



MAPPING MEMORIES

of Post-1989 Europe

The Ukraine crisis has revealed that national outlooks on recent European history differ significantly among countries. Historical narratives play an important role in the context of current political tensions between Russia and its neighbouring countries. These developments are equally relevant to Europe as a whole. Arguably, transnational remembrance and a common “European narrative” can only emerge on the basis of solidified national cultures of remembrance that are enshrined in a given country’s historical consciousness.

An international conference and a subsequent workshop, both organised by the Federal Agency for Civic Education (*Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung/bpb*) seek to locate post-communist cultures of remembrance and investigate their place in the production and the reception of historical narratives of Europe. What is the potential of post-communist cultures of remembrance for resolving current tensions and conflicts, and how can they be condensed into historical images and interpretive models? What is their use for political education and transnational mediation work? What models, projects, and approaches already exist in these fields, and what new approaches to transnational engagement are desirable?

Along with an evaluation of dominant historical narratives, the conference and workshop will examine country-specific work and concepts as well as current projects devoted to cultures of remembrance in the post-communist region, particularly as they target younger generations. We will seek to identify issues and areas of historical-political education work at the transnational level, with the aim of feeding them into a pan-European discourse. In a practical sense, we also seek to establish a support network connecting historical-political agents from Lisbon to Moscow.

During the conference we will tweet via the hashtag **#MapMe15**. We are looking forward to your comments!

Sunday, 29 November 2015 - Introduction

15.30

Registration and reception

Venue: Schönbrunn Palace, Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 47,
1130 Vienna, Austria
Entrance: Orangerie

17.00

Welcome and introduction

Thomas Krüger, Federal Agency for Civic Education, Germany
Heidmarie Uhl, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

17.30

“Whims of Freedom”

Stage play followed by a discussion on the use of cultural means in historical-political education

Laila Soliman, Director of the play “Whims of Freedom”, Egypt

Stefan Auer, Faculty of Arts, University of Hong Kong
Nikita Kadan, Visual Artist, Ukraine

20.00 **Dinner**

21.00 **Get-together of practical Workshop participants**
In advance of the conference the participants of the practical workshop that subsequents the conference should become acquainted, so that they have the opportunity to exchange ideas and network during the conference. Determination of personal expectations towards the conference and the workshops will also be part of the get-together.

22.00 **Transfer to the respective hotels**

Monday, 30 November 2015 - Politics of history and current conflicts

09.00 **Transfer from respective hotels to Schönbrunn Palace**
Entrance: Apothekertrakt
Venue: Maria Theresia

10.00 **Keynote: Memory politics and memory wars in post-communist Europe and their impact on European memory culture**
Alexei Miller, European University St. Petersburg, Russia

11.00 **Glue or solvent? Memory politics and the future of Europe**
Panel discussion: How are historical narratives instrumentalized in the post-Soviet region?

Chair: Jochen Hellbeck, Rutgers University, USA
Yaroslav Hrytsak, Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine
Virgiliu Bîrlădeanu, Moldova State University, Moldova
Muriel Blaive, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic
Ekaterina Makhotina, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany
Alexei Miller, European University St. Petersburg, Russia

12.30 **Lunch**
Venue: Spitzhof

14.00 -18.00 **Historical discourses, lines of conflict, structures and actors**
The module consists of six workshops, three of which will run in parallel in two consecutive blocks. The first three workshops will run from 14.00 to 15.45, the second three from 16.15 to 18.00.

14.00 -15.45 **Workshop 1:**
23 August 1939: The condemnation of totalitarianism as smallest common denominator in European politics of history?

Chair: Maria Mälksoo, Tartu University, Estonia
Olesya Khromeychuk, University of East Anglia, UK
Tatiana Timofeeva, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia
Tatiana Zhurzhenko, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Workshop 2:
Europe 1939-1945: Transnational memory discourses on occupation, resistance and collaboration

Chair: Florian Kühner-Wielach, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany
Christian Ganzer, Leipzig University, Germany
Andrii Portnov, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany
Siarhei Novikau, Minsk State Linguistic University, Belarus

Workshop 3:
The century of the refugee: Remembering forced migration in, out of and to Europe

Chair: Stefan Troebst, Leipzig University, Germany
Harutyun Marutyan, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia
Krzysztof Ruchniewicz, University of Wrocław, Poland
Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, University Lund, Sweden
László Levente Balogh, University Debrecen, Hungary

16.15 -18.00

Workshop 4:
Holocaust and Gulag as European-wide realms of memory

Chair: Heidemarie Uhl, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
Diana Dumitru, Pedagogical University "Ion Creangă", Kishinev, Moldova
Ljiljana Radonić, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
Aline Sierp, University Maastricht, Netherlands
Anna Schor-Tschudnrowskaja, Sigmund Freud University Vienna, Austria

Workshop 5:
Signatures of an era: "1945", "1956", "1968" and "1989" in European cultures of remembrance

Chair: Jenny Friedrich-Freksa, Institute for Foreign Relations, Germany
Zaal Andronikashvili, Center for Literary and Cultural Research (ZfL), Germany
Nelly Bekus, University of Exeter, UK
Uilleam Blacker, University College London, UK

