

# Programme

## Day one, 9 October

**08:45** Meet in the lobby of Hotel Scandic Spectrum in Copenhagen

**09:00** Departure by bus from hotel to Gilleleje

**10:15** Arrival at the conference centre 'Kulturhavn Gilleleje'

**10:15-10:30** Coffee, tea and water

**10:30-10:45** **Welcome and introduction** from Julie Pruzan, Ambassador, Special Representative for Freedom of Religion and Belief, Head of Danish delegation to IHRA, and Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke, Head of Research Unit, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and Deputy Head of Danish Delegation to IHRA

### **THE DANISH PERSPECTIVE:**

**10:45-11:05** **Countrymen – how Jews in Denmark managed to escape Nazi persecution in the autumn of 1943**, Bo Lidegaard, Dr.Phil., historian, former editor-in-chief of the daily Politiken, former ambassador and author of more than 20 books, among others, *Countrymen: How Denmark's Jews Escaped the Nazis*

**11:05-11:35** **Pastoral Letter** about the Danish Bishop, Fuglsang-Damgaard, who persuaded the Danish church authorities to step in to help the Danish Jews. Clips from a new documentary will be shown. Casper Høyberg, film director, and Bent Blüdnikow, historian and writer, will also be present

**11:35-11:55** **The children left behind**, about the silenced traumas of the flight to Sweden and the long aftermath, Sofie Lene Bak, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen, and author of several books on Denmark during the Holocaust, including *Nothing to speak of*

**12:00-13:00** Lunch

**13:05-13:25** **Jews from Denmark in the Theresienstadt Ghetto**, Silvia Goldbaum Tarabini, PhD, author of several books including *The Jews of Denmark in the Holocaust: Life and Death in Theresienstadt Ghetto*

**13:25-13:45** **How Sweden became a safe haven during the Fall of 1943**, Karin Kvist Geverts, PhD, historian and Director of the Institute for Holocaust Research in Sweden (IHRS)

**13:45-14:15** Coffee break

## **THE INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:**

### **14:20-15:20 Civil society in Denmark, Norway and Sweden during the Holocaust: What to learn from the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian experiences?**

- Therkel Stræde, Danish historian and writer, author of the book: *A wall of people*, and co-author of the book *A school of violence*
- Anders Jerichow, senior correspondent at the daily Politiken and co-author with Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke of the book *Civil Society and the Holocaust: International Perspectives on Resistance and Rescue*
- Guri Hjeltnes, PhD, Director of The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies, HL-Senteret in Oslo
- Elisabeth Aasbrink, Swedish writer and journalist, author of several books including *And In the Vienna Woods The Trees Remain*

### **15:20-15:40 Afternoon break**

**15:45-16:05 The Danish rescue in international memory research and debate**, Wulf Kantsteiner, PhD, Professor at Aarhus University

**16:05-16:40 Panel discussion with the audience and summing up**, facilitated by Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke

### **16:40-16:50 Break**

**16:50 Walk and guided tour en route to Gilleleje Church**

### **18:00-19:00 Official commemoration ceremony at Gilleleje Church**

- Welcome by priest at Gilleleje Church, Ole Buchardt Olesen
- Speech by Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lars Løkke Rasmussen
- Testimony from survivor Tove Udsholt
- Music and lighting of a candle

**19:15 Walk to restaurant**

**19:30-21:30 Dinner at restaurant Gilleleje Havn & Krostue**

**21:45 Departure and transportation to Hotel Scandic Spectrum in Copenhagen**

**22:45 Arrival at hotel**

## **Day two, 10 October**

**08:45 Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Scandic Spectrum in Copenhagen**

**09:00 Departure by bus to Gilleleje. Drive along the scenic coastal road with a guide to the sights of historical interest to October 43 en route**

**10:30 Arrival in Gilleleje**

### **TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST FROM A NORDIC PERSPECTIVE:**

**11:00-11:05 How to teach about the Holocaust in Denmark, Sweden and Norway**, introduction and facilitation by Anders Jerichow, Humanity in Action and journalist at daily Politiken

**11:05-11:25 Introduction to and showing of the short, animated film, 'Voices in the void' on the events of October 1943**

**11:25-11:45 Teaching the Holocaust and other cases of genocide in a Danish context**, Stine Thuge, Head of National Program at ActionAid Denmark, and Solvej Berlau, history and social science teacher at Slagelse Gymnasium. Authors of the book *The path to genocide: Before, during and after the Holocaust*

**11:45-12:05 Challenges of teaching the Holocaust in schools and museums**, Charlotte Bruun, Communicator, Museum of Southwest Jutland

**12:10-12:55 Lunch**

**13:00-13:20 Holocaust education in Norway**, Guri Hjeltnes, PhD, Director of the Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies, HL-Senteret in Oslo

**13:20-13:35 Panel discussion with the audience about the challenges of teaching about the Holocaust**

**13:35-13:40 Conclusion and goodbye**, Julie Pruzan, Ambassador, Special Representative for Freedom of Religion and Belief, Head of Danish delegation to IHRA, and Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke, Head of Research Unit at DIIS and Deputy Head of Danish Delegation to IHRA

**13:40-14:00 Coffee and pick up luggage**

**14:00 Departure by bus and drive to Copenhagen.** Presentation in the bus of the Danish Jewish Museum and 400 years of Jewish Life in Denmark by Sara Fredfeldt Stadager and Signe Bergman Larsen, MA, curators at the Danish Jewish Museum

**15:30 Arrival in Copenhagen. Optional visit to Danish Jewish Museum or drop off at Copenhagen Central Station or Hotel Scandic Spectrum**

15:30 Optional tour of [The Danish Jewish Museum](#)

16:15 Closing remarks