

**GENEALOGIES OF MEMORY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:
THEORIES AND METHODS**

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

11:30 am

Rafał Rogulski **Welcome**

Jan Rydel **European Network Remembrance and Solidarity**

Małgorzata Pakier **Introduction to the conference**
Joanna Wawrzyniak

12:30 pm **History and memory in Central and Eastern Europe: How special?**

Chair Jeffrey Olick

Harald Wydra Dynamics of memory in East and West: Elements of a comparative framework

Sławomir Kaprański Ain't nothing special

Andrzej Nowak Constructed memories as elements of a political correctness

1:30 pm Coffee break

2:00 pm **History and memory in Central and Eastern Europe: How special? Cont.**

Joanna B. Michlic The trajectories of bringing the dark to light: Memory of the Holocaust in post-Communist Europe

Dariusz Stola On the peculiarities of memory of the 20th century in Poland: A delayed coming to terms with troubled pasts

Matthias Weber 'The Germans': an East-European *lieu de mémoire*. Assymetry of memories in Germany and Poland – *in German*

3:30 pm Break

4:30 pm **Parallel sessions**

Lieux de mémoire (1)

Chair Burkhard Olschowsky

Maciej Górny, Polish-German realms of memory.
Kornelia The theory and practice of
Kończal an interdisciplinary project
 – *in Polish*

Filip Pazderski Local 'realms of memory'
 in the borderland areas in Central
 and Eastern Europe as indicators
 of processes of regional collective
 remembering

Anna Zalewska Bullets, buttons, stones and bones
 as the carriers of memory –
 the Olszynka Grochowska case

Marcin The Warsaw Uprising as a 'generator of
Napiórkowski sense'

Commentator Włodzimierz Borodziej

Lieux de mémoire (2)

Chair Wulf Kansteiner

Jacek Auschwitz and Katyń: The lenses
Chrobaczyński of memory
Piotr
Trojański

Lidia Jurek Drawing up the boundaries
 of the endless empty steppe –
 the recuperation of memory
 of the Gulag in Eastern Europe

James Mark Where can the collapse of communism
 be celebrated? The problems
 of commemorating 1989 in Central-
 Eastern Europe

Commentator Piotr Kwiatkowski

6:30 pm Coffee break

7:00 pm **Keynote: Aleida Assmann** The transformative power of memory

Chair: Jan Rydel

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

9:00 am **Parallel sessions**

Theories and concepts (1): Traditions

Chair	Andrzej Szpociński
Alexey Vasilyev	Russian memory studies in the context of actual world trends
Elżbieta Tarkowska	Collective memory, social time and culture: The Polish tradition in memory studies
Jarosław Kiliński	Is there any sociological tradition of social memory research? The Polish and the Czech cases
Georgiy Kasianov, Karolina Wigura	Between nation-building and westernization. Studies of cultures of remembrance in Contemporary Central Eastern Europe
Commentator	Barbara Szacka – <i>in Polish</i>

11.00 am Coffee break

11.30 am **Parallel sessions**

Theories and concepts (2): Proposals

Chair	Gertrud Pickhan
Gregor Feindt, Félix Krawatzek	Entangled memories: A new conceptual approach to memory in Eastern Europe
Marta Bucholc	On the potential of Norbert Elias's approach in social memory research in Central and Eastern Europe
Amelia Korzeniewska and Bartosz Korzeniewski	Transformation of memory. Theoretical modeling and the practice of empirical research – <i>in Polish</i>
Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska	Modi memorandi. An interdisciplinary lexicon of collective memory terms
Commentator	Jeffrey Olick

1:30 pm Break

Dynamics of memory (1): Biographies

Chair	Alexander von Plato
Kaja Kaźmierska	Biographical and collective memory – mutual influences in the Central and Eastern European context
Machteld Venken, Jarosław Pałka	Similar or different? Polish soldiers' war memories in Poland and Belgium
Martina Staats	Memories of Bergen-Belsen
Michał Kierzkowski	Divided European memory: A perspective of women's memory of Stalinism in Czechoslovakia
Commentator	Lutz Niethammer

Dynamics of memory (2): Generations

Chair	Harald Wydra
Lutz Niethammer	Eastern roots of postmodern ethics? The generation of Zygmunt Bauman and Agnes Heller
Wulf Kansteiner	Historicizing memory studies: Holocaust interpretation and the concept of political generation
Katarzyna Waniek	Third generation Poles and the witness generation of Germans in conversation about World War II
Aleksandra Rychlicka	Who owns the past? The literature of the post-1989 generation and its struggle with memory
Commentator	Kaja Kaźmierska

3 pm **Parallel sessions**

Media of remembrance (1): Space/Place

Chair	Andrzej Nowak
Máté Zombory	Memory as spatial localization
Agnieszka Kudelka	Monuments and memory constructs in L'viv between 1867 and 1939 - <i>in German</i>
Katja Grupp	Kaliningrad minus Königsberg, culture minus memory: A 'foreign' city in German and Russian perspective. - <i>in German</i>
Judy Brown	Walking memory through city space in Sevastopol, Crimea
Commentator	Sławomir Kapralski

