Vojin Majstorović

Dr. Majstorović is a historian of World War II, with a specialization in the Soviet Union’s Red Army. His research illuminates the Red Army’s policies toward perpetrators, survivors, and their property, the military’s official line about the Holocaust, the use of Nazi crimes against Jews in Soviet war propaganda, the troops’ attitudes to the genocide, and interactions between Jewish survivors and Soviet soldiers. Ultimately, his research aims to uncover how the Red Army ended the Holocaust on the Eastern Front, and what the Soviet victory meant for survivors, perpetrators, and liberators. His manuscript explores the Red Army’s encounter with the Holocaust in Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Austria during the last year of the war, with a focus on explaining Soviet-perpetrated sexual violence. His second major project, still in the research phase, concerns how the Soviet armed forces responded to the Holocaust across the Eastern Front. His research is based on archival and personal sources from Russia, Ukraine, Serbia, Germany, and the USA. His approach as a military historian is to illuminate my subject matter from multiple perspectives; from the standpoint of frontline soldiers, military commanders in the field, the high political and military leadership in Moscow, and allied armies and civilians who experienced Soviet liberation and military rule. His latest publications are “Red Army Troops Encounter the Holocaust: Transnistria, Moldavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Austria, 1944-1945,” Holocaust and Genocide Studies 32, no. 2 (September 2018): 249-271. “The Red Army in Yugoslavia, 1944-1945,” in: Slavic Review 75 (2016) 2, 396-421.

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