Remembrance of the Holocaust and Nazi Crimes in Post-1989 Europe
Reflecting competition and conflict in European Memory

International Workshop
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25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Velvet Revolutions in CSEE 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.

Monday, 15.12.2014

PANEL I 13:00-15:00
Welcome: Brigitte MAZOHL (ÖAW) (tbi)

Introduction:
Heidemarie UHL (Vienna)
Burkhard OLSCHOWSKY (Oldenburg)

PANEL I 13:30-15:00
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

15:00-15:30 Coffee break
**PANEL II 15:30-16:30**  
Chair: Béla RÁSKY (Vienna) (tbi)  

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

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

17:30-19:00  
**Evening lecture**  
Aleida ASSMANN (Konstanz)  
Europe’s Divided Memory and its Extension in the Commemoration Year 1914/2014

**Tuesday, 16.12.2014**

**PANEL III 09:00-10:30**  
Chair: Evá KOVÁCS (Vienna/Budapest)  

Nico WOUTERS (Brussels): Cultures of Memory in Post 1989 Europe  

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

Ljiljana RADONIC (Vienna): Post-Communist Memorial Museums

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

**PANEL IV 11:00-13:00**  
**Round table:**  
Chair: Heidemarie UHL (Vienna/Stanford)  
Remembrance of the Holocaust and Nazi Crimes in Central and Eastern Europe  
Introduction: Dieter POHL (Klagenfurt)  
Statements: László CSÖSZ (Budapest), Irena ŠUMI (Maribor), Marek KUCIA (Krakow)  

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