

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Haus der FrauenGeschichte (HdFG)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	5		
Event name:	Webinar on Female resistance in concentration camps		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	Online		
Location:			
Date(s):	26.5.2023		
Website(s) (if any):	https://hdfg.de/bildungsarbeit/eu-projekt/eds https://www.instagram.com/p/CsliqdRMJ_6/?img_index=1 https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-136433 https://twitter.com/HdFG_Bonn		
Participants			
Female:	93		
Male:	58		
Non-binary:	-		
From country 1 [Germany]:	51		
From country 2 [France]:	72		
From country 3 (Austria) :	13		
From country 4 (Spain)	8		
From country 5 (Italy)	7		
Total number of participants:	151	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The webinar took place online on 26 May 2023. The whole webinar was in French, however the questions were allowed in German and English. As the majority of the participants were from France, many of them students from different schools, the approach of the whole webinar was designed for younger people and people without previous knowledge. However, many participants were students and lecturers from universities in Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria and France. We were happy about this diversity and especially the fact that many young people took part.

The webinar focused on two main topics: female resisters in concentration camps and the representation of female resistance in exhibitions, especially in memorial sites in Germany. In virtual tours and in PowerPoint presentations, the speakers presented the exhibitions of the German Resistance Memorial Center/Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand (Berlin) and the Memorial Ravensbrück (Mahn- und Gedenkstätte Ravensbrück). Also the special exhibition "Resistance - Persecution - Deportation: Women from France in Ravensbrück Concentration Camp, 1942-1945" was presented and subsequently discussed.

The webinar took place from 9:00-15:00, however the open part of the webinar lasted from 9-13:30 and the last 90 minutes we needed for reflection and discussion within our teams, especially with the school pupils, as some of the topics presented and personal fates of women in the resistance, who were in the Ravensbrück concentration camp were touching and we wanted to make sure that the students were not emotionally overwhelmed.

The first part of the Webinar consisted of a virtual tour through the permanent exhibition of the Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand, a presentation and discussion of the female resistance against national socialism, the significance and relevance of the topic for today and for the current perception and understanding of resistance in France and Germany.

In the second part, Prof. Mechthild Gilzmer presented the current state of research on women in the resistance as well as the special exhibition from Ravensbrück, which she had curated together with a colleague and which can be borrowed, as it is a travelling exhibition in French and German. This was followed by a long and lively discussion about the different cultures of remembrance of women's resistance in Germany and France.

Especially, the students of the Lycée Polyvalent Lamarck in Albert asked many questions, as they were interested in many personal fates of French women who were put in concentration camps because of their engagement for the Résistance.

At the closing of the official part, many participants expressed the wish for a repeat of the event or for similar online offerings that would allow them to participate from abroad as well.

After the official part, we built smaller groups with the students incl. break-out sessions in order to reflect and discuss their perceptions and emotions about the topics and personal fates that were presented. We also talked about how what we have seen and heard can help us design our own exhibition.

The webinar brought great progress for both teams and at the same time it enabled many other interested people to learn about women in resistance and about different memorials and their presentation forms regarding women in resistance.

All set goals of the seminar were achieved and by that, the deliverable was achieved as planned.

Means of verification:

- invitation
- Program
- report on the event
- PowerPoint presentations

HISTORY OF CHANGES

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1.0	30.05.2023	