

**Historian-Speaker
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Historian-Holocaust Education Expert

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Her story...

Melanie Carina Schmoll has always been curious. Especially about the past. At the age of 9, she was able to memorize the order of the Roman columns and the names of the capitals. At the age of 10, she visited the ancient sites of Hippocrates on Kos. At 14, she read Gandhi.

After graduating from high school, she studied history, political science, modern German literature, European and international law, Spanish and philosophy at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel and the Freie Universität Hamburg. She completed her BA and MA in History, Political Science and Philosophy. She received her doctorate from the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Hamburg with a thesis on the security regime between Israel and Jordan.

Her interest in the eastern Mediterranean region grew and with it her interest in the people, culture, and religion. As a German in Israel, she was repeatedly confronted with the darkest chapter of history. Although Melanie did not actually want to work in this field, but was always much more interested in security issues and peace research, her professional career was increasingly heading towards the seemingly inevitable. After studying educational science at the University of Hagen, being recognized as a secondary school teacher by the City of Hamburg's Department of Schools and Education and teaching at schools in the Hanseatic city for four years alongside her academic work, it was clear: German history, National Socialism, the Holocaust, and hatred of Jews - these are her topics. And that is still the case today.

That is what her speeches are about:

How to deal with Jew hatred and Israel-hatred? How to teach History and especially the Holocaust? How can teaching materials be designed so that they are unbiased and balanced? And most importantly:

What can we do to change minds for making the world a better place?

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Signature Speeches

- Best practices in Holocaust education.
- Remembrance and Memory 80 years after the Holocaust.
 - Misinformation about Israel and Antisemitic Views in School Textbooks.
 - Holocaust education in Israel, Germany, and Canada.
- Learning from the past? Holocaust Education & its impact on Jew-hatred.

Dr. Melanie Carina Schmoll, M. A. has spoken at the following events and more:

German Embassy Ottawa, Canada,
City of Calgary to honour the first
citywide Holocaust Remembrance Day
2020, Canada,
Western Jewish Studies Association,
Phoenix and Las Vegas,
Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University,
Israel,
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center,
Toronto, Canada,
University of Alberta: Jewish Studies
Week, Wirth Institute and History
Department, Edmonton, Canada,
Calgary Jewish Federation, Canada,
Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand,
Berlin, Germany,

University of Calgary: colloquium of
the Department for History; Center
for Military, Security and Strategy
Studies (CMSS); Grand Strategy
Workshop, Canada,
St. Maries University, Calgary,
Canada,
Temple Har Zion's President's
Circle Speakers Series, Toronto
Jewish Federation, Canada,
Holocaust Education Week, Toronto,
Canada,
American Hebrew Academy, North
Carolina, USA,
Burning Issues Series, Colorado,
USA.

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People talking about Dr. Melanie Carina Schmoll

Dr. Gerry Turcotte, President, St. Mary's University Calgary:

Thank you Dr. Melanie Carina Schmoll for being part of our Inspiring Conversations series and for providing such thoughtful insight to the subject of anti-Semitism in Germany. These discussions help provide our entire community with new perspectives and opportunities for dialogue.

Dr. Peter Stortz, University of Calgary

...I was impressed with her energy and drive, and deep interest and reflection in the field of Holocaust Studies.

Dr. Julia Resnik, Hebrew University Jerusalem

...important insights from her practical experience...not only of teaching on the Holocaust at the only Jewish school in Hamburg for the first time ever after the Holocaust was perpetrated...

Dr. Judith Tydor Baumel-Schwartz, Director, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research

...important and timely ... for all Holocaust educators, particularly in the view of the rise of antisemitism worldwide.

Judy Shapiro, Calgary Jewish Federation

...great ability to speak on a range of subjects and to a broad audience – Jews and non-Jews, adults, and high school students.

Dr. Norman Knowles, St. Mary's University Calgary

...very informative and inspiring.

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Feedback from conference attendees

"Learning about the details behind Holocaust education in Germany and Israel extended my thinking."

"I never thought about the aftermath of Germany, that the anti-semitic notions wouldn't go away immediately following the war. It was interesting to think how we can dismantle these ideologies following a period where they were so heavily promoted."

"Dr. Schmoll talked about how the materials/resources for Holocaust education are getting old. How can we renew them/find new materials that would promote more effective education?"

"I knew that Germany educated their schools about the Holocaust very firmly and thoroughly, but I was unaware of how young the education started, and how they use different language such as "mass murder" rather than Holocaust."

"I considered post-war for Jews and post-war for allies, but I never really considered post-war devastation in Germany. I didn't really think about the fact that they have to rebuild everything as well, both in infrastructure and in government."

"On Jewish identity & culture: Something that is new to me is, how much protecting Jewish property, like schools, is needed in Germany."

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