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A Polish court has ordered two Holocaust researchers to apologise for information in a research report published in 2018 on the fate of Jews in German-occupied Poland in 1939–1945.

Freedom of expression is a cornerstone of every democratic society. Freedom to conduct research is also fundamental in a democracy. This is particularly true of research about the Holocaust, about how and why the Holocaust could happen and about the role of individuals, society and the State in the Holocaust. At the Malmö International Forum for Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism in October this year – REMEMBER-REACT – the central role of freedom to conduct research in Holocaust remembrance efforts and combating antisemitism will be highlighted. We must learn from history so that this horrific part of our shared past is never forgotten, never distorted and never repeated.