The battle for Museum of the second World War in Gdansk

Tuesday May 2nd, 2017 at 6 p.m.
Dupreel room, Building S, 1st floor, Solbosch campus, ULB
Entrance : avenue Jeanne 44, 1050 Brussels.

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International Chair for the History of the second World War

Created in 2011, the Chair allows for the yearly invitation of an internationally renowned historian to teach a series of lectures for students of the university and a wider public. The Chair is organised by the Faculty of Philosophy and social Sciences, thanks to the generosity of the late Baron Jean-Charles Velge, who wished to honour the memory of Jean Vanwelkenhuysen, historian of the second World War. The incumbent of the Chair is awarded with the Baron Velge Prize.

Laureate 2017

Paweł MACHCEWICZ, is historian, author of majors books on Polish Twentieth Century History and professor at the Institute of Political Studies at the Polish Academy of Science. In 2008, Pawel Machcewicz initiated the project to create the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk and became its founding director.

Museum of the second World War in Gdansk

Gdansk, where the first shots of the conflict were fired, is now the home of the most ambitious and genuinely global museum of the second World War. After years of intense work, collecting unique objects, developing a challenging and innovative narrative and scenography, involving historians and museummakers worldwide, the museum, in a daring architectural setting, has just been completed, to the unanimous acclaim of the visitors who had the opportunity to see the preview.

In recent months, the Gdansk museum has become a central battleground in the debates on Poland’s past, on its place in Europe and on the role of history and culture within a democratic state of law. The independence of the museum from political control and its very survival as an institution are currently challenged by several legal proceedings instituted by the government.

In his lectures, Pawel Machcewicz will discuss the battle for a global history of a global conflict and the challenges of representing history in a museum.

Lectures (in English)

- Tuesday May 2nd, 2017 - PUBLIC LECTURE - from 6 pm to 8 pm
  The battle for Museum of the Second World War in Gdañsk
  The conference will be followed by a cocktail
  Please register by April 30th registration (online form)
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Next lessons:

- Wednesday May 3, 2017 - 4 pm to 6 pm - room H.1.302
  Poland in the Second World War

- Thursday May 4, 2017 - 4 pm to 6 pm - room DC.2.206
  Contemporary Memory Debates in Poland

- Friday May 5, 2017 - 2 pm to 4 pm - room H.2.213
  Challenges of Representing History in Museums: Between Academia, Politics and Entertainment