



# INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

## Biographies



### Executive Secretary

Dr. Kathrin Meyer

Dr. Kathrin Meyer has been the Executive Secretary of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) since 2008. Dr. Meyer has an MA in Educational Science and a PhD in History from the Technical University Berlin, specializing in denazification and re-education in Germany after 1945.

From 2000-2004 she was a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin and in 2003 a research fellow at the Center for advanced Holocaust studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. In 2004 Dr. Meyer was appointed Adviser on Antisemitism Issues at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in Warsaw, Poland, where she was responsible for designing and implementing a program aimed at combating antisemitism and strengthening Holocaust education and remembrance in the (then) 56 participating OSCE States. In her role as Executive Secretary of IHRA, Dr. Meyer implements the priorities of the IHRA Chair and IHRA's 31 Member Countries, and coordinates - together with her colleagues at the IHRA Permanent Office - the activities of its member and observer countries, as well as the projects and work of the organization's expert Working Groups and specialized committees.



### IHRA Chair

Ambassador Michaela Kuechler

Michaela Kuechler is currently the German Foreign Office Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organisations, Holocaust Remembrance, Antisemitism, and international affairs relating to Sinti and Roma. She works on issues such as building cooperation with international organizations like OSCE/ODIHR, UNESCO and the EU, cooperating with countries in the field of combatting antisemitism, maintaining dialogue with Jewish organizations throughout Germany, the USA and central and eastern Europe, as well

as funding projects on remembrance of the Holocaust and the genocide of the Sinti and Roma. As current Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, her priority is combatting denial, distortion and relativization of the Holocaust.



### **Honorary Chairman**

Professor Yehuda Bauer

Professor Yehuda Bauer has been the Honorary Chairman of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance since 2005, having previously served as its Academic Advisor from 1998 until 2005. Professor Bauer holds a BA Honours degree from Cardiff University and a PhD from the Hebrew University. He is Professor Emeritus of History and Holocaust Studies at the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Academic Advisor to Yad Vashem. As one of the leading scholars on the Holocaust, Professor Bauer's work with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance has been a major contribution to the organizations goal of promoting Holocaust research, remembrance and education worldwide. Professor Bauer is fluent in Czech, Slovak, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, and English.



### **Advisor to the IHRA**

Dr. Wichert ten Have

Dr. Wichert ten Have was appointed Advisor to the IHRA in 2017. Dr. ten Have is also the Director for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the NIOD (the Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies). He has lectured at the University of Amsterdam on contemporary history and the history of Netherland during World War II. His main research topics include: the Netherland's political history during the German occupation in World War II, the history of the Holocaust, especially in the Netherlands, and comparative studies of European countries occupied by the Third Reich.