Vienna conference May 25-29, 2026
ICMEMOHRI – Preliminary Program

Lectures / Workshops Location:
Vienna Wiesenthal Institute (VWI)
Rabensteig 3, 1010 Vienna

May 25, 2026
Preconference Day: Jewish Vienna – City Walk (Full Day)

- **Time: 09:00 – 17:00**
- **Route: Walking tour through historic Jewish neighborhoods and key sites in Vienna**

Freud Museum

- **Address:** Berggasse 19, 1090 Vienna
- **Time:** 17:00
- **Content:** A guided tour of the Freud Museum's permanent exhibition, with a special focus on the curatorial and design strategies used to visualize the transformation of Freud's former private apartment and medical practice into a museum space. The program will conclude with a small reception in the foyer (white wine, water, and grissini).

May 26, 2026
Day 1: DÖW & Morzinplatz / VWI
Morning – Site Visits:

2. **Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance (DÖW)**
   - **Address:** Wipplingerstrasse 6-8, 1010 Vienna
   - **Time:** 09:00 – 11:00
   - **Content:** Documentation of resistance movements, Austrian fighters in International Brigades, exile, Nazi justice, postwar trials of Nazi perpetrators, contemporary right-wing extremism in Austria
3. **Memorial to the Victims of State Terror (Former Gestapo Headquarters/Hotel Metropol)**
   - **Address:** Salztorgasse 6, 1010 Vienna
   - **Time:** 11:15 – 12:15
   - **Content:** Discussion on Gestapo, repression, and machinery of persecution
4. **Memorial "Never Forget"** for the victims of the Gestapo
   - **Address: Morzinplatz**
   - **Content:** Vienna's first and originally illegally erected memorial for victims of Nazi crimes

Transfer to VWI: 12:30 – 13:00
Afternoon – Workshop / Lectures at VWI

5. **Jewish Museum Vienna**
   - **Address:** Dorotheergasse 11, 1010 Wien
   - **Time:** 18:30
   - **Content:** Reception by director of the Jewish Museum

May 27, 2026
Day 2: Vienna Museum & Memorials / VWI
Morning – Site Visits:

1. **Vienna Museum – Permanent Exhibition**

- **Address:** Karlsplatz 8, 1010 Vienna
- **Time:** 09:00 – 11:00
- **Content:** Guided tour through segments of contemporary history
  - Sinti & Roma persecution
  - Spiegelgrund children - Euthanasia
  - Persecution of homosexuals under National Socialism
  - Integration into broader narrative of Jewish Vienna.

Hrdlicka-Memorial (Albertina)

- **Address:** Albertinaplatz 1, 1010 Vienna
- **Content:** Memorial against war and fascism by Austrian sculptor Alfred Hrdlicka

2. **Judenplatz – Rachel Whiteread Memorial**
   - **Address:** Judenplatz 1, 1010 Vienna
   - **Time:** 12:00 – 12:30
   - **Content:** Whiteread's Holocaust Memorial in Vienna commemorates the thousands of Austrian Jews murdered during the Holocaust through an abstract cast of a library shelving unit, evoking absence and memory.

Transfer to VWI: 12:30 – 13:00

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3. **Naturhistorisches Museum, Department of Anthropology**
   - **Address: Burgring 7, 1010 Vienna**
   - **Time: 18:30**
   - **Content:** A guided tour will explore the history of racial science and the practice of collecting human remains and ethnographic objects within the museum. Participants will have the opportunity to examine how these collections were assembled, contextualized, and interpreted over time, reflecting broader scientific, cultural, and ethical perspectives.

May 28, 2026

Day 3: Human Rights Square / Heldenplatz / HdöG / VWI

Morning – Site Visits (all within walking distance):

1. **Platz der Menschenrechte - Human Rights Square / Marcus Omofuma Memorial**
   - **Address:** Museumsplatz / MuseumsQuartier, 1070 Vienna
   - **Time:** 09:00 – 09:30
   - **Content:** Public reminder against racism, state violence, and for the protection of human rights, commemorating Nigerian Marcus Omofuma, who died during a forced deportation in 1999
2. **Heldenplatz – Outdoor / Heldentor**
   - **Address:** Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna
   - **Time:** 09:40 – 10:10
   - **Content:** the Heldentor exposes tensions between heroism, victimhood, and historical responsibility in Austria's memory culture
3. **House of Austrian History (HdGÖ)**
   - **Address:** Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna
   - **Time:** 10:15 – 11:15
   - **Content:** Focus tour "Fundamental and human rights" explores key moments and debates in Austria's human rights history within the broader context of contemporary history since 1918

Transfer to VWI: 12:30 – 13:00

Afternoon – Workshop / Lectures at VWI

4. **Kulturankerzentrum Schlingerhof, exhibition opening "Towards a Democratic Culture of Remembrance"**
    - **Address:** Brünner Straße 34-38, 1210 Vienna
    - **Time:** 19:00
    - **Content:** This exhibition is dedicated to a resistance fighter from the district who joined the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War. The exhibition explores individual biography within the broader history of antifascist resistance, transnational solidarity, and the struggle for democratic values in Austria and Europe. It reflects on how remembrance itself can become a democratic practice—one that resists forgetting, simplification, and historical silence. The exhibition is presented at the Kulturankerzentrum im Schlingerhof, a site of particular historical significance: in 1934, the Schlingerhof was a central location of antifascist resistance in Austria. By situating this personal history within this charged space, the exhibition connects past struggles with present responsibilities.

May 29, 2026

Postconference Day: Excursion – Mauthausen & Gusen (Full Day)

- **Content:** Guided visit to the formerly largest and most lethal concentration camp complexes in Austria, Mauthausen and Gusen in Upper Austria
- 08:30 – Departure from Vienna to Mauthausen
  10:45 – Two-hour guided tour of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial
- 13:00 – Lunch break at the memorial's bistro
- 14:00 – Departure for Gusen
- 14:15 – Visit to the Gusen Concentration Camp Memorial, including a presentation of the plans for the extension and redesign of the memorial site
- 16:15 – Farewell / conclusion of the visit
- 18:15 – Arrival in Vienna