Workshop 6:
Transmitters of mutual understanding: Bilateral committees of historians, intergovernmental institutions and pan-European organisations

Chair: Miloš Rezník, German Historical Institute Warsaw, Poland

Markus Prutsch, Research Administrator at the European Parliament,
Brussels, Belgium
Michael Schwartz, Institute for Contemporary History, Germany
Stefan Troebst, Leipzig University, Germany

18.00-18.45

Evening snack
Venue: Spitzhof

19.30-20.30

Excursions

Heldenplatz / The Hero's Square
Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance

- Morzinplatz Memorial
- Memorials commemorating the victims of war and National Socialism in St. Stephen's cathedral
- Soviet War Memorial (Schwarzenbergplatz, 1945), Memorial Against War and Fascism (Albertinaplatz, 1988), Judenplatz Holocaust Memorial (2000)
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Tuesday, 1 December 2015 - Project market

08.30

Transfer from respective hotels to Schönbrunn Palace
Entrance: Apothekertrakt
Venue: Maria Theresia

09.30-10.00

Input: Commemoration between science and practical work
Steven Stegers, EUROCLIO, The Hague, Netherlands

10.00

Project market: Presentation of various projects and institutes active in remembrance work
Venue: Maximilian

12.00

Concluding discussion: Perspectives
Venue: Maria Theresia

Chair: Florian Kühner-Wielach, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany
Polina Filippova, Sakharov Center, Russia
Ljiljana Radonić, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
Oliver Rathkolb, Vienna University, Austria
Jörg Skriebeleit, Concentration Camp Memorial Flossenbürg, Germany

13.30

Lunch and departure
Venue: Spitzhof

Practical workshop, 1-3 December 2015

Following on from the international conference “Mapping Memories of Post-1989 Europe” in Vienna, a practice-oriented workshop will take place on 1-3 December 2015 to act as a laboratory for ideas and a space for discourse and networking. Using hands-on formats, practitioners in the field of historical-political education are invited to draw out the significance of the theoretical foundation set out at the conference for their own work. The aim is to discuss challenges and specific concepts and projects in order to develop joint perspectives for political education and transnational educational work.

Dealing with current issues and conflicts in historical-political education is an interesting starting point for discussion. How are they received and utilized in political education and transnational mediation work? What models, projects and approaches already exist in these fields, and which new approaches to transnational engagement can be envisaged? Along with an evaluation of specific challenges and current projects devoted to the culture of remembrance in the post-communist region, the workshop will examine the significance of such projects especially as they target younger generations. The workshop seeks to identify issues and areas of historical-political education work at the transnational level, with the aim of feeding them into a pan-European discourse. The aim is to trigger a sustainable exchange and ideas for future projects.

The workshop is divided into three sections building upon one another and thus guiding the process of developing individual as well as shared ideas.

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

19.00

Dinner

Welcome by the workshop facilitators

Location: Hotel Falkensteiner Margareten

Activating methods will be used in an informal setting to encourage all participants to get to know each other better and to give a rough feedback on the conference.

Furthermore, the program of the workshop will be presented and first questions will be answered.

Wednesday, 2 December 2015 - Mapping

08.00

Breakfast

08.30

Transfer from hotel to Schönbrunn Palace

09.30

Mapping sessions

We will begin by mapping the participants' manifold perspectives and thereby encourage first discussions and conversations. Subsequently, we will reflect upon the topics "Remembrance", "Now" and "Future".

Mapping the conference – Conclusions from the conference

Could the expectations be fulfilled?
What was particularly impressive?
At which point did you want to go deeper?

Mapping Remembrance

Timeline: Which dates / events have special meaning to me?
Which places of interest are of special historical importance?
Which personalities are historically relevant?

Mapping Now

Which current crises are particularly threatening for me?
Which conflicts have to be handled/solved now?
Which conflicts should be anticipated now?

Mapping Future

What should we remind people of in the future?
In which form should remembrance be manifested?
How should remembrance work proceed in the future?

11.15

Mapping discussion

Division into subgroups to draw conclusions from the mapping sessions, assessment of the main challenges

12.00

Final mapping conclusion and presentation of the Barcamp method

12.30

Lunch

13.30

Start Barcamp

The Barcamp offers a unique opportunity to introduce your own projects, your own work or simply your points of discussion in short individual workshops. Here, all participants have the chance to further connect, exchange experiences and discuss existing projects and activities. There will be two rounds in small groups with as many sessions as you offer. All results will be summed up in the plenary by the facilitator.

16.30	Coffee break
17.00	Mapping session results Q&As / Finding Partners
18.00	Feedback and outlook for the next day
19.00	Dinner
20.30	Transfer from Schönbrunn Palace to hotel

Thursday, 3 December 2015 - Design Thinking

08.00	Breakfast <i>Please check out of the hotel!</i>
08.30	Transfer from hotel to Schönbrunn Palace
09.00	Design Thinking: Idea and process The last part of the practical workshop will be dedicated to developing your ideas, concepts and actual prototypes, considering the diverse perspectives of all participants. At the centre of the process is an interdisciplinary and solution-oriented approach. The main objective is to create realistic and concrete solutions that will be presented in the plenary.
11.15	Final presentation of Design Thinking results
12.00	Feedback and Farewell
12.30	End of workshop and departure