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

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THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00 Breakfast

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

11:00 Coffee Break

II. Museums and War

11:30 Alys Cundy and Yvonne Pörzgen (University of Bristol, Universität Bremen): Wars in European Memory: Representations of 20th 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 21st 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)

1:00 Lunch
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

7:00  Conference Dinner

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:00  Breakfast

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 Trancultural Europe in “Die bösen alten Lieder”: The Theater as a Space of Transcultural Memory

10:30  Coffee Break

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

11:45  Lunch

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

2:00   Coffee Break

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)