

# Usable Pasts and Futurities: The Changing Place of Europe in Global Memory Cultures

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THURSDAY, MAY 22

## I. Memorializing Conflict

- 9:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:00 David Messenger (University of Wyoming): Europeanizing the Spanish Civil War: Contemporary Memory Politics in Catalonia
- 10:30 Sara Jones (University of Birmingham): Beyond the Nation? Politics, Networks and Social Actors in Memories of Dictatorship

## II. Museums and War

- 11:30 Alys Cundy and Yvonne Pörzgen (University of Bristol, Universität Bremen): Wars in European Memory: Representations of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Conflict in Historical Museums (German, UK, Russia)
- 12:00 Stephan Jaeger (University of Manitoba): National and Transnational Memory Strategies of Representing the Second World War in the European Museum of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 12:30 Elke Heckner (University of Iowa): European Memories of Futurity? The *Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery* in Nantes (2012) and the *Museum of Military History* in Dresden (2011)

## III. Possible Futurities

- 2:00 Deanna Wooley (Indiana University): Exploring Europe as a Usable Futurity in the Collective Memory of the Velvet Revolution
- 2:30 Jan Lensen (Freie Universität Berlin): The Names of the Dead in our Shared Cemeteries: The Past as a Gateway to Europe's Future in Koen Peeters' *Grote Europese Roman*
- 3:00 Christian Baier (Seoul National University): Homer's Cultural Children: The Myth of Troy and European Identity

FRIDAY, MAY 23

## IV. Screening Transnational Europe

- 9:30 John Buffinga (Memorial University): Transnational Memory in *The White Ribbon* and *Lore*
- 10:00 Eva-Maria Esseling (Universität Münster): Fatih Akin's Vision of a Transcultural Europe in "Die bösen alten Lieder": The Theater as a Space of Transcultural Memory

## V. Memory at the Peripheries

- 10:45 Christian Sieg (Universität Münster): Beyond Foundational Myths: Images from the Margins of the European Memory Map
- 11:15 Anke Biendarra (University of California, Irvine): Constructing European Memories of the Balkans in the 1990s

## VI. Alternative Sites of Memory

- 1:00 James Skidmore (University of Waterloo): Memories of a Christian Europe
- 1:30 Susan Ingram (York University): Let's Talk about Sex: The Birth of European Memory Cultures from the Spirit of Global Feminism

## VII. Mobilizing European Memories Beyond Europe

- 2:15 Willow Anderson (Memorial University): Compelled to Share: Exploring Memory Through the Stories of Holocaust and Residential School Survivors
- 2:45 Markus Reisenleitner (York University) From Europe's Early Iron Age to a Shanzhai Village: Themed Environments, Global Property Markets, and the Role of Hallstatt's Cultural Legacy
- 3:15 Final Discussion (end ca. 4:00)