

# SEMINAR VILMA - LIDICE

9-12 FEBRUARY 2023

## *Invitation*

### **Presentation of the seminar**

We are a team of French, Italian and Greek historians and cultural studies researchers traveling to Prague/Lidice between the 9th and the 12th of February 2023.

This team is involved in a collaborative research project about « Martyred Villages » in post-WW2 Europe, as heritage, sites of memory and sensitive places (VILMA Project, part of ANR RUINES research programme) This research project also involves several municipalities and museums, namely in France: Oradour sur Glane and the "Centre de la Mémoire" and Vassieux en Vercors; in Italy: Marzabotto-Monte Sole Historical Parc; and in Greece, Distomo municipality and museum.

The project supports several *in situ* workshops : the team goes to the Martyred Village to visit the site and learn to know more about the memory processes since the time of the massacres (memorials, educational programs, tourism development, types of museology, etc...).

Our objective is to build a European network, gathering researchers and local stakeholders; the aim is to develop new research questions on the martyred villages on a European scale, with comparative approaches; another objective is to explore the needs of the local stakeholders in order to apply for a European Grant (European Project).

The first workshops were held in Oradour-sur-Glane in March 2022, in Vassieux-en-Vercors in June 2022 and in Marzabotto (Italy) in September 2022. The Distomo seminar is planned for April/May 2023. The project will end with an international conference in 2024.

We think that Lidice could have a central place in this project and network and we would be happy to meet you and exchange during our seminar there. Please learn more about our project (in French): <https://ruines.hypotheses.org/category/les-villages-martyrs>

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