



Remembrance of the Holocaust and Nazi Crimes in Post-1989 Europe Reflecting on Competition and Conflict in European Memory

International Workshop

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25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the revolutions in central and east European countries and ten years after the Eastern enlargement of the European Union the landscape of European memory seems to be deeply divided: analyses carried out by historians and political scientists speak of Holocaust vs. Gulag, inclusion vs. exclusion, national and political functionalization vs. the memory of guilt.

The workshop will focus on a reflection of changing interpretations of the Holocaust and Nazi crimes, with special emphasis on state policies and official acts of memorialization versus civil initiatives. Topics will also include opposition to national narratives, self-victimization, attempts at trivialization and distortion of the past, and the role of education and memory work in influencing awareness about traumas in the past as well as in fostering a more open society, anti-discrimination and tolerance more generally.

The goal of this international workshop is to exchange information on the recent situation in the field of the politics of history and memory and to develop concepts and recommendations for overcoming competing European memories and conflicts. The workshop might also contribute to refining the scientific profile of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity by taking into account different perspectives and narratives.

Monday, 15.12.2014

13:00-13:30

OPENING

Introduction:

Heidemarie UHL (Vienna/Stanford)

Burkhard OLSCHOWSKY (Oldenburg)

13:30-15:00

PANEL I

Chair: Ursula MINDLER (Graz/Budapest)

Birgit SCHWELLING (Essen): Identity – Difference – Similarity: Some considerations on how to analyze European memory

Aline SIERP (Maastricht): Local, National or European? The transformation of memory politics

Tatiana ZHURZHENKO (Vienna): Russia's Never Ending War against "Fascism": The memory of WWII in the Ukraine crisis

Discussion

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30

PANEL II

Chair: Béla RÁSKY (Vienna)

Jolanta AMBROSEWICZ-JACOBS (Kraków): Challenges of Education about the Holocaust

Heidemarie UHL (Vienna/Stanford): The Holocaust in European Memory and the Logics of Comparison

Discussion

17:30-19:00

Evening lecture

Chair: Heidemarie UHL (Vienna/Stanford)

Aleida ASSMANN (Konstanz)

Europe's Divided Memory and its Extension in the Commemoration Year 1914/2014

Tuesday, 16.12.2014

9:00-10:30

PANEL III

Chair: Evá KOVÁCS (Vienna/Budapest)

Nico WOUTERS (Brussels): Global Human Rights and National Histories: State sponsored history in Europe after 1989

Nanci ADLER (Amsterdam): Competition in European Memory? (Non-)Remembrance of the GULag and Stalinist crimes

Ljiljana RADONIĆ (Vienna): Post-Communist Memorial Museums

Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00

PANEL IV

Round table

Chair: Eleonore LAPPIN-EPEL (Vienna)

Remembrance of the Holocaust and Nazi Crimes in Central and Eastern Europe

Introduction: Dieter POHL (Klagenfurt)

Statements: László Levente BALOGH (Debrecen), Marek KUCIA (Kraków), Irena ŠUMI (Maribor)

Discussion

Burkhard OLSCHOWSKY / Heidemarie UHL: Closing discussion: Moving Beyond the European Memory Conflict – recommendations, future cooperation

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