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Auschwitz

in the 21st Century

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What is the future of the biggest Memory Site in the world? What will Auschwitz be like in the 21st century? What are the challenges faced by the memory of the Holocaust (Shoah) and of the German concentration camps' victims? Dr. Piotr M.A. Cywiński will present a current picture of what is left after Auschwitz. He will also discuss conservation and education issues related to both preserving material evidence of Nazi crimes and saving the memory of the victims. At a time when a new museum narrative style is being created, he will talk about the most difficult problems in building a clear message about one of the hardest moments in human history, in a place which is the intersection of various memories, separate visions, and often incompatible sensitivities of the visitors.

PIOTR M.A. CYWIŃSKI has been the director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, Poland since 2006.

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