

# **The Raoul Wallenberg International Roundtable**

**Guy von Dardel Memorial Meeting**

## **The Art of the Impossible**

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***Raoul Wallenberg's Rescue Actions in Budapest  
and the Search for his Fate in Moscow***

**May 20-21, 2016    Budapest**

**at the Holocaust Memorial Center    1094 Páva u. 39**

# Program

## Friday, May 20

**Welcome** 9:00 - 10:00

### *Commemorating the Victims and the Heroes of the Holocaust in Hungary*

- **Szabolcs Szita** Professor, Director of the Holocaust Memorial Center
- **Susanne Berger** Coordinator, The RWI-70
- **Szabolcs Takács** H.E. Minister of State for European Union Affairs  
Former Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA)
- **Tamás Magyarics** Head of the North American Department,  
The Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **Colleen Bell** H.E. Ambassador of the United States of America
- **Niclas Trouvé** H.E. Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden
- **Juraj Chmiel** H.E. Ambassador of the Czech Republic
- **Gajus Scheltema** H.E. Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **András Heisler** President, Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary  
Vice-President of the World Jewish Congress
- **Ilan Mor** H.E. Ambassador of The State of Israel
- **Johannes Leibetseder** Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Austria
- Family members of Raoul Wallenberg **Marie Dupuy** and **Louise von Dardel**

### *Linking the Present to the Past - Seeking Access to Historical Records in Russia*

- **Daria Sukhikh** Human Rights Lawyer, Team 29, Russia  
Russian Constitutional Law and the access to historical records in Russia
- **Vadim Birstein** Author and Historian, USA      **Susanne Berger** Historian, USA  
Presentation and discussion of the two core documents of the RWI-70, "Gaps in the Official Record" and "Pending Questions in the Raoul Wallenberg Case"
- **Marvin Makinen** Professor, the University of Chicago, USA      **Ari Kaplan** Database Specialist, USA  
If Raoul Wallenberg survived past July 1947 - Numbered Prisoner and witness testimonies for the Vladimir Prison

**Lunch** 12:30 - 13:30 catered lunch on the Patio of the Holocaust Memorial Museum

## ***The Right to the Truth - The Law and Political Prisoners in Russia***

- **Sasha Bogino Human Rights Activist, Zona Prava, Russia**  
The conditions faced by political prisoners in Russia, past and present
- **David Matas Barrister and Human Rights Lawyer, Canada**  
The legal aspects of the Raoul Wallenberg Case

## ***Sweden and the Raoul Wallenberg Case***

- **Ingrid Carlberg Author and Journalist, Sweden**  
Misjudgments and mistakes that sealed Raoul Wallenberg's fate
- **Dennis Töllborg Professor of Law, Gothenburg University, Sweden**  
The Principle of "Openness" (*Offentlighetsprincipen*) - Theory and Practice
- **Bo Theutenberg Ambassador, Professor of International Law, former Chief Legal Advisor to the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Sweden**  
The Social Democratic legacy and the handling of the Raoul Wallenberg case

**Coffee/Tea** 15:30 - 16:00

## ***Hungary and the Raoul Wallenberg Case***

- **László Karsai Professor, The University of Szeged, Hungary**  
Raoul Wallenberg and the Hungarian Archives: Laws, decrees and documents
- **Szabolcs Szita Professor, Director of the Holocaust Memorial Center, Hungary**  
The fate of Vilmos Langfelder - Insights gained from Hungarian and Russian archives
- **Krisztián Ungváry Historian, Hungary**  
The attitudes of Soviet occupation forces in Hungary towards Jews, Hungarians and foreign diplomatic representatives
- **Tamás Szabó (Ádám Szabó) Historian, Hungary**  
Károly Szabó and the planned Wallenberg show trial in 1953

## ***Conclusion***

- **David Kilgour** former Minister for African, Latin American and Asian-Pacific Affairs, Canada  
Anti-Semitism and Intolerance

## ***Musical Tribute***

- 18:00 - 18:30 **Sándor Jávorkai and Ádám Jávorkai**

## ***Prayer Service for Raoul Wallenberg***

- 19:00 **Páva Street Synagogue - Páva Utcai Zsinagóga**

# Saturday, May 21

9:00

## *Hungary and the Raoul Wallenberg Case (cont.)*

- **Gellert Kovacs** **Historian and Author, Sweden**  
Raoul Wallenberg's secret Swedish and Hungarian contacts in 1944-45
- **John Stienen** **Historian, The Netherlands**  
The Dutch Connection: Lt. Van der Waals and his circles, Budapest, 1944
- **Georg Sessler** **Historian and Author, Sweden**  
The big lie - Kossuth Radio's announcement of Raoul Wallenberg's alleged murder by the Gestapo in 1945

## *The Right to the Truth - The Law and Political Prisoners (cont.)*

- **Karel Schwarzenberg** **Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic**  
Political dissent and 'The Art of the Impossible'
- **Irwin Cotler** **Former Minister of Justice, Canada**  
Pursuing justice: Legal mechanisms for defending political prisoners

**Coffee/Tea** 11:00 - 11:30

## *The Price of Activism - How Prisoners and their Families cope with the Trauma of Persecution and Imprisonment*

- **Harry Wu** (in memoriam) Chinese dissident, imprisoned in Chinese labor camp for 19 years and head of the Laogai Research Foundation **Inna Rogatchi** Author and Film Maker, President of the Rogatchi Foundation
- **Marvin Makinen** Professor, The University of Chicago, imprisoned in Vladimir Prison in Russia 1961-1963
- **Yosef Begun** former Soviet dissident imprisoned in the Soviet Union for over eight years
- **Vadim Birstein** former political prisoner in the Soviet Union
- **Sasha Bogino** Zona Prava, Moscow, human rights activist working to aid prisoners and to improve prison conditions in Russia
- **Vera Gara** Survivor of the Holocaust in Hungary
- **Louise von Dardel, Marie Dupuy** Daughters of Guy von Dardel who together with his sister and his parents fought for more than 60 years to learn the truth about his brother Raoul Wallenberg

**Lunch** 13:00-14:00

14:00 -15:30

***Roundtable Discussion***

- Continuing discussion about the two core documents regarding Russian Archives

Preparation of a comprehensive catalogue of open questions and requests for:

Swedish Archives  
Hungarian Archives  
U.S. Archives  
British Archives  
German Archives  
Swiss Archives  
Israeli Archives

- **Procedural Discussion**

Selection of delegation for the presentation of the prepared documentation in Moscow  
Procedural details of presentation of core documentation in Russia and follow-up