



The Difficult Path to Compensation of Holocaust Victims and Other Nazi Victims in Central and Eastern Europe

Open Lecture at Paideia folkhögskola

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Until the year 2000, most Holocaust survivors and other Nazi victims from Central and Eastern Europe did not have access to compensation programs from Germany, unlike victims who lived in Western Europe, the United States, and Israel. The reason was the so-called Hallstein Doctrine, which excluded any payments, including those to Nazi victims, into countries without diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany). This doctrine was maintained not only after establishment of diplomatic relations in 1970s, but even long after the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989. At the same time, survivors in Central and Eastern Europe were affected by injustices inherited from the communist era. The lecture will describe the long path to compensation of Jewish survivors and other Nazi victims in the region. Dr. Jiří Šitler is the Czech ambassador to Sweden and a historian. Prof. Felix Kolmer is a Vice-President of the International Auschwitz Committee, Holocaust survivor and a well-known researcher. They were both involved in the process of compensation negotiations.

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