

Do we learn from history?



World War II Memorial in Dukla, Slovakia

In 2010, the people of the world will observe the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II. To mark the occasion, political and religious leaders, economists, military academics, war veterans and former resistance fighters are gathering at a conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, this week to ensure that, the lessons of Europe's last

great conflict are not forgotten. The events of World War II and the Victory over Fascism in 1945 determined the development of the world in the second half of the 20th century and, in large measure, had a decisive impact on the formation of the contemporary political map of the world. The international conference, "65th Anniversary – End of

World War II in Europe. Lessons to be Learned from History" has been organised under the auspices of Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico, the Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain, and is part of a joint initiative by a number of European and Russian NGOs.



**65th Anniversary – End of World War II
Lessons to be Learned from History**
International Conference
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Bratislava, Slovakia



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Ask political and religious leaders, economists, military academics, war veterans and former resistance fighters about the European tragedy of WW II and the lessons they draw from history. On Facebook.

Keynote speakers:

- Robert Fico, Prime Minister of Slovakia
- Alfred Gusenbauer, Former Federal Chancellor of Austria
- Viatcheslav Kantor, President, European Jewish Congress
- Thierry Mariani, Member, French National Assembly
- Vladimir Yakunin, Founding President of the WPF "Dialogue of Civilizations"

Main topics of the conference:

- International Federation of Resistance Fighters on the tragedy of WW II
- Institute of Military History in Bratislava in Slovakia and the Documentation Archive of Austrian Resistance on the resistance against Nazi occupation
- Shimon Peres Academic Center on the war crimes prosecution
- Former Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the new Europe after 1989/90
- Director General, Ministry of Education, Culture and Art of Austria on education for democratic citizenship