



JUDITH LINDENBERG

From France to Sweden



Project: **Trajectories and testimonies of Shoah survivors**

Research topic: **Social Sciences**

Swedish Institution: **Nordiska Museet**

French Institution: **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)**

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PRESENTATION

[Judith Lindenberg](#) was a Researcher associated with the [History Research Center](#) of [EHESS](#) and archive and library Director at the [Museum of Jewish Art and History](#) since 2018. Her research focuses on the first writings on the genocide of the Jews in Yiddish and on the collection of testimonies, particularly in the Polish context. She obtained her PhD in Comparative Literature from [Sorbonne University](#) in 2006.

ACTIVITIES IN SWEDEN

Lindenberg's aim of the trip to Sweden was twofold: first, she was interested in mapping Sweden as a first destination of emigration after the Second World War, in particular the trajectory of one survivor, Malke Ovshyani, arriving with the Red Cross buses after having been deported to Auschwitz and Ravensbrück, subsequently travelling to Argentina and publishing her testimony. The second aim was to access the archives and conduct interviews with survivors and their descendants. For these objectives to be met, she travelled to Stockholm and consulted the Jewish testimony collection at [Nordiska Museet](#). There, she met with Archive Director [Jonas Engman](#) and Archivists Dan Waldetoft and [Cecilia Hammarlund Larsson](#). Assc. Prof. of History [Johannes Heuman](#) ([Jönköping University](#)) helped with translation. She discovered several survivors with similar trajectories as Malke, such as Marta Blimming and Genia Zonabend. Lindenberg also conducted three interviews, with Abraham Grienspan, Emma Medioni (grandchild of Edward Patecki) and [Judith Popinski](#).

These encounters enabled Lindenberg to include Sweden in her transnational study of testimonies and contact was established with Historian Ingrid Lomfors.