International Conference

Politics of History and Memory Conflicts in Post-Communist Europe

Poznań, May 26 – 28, 2022
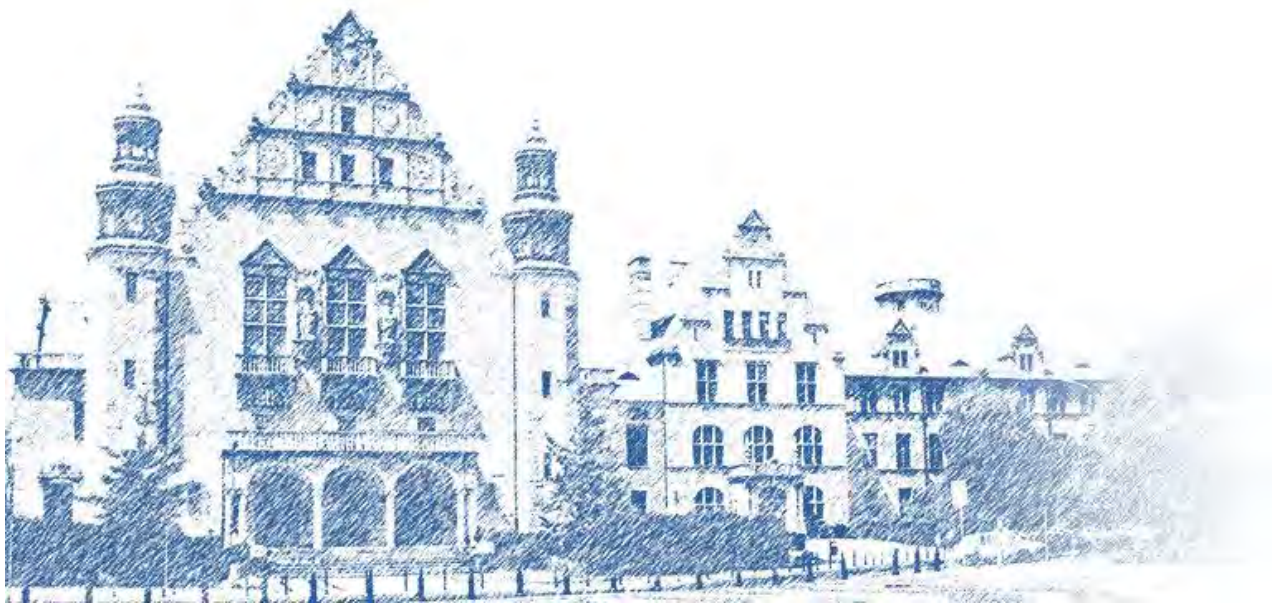
Thu. May 26th 2022

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm, *venue: Collegium Maius, ul. Fredry 10, Salon Mickiewicza pod Kopułą (4. Floor)*
Introduction:
    Rafał Witkowski, Vicerector for international cooperation (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)
    Beata Halicka (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)
    Olivier Schmidtke (University of Victoria)

Panel discussion:
Contesting European Memory Culture. Central European perspective
(in Polish and English with simultaneous translation)
Participants: Birte Wassenberg (University of Strasbourg*)*
                Ildiko Barna (Etovos Lorand University in Budapest*)*
                Jarosław Kuisz (Liberal Culture and University of Warsaw)
Chair: Piotr Oleksy (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

7.30 pm – dinner, Restaurant Libertte 33, ul. Libelta 33

Fr. May 27th 2022

Venue: Collegium Historicum, ul. Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7, room 3.131 (2. Floor)

Case studies – EU Members, 9.00 am –11.40 am

    Bartosz Dziewanowski (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity and Polish Academy of Science): *History and Memory in International Relations. The case of Poland after 1989*
    Beata Halicka (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań): *National or multicultural? Common narrative about history in post-communist Baltic States*
    Kamil Całus (Center for Eastern Studies in Warsaw): *Sympathy for the devil? Historical trauma and nostalgia in modern Romania*
Chair: Olivier Schmidtke (University of Victoria)

Coffee break

Case studies – Ukraine and Russia, 12.10 pm – 1.50 pm
Marta Studenna-Skrukwa (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań): *Between socialist heartland and totalitarian dictatorship. Changes in the image of post-World War II period in Ukrainian historical discourse.*
Maria Domańska (Center for Eastern Studies in Warsaw): *History as a weapon. Domestic and foreign policy goals of Russia's politics of memory.*
Chair: Alina Cherviatsova (Ghent University)

Lunch, *Ostoja, Collegium Chemicum*

The Histories, Uses, and Transformations of Memory in Hungary and Poland
Round Table of young scholars, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Alicja Podbielska (Yale University): *'Helping is Legal'! Memory of Holocaust Rescue in Responses to Refugees*
Judith Molmar (University of Oxford): *From Traitors to Heroes: An Analysis of the Hungarian State's Narratives on Emigration Over the Last Century*
Diana Bartha (Etovos Lorand University in Budapest): *Political Speeches Connected to the Holocaust: Reconstructing Hungarian Memory Politics*
Chair and Commentator: Matt James (University of Victoria)

7.00 pm – 8.00 pm – Old Town walk

8.00 pm – dinner Restaurant Brovaria, ul. Stary Rynek 73-74

Sat. May 28th 2022
9.00 am – 11.00 am, *venue: Collegium Maius, ul. Fredry 10, Salon Mickiewicza pod Kopułą (4. Flour)*

EuMePo network discussions on project

Lunch

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Conference is part of the Jean Monnet Network "European Memory Politics: Populism, Nationalism, and the Challenges to a European Memory Culture" (Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union). More about the project on: https://www.eucanet.org/projects/memory-politics/.
Bringing together scholars from Canada and European countries, the European Memory Politics (EuMePo) network explores how the 20th century's past is (re)interpreted, commemorated, and narrativised in contemporary political life.

Key Questions
- How are the **memories of Europe's collective traumas** mobilized and (re)interpreted by political actors?
- What is at stake in the **populist 're-nationalization'** of memory?
- How do states address past injustices through the politics of **apology, state inquiries, and historical excavations**?