadline for Speaker confirmation of participation: May 15th, 2021

Please email the completed submission to the Conference Organizational Committee at: icmemo2020yerevan@gmail.com

The quality and relevance of the applications will be assessed by the Conference Evaluation Committee. ICMEMO 2020 proceedings will be published, more information to follow.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

Before September 2021

- ICOM members 150 €
- Non-ICOM members 200 €

After September 2021

- ICOM members 175 €
- Non-ICOM members 225 €

The sponsoring institutions will cover registration costs for all accepted speakers. You may apply for a partial grant towards accommodation and travel costs. Priority will be given to selected participants coming from countries in Categories 3 & 4.

Please refer to the ICOM Country Categories grid available on the following address:

https://icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018_ICOM_Country_Categories_EN.pdf

Announcements to accepted speakers will detail further information on the application process.

OPEN CALL: 25th February 2020

PROPOSALS SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 30th March 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTED PROPOSALS: 30th April 2021

DEADLINE FOR SPEAKER CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION: 15th May 2021

FULL TEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 30th June 2021

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