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First EHRI Podcast | A Typewriter in Transit - What Happened at Babyn Yar?

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Featured guest: Karel Berkhoff, Senior Researcher at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Co-Project Director EHRI. [Listen to the Podcast.](#)



'This book contains nothing but the truth.

Whenever I used to tell parts of the story to people they would always, without exception, declare that I ought to turn it all into a book.

[I have in fact been writing that book for many long years. What might be called the first version was written when I was only fourteen. In those days, when I was just a hungry, frightened little boy, I used to write down in a thick, home-made notebook everything I saw and heard and knew about Babi Yar as soon as it happened. I had no idea why I was doing it, it seemed to me to be something I had to do, so that nothing should be forgotten.]

These are the first haunting lines of *Babi Yar. A Document in the Form of a Novel*, by A. Anatoli (Anatoly Kuznetsov), published for the first time, in a heavily censored version, in 1966 in the Soviet Union.

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EHRI Podcast Series | For the Living and the Dead. Traces of the Holocaust



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Listen to the Trailer of For the Living and the Dead. Traces of the Holocaust.

A Typewriter in Transit is the first episode of a brand new EHRI Podcast series, called *For the Living and the Dead. Traces of the Holocaust*.

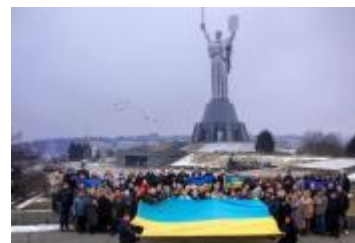
In each episode of *For the Living and the Dead*, a Holocaust researcher talks about an object, now often in a museum, that tells a very personal story about the Holocaust. The first season of the EHRI Podcast has six episodes and features a teddy bear, mica-flakes, a postcard, gramophone discs, a magazine cover and the typewriter. The unique stories come from all over Europe – the Holocaust being a continent-wide phenomenon – ranging from Belgium to Ukraine, from Romania to Italy.

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Ukraine's War Museum during the Russian Aggression

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On 29 and 30 September, the massacre at Babyn Yar (Babi Yar in Russian), near Kyiv, Ukraine, took place. In our first podcast episode, *Typewriter in Transit*, we tell part of the story of Babyn Yar and talk about an important writer on the subject, Anatoly Kuznetsov. The podcast features Kuznetsov's typewriter, now in the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, and while making the podcast, we were kindly assisted by curator **Oleksandr Pasternak**. For EHRI, he has written an article about his museum during wartime.



The [National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War](#) is one of the largest museums in Ukraine and Europe. For more than 40 years, it has been a leading research, educational and cultural center that preserves the memory of the largest military conflict in human history.

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Learn More | What Happened at Ukraine's Babyn Yar on 29 and 30 September 1941?

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Would you like to know more about the tragedy that occurred at Babyn Yar on 29 and 30 September 81 years ago? You can read more in the Chapter "[German Mass Shootings](#)" from the **EHRI Online Course in Holocaust Studies'** topic [Holocaust in Ukraine](#). The chapter contains photos of Babyn Yar and Kyiv taken not long after the massacre.

Karel Berkhoff also talks about Babyn Yar in a podcast by EHRI partner [Yad Vashem](#), where he relates the unimaginable story of Dina Pronicheva, one of the very few to survivors of the horrific event. You can listen to it here [What Happened at Babi Yar?](#)

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EHRI Fellow András Szécsényi

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András Szécsényi is a research fellow in the [Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security](#) (Budapest) and holds a Ph.D. degree from [ELTE](#) (Budapest). He has worked as Head of Collections in the [Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest](#) between 2005 and 2017. He is currently working on a research project about the history of the Hungarian inmates of Bergen-Belsen (1944–1945) and its political-societal contexts. As such he came to the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam as an [EHRI Conny Kristel Fellow](#). He tells us:



I have been researching the history of those Hungarian Jewish citizens who were deported from Hungary to Bergen-Belsen in 1944/1945 for years.

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Board of Governmental Representatives in Vienna | Transformation of EHRI on Course



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On Tuesday, 20th September 2022, the EHRI Board of Governmental Representatives (BGR) meeting took place at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research in Vienna. The BGR consists of distinguished representatives of decision-making ministries

and/or funding bodies. Delegates from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Romania and the United Kingdom met in person, while the delegate from Belgium joined virtually. The meeting's main agenda item was

to discuss the final drafting of documents contributing to the transformation of EHRI from a project into a permanent Research Infrastructure in the form of an [ERIC](#) (European Research Infrastructure Consortium).

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New Document Blog | The Potential of Exploring the Holocaust Using Statistical Analysis

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When Were Social Status and Ties Supporting Holocaust Survival Chances?

How Can Statistical Methods of Social Sciences Complement Historical Research?



By using multivariate statistical methods on the database of victims from the [Terezín Initiative Institute](#) in Prague, this new [Document Blogpost](#), by Štěpán Jurajda, shows the potential of exploring the Holocaust using statistical analysis. The post looks at the question of how statistical methods seeking to uncover central tendencies - as opposed to trying to understand individual histories - can complement historical research of the Holocaust.

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