

BIOGRAPHY

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Speaker : Milovan Pisarri

PhD Milovan Pisarri is an internationally recognized expert on the Holocaust-related topics and the Genocide against the Roma. He graduated in 2005 at the University of Venice. At the same University in 2011 he received his PhD in Social History with a thesis on the crimes against civilians in Serbia during WWI. After the PhD he moved to Serbia where he has built by himself a successful independent career. In 2014 he published the monograph on the Genocide against the Roma in Serbia – *The Suffering of the Roma in Serbia during the Holocaust*, and in 2019 *Sul fronte balcanico. Guerra e popolazione civile in Serbia tra il 1914 e il 1918* about the suffering of the civil population in Serbia during WWI. He is author of many scientific articles published in international scientific journals; he has been member of the scientific board in the organization of three international conferences on WWI at the Archive of Vojvodina (Novi Sad), and member of the Serbian National Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Holocaust Education, led by the Serbian Ministry of Education. In 2017 – 2018 he was appointed as referent researcher for Serbia in the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure.

In 2018, he founded the Centre for Public History (CPH), the remit of which extends to the history of the 20th century in the Balkans and particularly to the Holocaust (www.cpi.rs). As CPH director he is the author and the coordinator of different international projects, among them *Mapping the Holocaust: Preservation of the Topovske Supe camp* (Centre for Public History, Belgrade, Culture & More, Berlin), supported by the Claims Conference, IHRA, Federation of the Jewish Communities in Serbia, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Serbia. The aim of the project is to preserve the location of the Topovske Supe camp from destruction and raise awareness about its history and the victims' memory (www.topovskesupe.rs).

In November 2021 he has been appointed by the Serbian government as one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Memorial "Staro Sajmište" in Belgrade.

He is currently Research Fellow at the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory of the University of Belgrade, where coordinates the laboratory ShoahLab, a research unit on the Holocaust and related topic. He is currently Claims Conference University Partnership in Holocaust Studies Lecturer.