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## International Conference

### on the Holocaust, Genocides, and Mass Atrocities: Remembering the Past to Safeguard the Future

Friday 25/2

<b>14.30-15.00</b>	<p><b><u>Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p><b>Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Niki Kerameus</b></p> <p><b>His Eminence Metropolitan of Messinia, Chrysostomos</b></p> <p><b>Ambassador of Israel to the Hellenic Republic, Yossi Amrani</b></p> <p><b>U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, Geoffrey R. Pyatt</b></p> <p><b>Chair of IHRA, Georgios Polydorakis</b></p> <p><b>CEO of American Jewish Committee, David Harris</b></p>	
<b>15.00-15.45</b>	<p><b>Mark Weitzman, Chief Operating Officer, World Jewish Restitution Organization</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <p>"Why the Past Matters: The Holocaust and the Struggle over History in a Fractured World"</p>

**15.45-16.00 Coffee break**



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16.00-17.30	<i>Future-proofing our policy toolbox against atrocities. Never forget- Never again!</i> <b>Moderator: Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Member of the European Parliament- President of Transatlantic Friends of Israel</b>
	<b>Dani Dayan, Chairman of Yad Vashem</b>
	<b>Rabbi Andrew Baker, AJC Director of International Jewish Affairs</b>
	<b>Jennifer Ciardelli, Director, Initiative on the Holocaust and Professional Leadership, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</b>
	<b>William Spence Spencer, Executive Director, Institute for International Law and Human Rights</b>

17.30-17.45 Coffee break

17.45-18.00	<b>Zanet Battinou, Director of the Jewish Museum of Greece</b>	“Thoughts on Holocaust Education in Greece”  <b>(online presentation)</b>
18.00-18.30	<b><u>Award Ceremony “8<sup>th</sup> Students’ Video Creation Contest”</u></b>  <b>Victor Eliezer, Secretary General of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece</b>  <b>Makis Matsas, President of the Jewish Museum of Greece</b>	

20.00

Dinner



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**Saturday 26/2**

**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

<b>14.00- 15.30</b>	<b><i>The anthropo-geography of the Holocaust</i></b> <b>Moderator: Photini Tomai, Ambassador ad.h., former HoD of Greece: IHRA, ITS, ESLI</b>	
	<b>His Eminence Metropolitan of Messinia, Chrysostomos</b>	“The ethos of Orthodoxy versus the Holocaust and the Genocides”
	<b>Photini Tomai - Constantopoulou, Ambassador ad.h., former HoD of Greece: IHRA, ITS, ESLI</b>	“Rescuers: Gender, class origin, age and profession of Greek Christians who rescued their co-citizens Jews”
	<b>Hannah Miriam Lessing, Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism</b>	“Different faces of persecution – drawing lessons from Austria's Nazi Past”

**15.30-15.45 Coffee break**

<b>15.45- 17.45</b>	<b><i>Genocides and Mass Atrocities</i></b> <b>Moderator: Bruno Boyer, Head of International Relations Memorial de la Shoah</b> <b>Speakers</b>	
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	<b>Dr. Taner Akçam, History Department Clark University USA</b>	“The Genocide in Anatolia from 1913 to 1924”
	<b>Marco Gonzalez, Director of Yahad-in Unum</b>	“Yazidi Genocide: the gray zone of a modern genocide”
	<b>Hussein Kassim Hasoon, Advisor on Yezidi Affairs to the Kurdistan Region President</b>	“The Yazidi Genocide from the Inside”

**17.45-18.00 Coffee break**

<b>18.00-19.30</b>	<b><i>Memorializing and shaping the future</i></b> <b>Moderator: Elpida Oikonomidi, Journalist</b>	
	<b>Dr. Angelos Syrigos, Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Associate Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy</b>	“The legal definition of genocide: from practice to theory”
	<b>Dr. Robert Williams, Deputy Director, International Affairs, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</b>	“The dynamics of antisemitism in IHRA member countries”
	<b>Dr. Laura Cohen, Executive Director, Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center, Queensborough Community College</b>	“Memorializing Atrocity, Personalizing Memory”



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**20.00 Dinner**

**Sunday 27/2**

**9.00- 14.00 Guided tour**