



## 3<sup>rd</sup> PLENARY CONFERENCE

# Transcultural memory and reception in Europe

16-20 April 2016, Sofia

## PROGRAMME

### 16 APRIL /Arrival

#### 14.00 – 17.30 Excursion to the outskirts of Sofia

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##### **14.00 – Meeting at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.**

We will start our drive through some of the places of memory in Sofia. We will drive to the National Museum of History. Along the way we will pass by the "People's Palace" or the National Palace of Culture (built in the early 1980s as the biggest congress and event center in Bulgaria).

##### **About 14.30 – Arrival at the National Museum of History.**

The building of the museum was part of the state-owned complex of residences of the highest-ranking members of the Communist party. Its architecture combines local decorative elements and modern achievements in architecture, influenced by the Boston City Hall style. Currently, there are displayed some of the most valuable archaeological and historical objects, related to the history of the Bulgarian territories.

##### **16.00 – Visit to the Banner of Peace Monument.**

The monument is emblematic for the last decade of the communist regime in Bulgaria when the Communist party tries to find new symbols and aesthetics. A significant part of the monument is dedicated to the numerous bells, donated by 79 countries around the world.

##### **16.45 – Trip back to the center of Sofia.**

En route we will pass by one of the biggest and believed to be one of the most representative workers quarters in Sofia *Mladost* (meaning 'Youth'). The urban project started in the 1960s, but a significant number of the so called prefabricated panel buildings (*panelki*) have been constructed in the late 1970s and 1980s in order to meet the influx of people coming to the capital.

**About 17.30** – expected arrival back to the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in the city center.

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• **Theater Hall**

08.45 Registration

09.15 Welcome

09.30 - 10.30 Keynote 1: **Miglena Nikolchina** (Sofia)

Reading the Communist Legacy through Non-coinciding Coincidences: Tzvetan Stoyanov with Julia Kristeva and Georgi Markov

Chair: **Ann Rigney**

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 - 12.00 Keynote 2: **Paula Hamilton** (Sidney)

Moving memories: the limits and possibilities of transcultural remembrance

Chair: **Tea Sindbæk Andersen**

12.00 - 13.00 *Lunch break*

• **New Conference Hall**

13.00 - 14.00 Keynote 3: **Aleida Assmann** (Konstanz, fellow of the IFK, Vienna)

Transnational memory and the construction of history through mass media

Chair: **Barbara Törnquist-Plewa**

14.00 - 14.30 *Coffee break*

14.30 - 16.30 **Bulgarian Panel**

Participants: **Alexander Kiossev** (Sofia)

**Nikolay Vukov** (IEFSEM - BAS)

**Svetla Kazalarska** (IEFSEM - BAS)

Chair: **Daniela Koleva** (Sofia)

16.30 *Guided city walk*

19.00 Official dinner at the restaurant of the National Theater in Sofia

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• **New Conference Hall**

09.00 - 10.00 Keynote 4: **Wulf Kansteiner** (Aarhus):  
Cosmopolitan Nationalism: The Production and Consumption of Dark Heritage  
in Europe and Beyond

Chair: **Galina Goncharova**

10.00 - 10.30 *Coffee break*

10.30 - 11.30 Session 1: **Steffi Hobuß** (Lüneburg) and **John Sundholm** (Stockholm):  
Memory without representation

Discussant: **Dubravka Stojanović**

**Krzysztof Kowalski** (Krakow):

Reconstructed discourses on the European past. The role of European heritage in  
search of a new European *Imaginarium*

Discussant: **Andrea Petö**

**Sara Jones** (Birmingham):

Cross-border collaboration and the construction of memory narratives in Europe

Discussant: **Zdzislaw Mach**

11.30 - 12.00 General discussion

12.00 - 13.00 *Lunch break*

13.00 - 14.00 Session 2: **Radmila Radić** (Belgrade):

Attempts of memory to cross the borders – the Yugoslav block in Auschwitz

Discussant: **Ann Rigney**

**Vjeran Pavlaković** and **Benedikt Perak** (Rijeka):

How does this monument make you feel? Measuring emotional responses to  
war memorials in Croatia

Discussant: **Astrid Erll**

**Thomas van de Putte** (Bern) and **Aleksandra Kubica** (London):

Reenacting the Holocaust? Memory of occupation, war and genocide  
for inhabitants of Oswiecim (Auschwitz)

Discussant: **Anna-Kaisa Kuusisto-Arponen**

14.00 - 14.30 General discussion

14.30 - 15.00 *Coffee break*

15.00 - 16.20 Session 3: **Hannah Ackermans** (Utrecht):

Historic Soap as a Punctum of the Holocaust: A case study in the notion of 'non-communicative' objects

Discussant: **Martins Kaprans**

**Slavka Karakusheva** (Sofia):

Memory exchange and mediatization of nostalgia

Discussant: **Fionnuala Dillane**

**Laura Boerhout** (Amsterdam):

Digital memory activism across borders. Circulating commemorative practices of the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Discussant: **Vanni D'Alessio**

**Emilie Pine** (Dublin):

Witnessing memory: Transcultural theatre in Northern Ireland?

Discussant: **Alexandre Dessingue**

16.20 - 16.50 General discussion

17.15 - 18.30 MC meeting

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9.00 - 10.00 Session 5: **Inge Melchior** (Amsterdam):

Memory narratives of Soviet repression among Estonian migrants in the Netherlands

Discussant: **Steffi Hobuß**

**Zoé de Kerangat** (Madrid):

Memory and resistance: exhumations of Francoism's victims during the Spanish transition to democracy

Discussant: **Aline Sierp**

**Lisa Garbe** and **Kristin Noack** (Leipzig):

The perception of the Eichmann trial in Israel today

Discussant: **Slawomir Kapralski**

10.00 - 10.30 General discussion

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 - 12.00 Session 6: **Andreas Hudelist** and **Daniel Wutti** (Klagenfurt):

To pass the time silently: How to form cultural memory 70 years after?

Discussant: **Heiko Pääbo**

**Aleksandra Kubica** (London):

Mobile memory: reception and the travelling project of POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Discussant: **Zdzislaw Mach**

**Gunnthorun Guthmunnsdottir** (Reykjavik):

European memory on the margins: the reception in Iceland of stories from the Spanish Civil War 1942 and 2001

Discussant: **Paolo Ruspini**

12.00 - 12.30 General Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 - 14.30 Session 7: **Natalija Majsova** (Ljubljana):

Neither rupture nor continuity: the contested image of the dawn of the space age in contemporary Russian cinematography

Discussant: **Daisy Neijmann**

**Eleni Sideri** (Thessaloniki):

Mediated memory: European media policy and memory in Georgian cinema

Discussant: **Veronika Zangl**

**Viktoria Sukovata** (Kharkiv):

The contemporary Russian 'spy movie' as (re-)constructions of the post-memory of World War II

Discussant: **John Sundholm**

14.00 - 15.00 General Discussion

15.00 - 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 - 16.30 Session 8: **Rosanna Farbøl** (Aarhus):

The Cold War of Danish memory communities

Discussant: **Tea Sindbæk Andersen**

**Slawomir Kapralski** (Krakow):

The Holocaust in Poland's social memories: commemorated but not remembered

Discussant: **Barbara Törnquist-Plewa**

**Anne Heimo** (Turku):

Spontaneous archives and remixed memories

Discussant: **Paula Hamilton**

16.30 - 17.00 General Discussion

**20 APRIL / Departure**