5 pm Coffee break

5:30 pm **Parallel sessions**

(New) media of remembrance (3)

Chair	Elżbieta Tarkowska
Gertrud Pickhan	History turns digital – <i>in German</i>
Alexander von Plato	Media and memory: The presentation and 'use' of witnesses in sound and image
Marcin Wilkowski	Facebook as a sphere of commemoration: A critical view
Commentator	Piotr Toczyski

Media of remembrance (2): Museum and Film

Chair	Lidia Jurek
Simina Bădică	Regimes of memory in Communist and Post-Communist Romanian museums
Monika Heinemann	The historical museum as a medium of remembrance – A case study on the memory of the Second World War in Poland after 1989
Gintare Malinauskaite	Cinematic memory of the Lithuanian double occupation: The development of partisan and Holocaust cinema and its interrelation
Małgorzata Pakier	German and Polish Holocaust cinema: The national factories of the European dream
Commentator	Nicoletta Diasio

Dynamics of memory (3): Borderlands

Chair	Joanna Kurczewska
Tatiana Zhurzhenko	Politics of memory and national identity in the post-Soviet borderlands: Ukraine/Russia and Ukraine/Poland
Tanya Zaharchenko	How memory becomes identity: The curious case of East Ukraine
Małgorzata Głowacka-Grajper	Anthropology of social memory of Kresy: territorial identity seen through the categories of 'tradition' and 'politics of memory'
Jan Kajfosz	Contemporary social memories and the theory of magic. How do we construct 'our' past and how do we instrumentalize it? – <i>in Polish</i>
Commentator	Ewa Nowicka

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

9:00 am **Parallel sessions**

Media of remembrance (4): Literature

Chair	Joanna B. Michlic
Heinrich Olschowsky	Literature as a means of cultural memory on the specificity of the East-European region - <i>in German</i>
Stanisław Obirek	Religious memory versus cultural memory in the works of Stanisław Vincenz – <i>in Polish</i>
Joanna Jeziorska-Haładyj	Memory of loss: Danilo Kiš and Aleksander Jurewicz. A comparative perspective
Anna Zeidler-Janiszewska	Mimesis as a form of memory in Holocaust literature and art - <i>in Polish</i>
Commentator	Jacek Leociak – <i>in Polish</i>

Dynamics of memory (4): Silence and articulation

Chair	Tadeusz Szawiel
Simon M. Lewis	The legacy of catastrophe: approaches and methods on the example of Belarus
Uilleam Blacker	Unknowable and unspeakable? Traumatic memory and cultural representations of the Katyń massacre
Krisztina Németh	Facts and narratives, contradictions and traumas: Can past lifeworlds be reconstructed?
Anna Lujza Szász	Art, oblivion and memory: The case of Hungarian Roma
Commentator	Maciej Bugajewski

11:00 am Coffee break

11:30 am **Parallel sessions**

**Media of remembrance (5):
The various roles of historians**

Chair	Cristina Petrescu
Larysa Buryak	Memory studies in Ukrainian historiography: Tendencies and perspectives
Michał Łuczewski, Tomasz Zarycki	Scholarly debates and moral ontologies in Poland and Russia
Agnieszka Nowakowska	Teaching Polish-Lithuanian history
Izabela Skórzyńska	Historian amidst the past as performance: an observer or a performer?
Commentator	Wulf Kansteiner

**Dynamics of memory (5):
Private/vernacular – public/official**

Chair	Joanna Wawrzyniak
Karen Auerbach	Memory, identity and the writing of history: a case study of Jewish life in Poland after the Holocaust
Nicoletta Diasio	Remembrance as embodiment in Polish contemporary memories
Piotr Kwiatkowski	World War II in the memory of today's Polish society
Commentator	Olga Shevchenko

1:30 pm Break

3 pm **Parallel sessions**

**Media of remembrance (6):
History in the public domain**

Chair Karen Auerbach

Marcin Jarzabek What kind of memory orders you to demolish a historical exhibition? – a case study of the Silesian Uprisings' history-memory quid-pro-quo

Florian Peters 'Memory' vs. 'History'? Discourses on World War II in Late Socialist Poland

Gábor Gyáni History in public use in today's Hungary

Cristina Petrescu, Dragos Petrescu Cultural memory in the making: Communism remembered in post-1989 Romania

Commentator Georgiy Kasianov

**Dynamics of memory (6):
Struggles for power and legitimacy**

Chair James Mark

Dalia Agata Báthory Memory traps: Uses and abuses of collective memory in politics

Stanisław Tyszka Legal means of remembrance. Property restitution in Czech and Polish public debates after 1989

Zuzanna Bogumił Politics and religion. New martyrs and the interpretations of the Soviet past

Robert Wszyński Young nations imagining the past. The indigeneous societies of the former Soviet Union – *in Polish*

Commentator Marek Cichocki

5 pm Coffee break

5.30 pm **Final discussion: What memory for what past – what theory for what memory?**

Introduction Jeffrey Olick

Chair: Sławomir Kapralski