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Title: **“The Danger of Not Facing History: Exploring the Link between Education about the Past and Present-day Anti-Semitism and Racism in Hungary”**

Panel: Pedagogy

Until a few years ago the international media devoted scant attention to Hungary. In the past few years, however, multiple news reports and analyses have expressed concern about rising racism and extremism in this country, as well as a sense that the country’s democracy is unraveling. This essay explores the link between educational factors in this picture and the rise of Romaphobia, xenophobia, and Anti-Semitism in Hungary. We argue that the failure to appropriately deal with the history of the World War II is reflected in the educational system, contributing to a climate of intolerance. The rise of extremism is always a consequence of a complex set of factors, and educational approaches need to be included in analyses that attempt to explore the roots of rising extremism in Hungary. The presentation includes some of the educational methodologies applied in projects implemented in Hungary by the Anne Frank House.