



Symposium

”Prisoners of war and forced labour – histories of war and occupation”

DATE **20-21 November 2008**

PLACE **Falstad Memorial and Human Rights Centre in Levanger, Norway.**

Around 18 million prisoners became victims of the Nazi camp system in the years 1933-1945. Every one was a victim of a system where lawlessness was total. Between 10 and 11 million prisoners were murdered in several thousand prison camps and prisons. After the outbreak of war the camps played a central role for the German war machine. Most of the prisoners came from occupied countries. Ruthless use of the prisoners labour resulted in catastrophic death tolls in the camps.

The organizers invite scholars to attend the symposium. Through this symposium we seek to explore the history of prisoners of war and forced labour. Topics could include but are not limited to the following:

- Prisoners of war, that is a combatant who is imprisoned by an enemy power during or immediately after an armed conflict.
- Prisoners in concentration and extermination camps, people imprisoned of political or racial causes.
- Forced labour, that is civilians forced to migrate or forced to work for the Germans.
- The Prisoners in the Emslands camps, political opponents of the Third Reich.

The Falstad memorial and human rights centre was established in 2000 by Norwegian Authorities. The main activities of the centre are education, research and remembrance on the history of the Nazi Camps in Norway during WW II and education on Modern Human Rights Issues. The centre is located on the grounds of the former SS-Lager Falstad, the second largest Prison Camp established in Occupied Norway between 1940 and 1945. For more information about the centre see www.falstadsenteret.no

The symposium will be held in English and the organizers hope to publish the symposium proceedings.

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