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1989–1991 FROM AN ORAL HISTORY PERSPECTIVE
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Program as of 6 October 2014

6 NOVEMBER (THURSDAY)

12:00-12:30 Welcome
12:30-13:15 Introduction
Ferenc Laczó, Franka Maubach and Joanna Wawrzyniak

13:15-14:30 Keynote Speech:
James Wertsch, Mnemonic Communities and Habits

15:30-17:00 Keynote Speech
Michael Bernhard and Jan Kubik, The Politics of Memory and Commemoration

17:30-19:30 Horizons of Expectation and Spaces of Experience: Between Accident, Hope and Trauma

Chair: Gertrud Pickhan

Joachim von Puttkamer
Making Sense of the Unexpected: How the Reshaping of the Polish Power Apparatus in 1989 is Being Remembered

Nadezhda Galabova
The Political Meaning of Chance: Socialist Life Stories From the Town of Koprivshitsa, Bulgaria

Rauf R. Garagozov
Collapse of the Soviet Union as Cultural Trauma and Russian Collective Memory

Discussant: Padraic Kenney
7 NOVEMBER (FRIDAY)

9:00-11:00 Individual and Collective Memories Entangled
Chair: Ferenc Laczó
Katharine White: Shifts in East Germans Spatial Imaginaries
Tomasz Stryjek: What does 1991 mean for Ukrainians?
Discussant: Kaja Kaźmierska

11:30-13:30 Generational Experiences and Memories
Chair: Burkhard Olschowsky
Ljubica Spaskovska: The Last Yugoslav Generation: Making Sense of Post-Socialism and the End of Yugoslavia
Deanna Wooley: “We Were the Generation of Unspoken Assumptions”: Generational Identity and the “Velvet Revolution”
Kirsten Gerland: Memories and Generational Belongings: Independent Youth Movements of the 1980s in the GDR and People’s Republic of Poland
Discussant: Lars Breuer

14:30-16:00 Oral history in Post-war Humanities West and East: International Travelogue
Introduction: Włodzimierz Borodziej
Lutz Niethammer: interviewed by Piotr Filipkowski and Franka Maubach

16:15-17:45 Oral history today and tomorrow
Chair: Alexander von Plato
Discussion: Lutz Niethammer, Luisa Passerini, Irina Sherbakova, Miroslav Vaněk, Dorothee Wierling
9:00-12:00 Parallel sessions

1. Recalling and Constructing Key Historical Events
2. Master Narratives in the Making
3. The Agents and Impact of Economic Change
4. Religion, Ethnicity and Memory
5. Experiences, Discourses and Biographies
6. Generational and Group Memories

(see sessions program below)

13:00-15:00 1989-1991 in Comparative and Transnational Perspectives

Chair: Piotr Filipkowski
Burkhard Olschowsky 1989 as a Lieu de Mémoire in Poland and Germany
Lars Breuer, Anna Leidinger Ordinary Europeans’ View on 1989
Aline Sierp Bridging the Gap: Framing Memory Debate in the EU
Discussant: Michael Bernhard

15:30-17:00 Final discussion

Chair: Joanna Wawrzyniak
Workshops results summaries
General comments by Jeffrey K. Olick
Free discussion
Recalling and Constructing Key Historical Events

Chair: Burkhard Olschowsky

Katja Doose: “Here, Everything Tumbled Down Much Earlier”: Colliding Memories of the Soviet Collapse and the Armenian Earthquake

Constanza Calabretta: 1989/2014: Germany. Memories of the Peaceful Revolution

Andrea Brait: About the Interpretation of 1989 as an Epoch Year in Austria

Valentina Nedelcheva: The “Sudden Death” Syndrome: Reminiscence of the Bulgarian 10th of November 1989

Boçi Sonila: The Collapse of the Berlin Wall and Democratic Transformation in Albania

Constantin Schmidt: The Transnational Remembrance of the Paneuropean Picknick

First discussants: Dobrochna Kałwa and Jan Kubik

Master Narratives in the Making

Chair: Ferenc Laczó

Ben Gook: Nachträglichkeit: Belatedness and the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Barbara Gawęda: Anti-Feminism of Transformation: a Narrative about Sidelining Women’s Issues

Jens Boysen: Forcing the Reds out of the National Remembrance

Sylwia Balgarinov: Whose History Should we Teach to our Children?

Alina Thiemann: The Romanian Revolution: from Heroic Moment to Tragedy and then to Farce

First discussants: Marcin Napiórkowski and Jeffrey K. Olick

The Agents and Impact of Economic Change

Chair: Joanna Wawrzyniak

Jannis Panagiotidis: Horizons of Transition: Economic Experts and the Making of the “Long Year 1989”

Agnès Arp: A Second Nationalization of the Private Entrepreneurs from the GDR, 1989-1990?


Karolina Mikołajewska: Remembering Privatization in the Polish Food Industry

Eszter Z. Tóth: 1989-1991 Remembered in Hungarian and Eastern German Factories

First discussants: Luísa Passerini and Joachim von Puttkamer
### Religion, Ethnicity and Memory

**Chair:** Małgorzata Pakier

- **Denise Thorpe**
  - Sifting and Shifting Memory: Lithuanian Vėlinės Practices as the Performance and Construction of Memory

- **Vera Klyueva, Roman Poplavsky**
  - A Time to Sow: Last Soviet Years in the Memories of Contemporary Believers

- **Dagmara Dudek**
  - Church and the Political Change of 1989. The Making of Memory in Germany

- **Toria Malkhaz**
  - Georgian-Abkhazian Conflict in the Recollections of Internally Displaced Persons

- **Mimoza Telaku**
  - Collective Narrative of the Interethnic Conflict in Kosovo

- **László Szabolcs**
  - The Hopeful December and the Black March: Documentary Films as Collective Memory Projects in Romania

**First discussants:** Lutz Niethammer and James Wertsch

### Experiences, Discourses and Biographies

**Chair:** Piotr Filipkowski

- **Ina Alber**
  - Narrating the “Transition to Democracy”: on the Interdependency of Discourses and Biographies

- **Adam Mielczarek**
  - Experience and Memory of Polish Solidarity Movement

- **Kirsti Jõesalu, Raili Nugin**
  - Mediated Experiences of “Freedom” in Museums and Biographies

- **Joakim Glaser**
  - Football Clubs and Identity Change in Eastern Germany

- **Catalin Parfene**
  - Football, Writing and Politics in the Memory of an Ethnic Hungarian in Romania

**First discussants:** Olena Ivanova and Miroslav Vaněk

### Group and Generational Memories

**Chair:** Franka Maubach

- **Izabella Wagner**
  - “By Correspondence” Revolution: the 1989 Memory among Polish Scientists in the US

- **Magdalena Wnuk**
  - The 1989 Dilemma: “To Stay Abroad or to Return to Poland?”

- **Elena Bogomyagkova**
  - Russian Students Remembering 1993

- **Kaja Kaźmierska**
  - Experience of the Process of Transformation in Poland in Generational Perspective

- **Jolanta Steciuk**
  - Voices of the 1970–75 Generation in Poland

- **Grażyna Kubica-Heller, Agnieszka Król**
  - Trajectories of Polish Transformation: Biographical Narratives of 1989’ Generation
Manuela B. Rajevic
Politics Of Memory in Latin American Post Dictatorship Societies: The Re-Emergence of Resistance Discourses in New Generations

First discussants: Alexander von Plato and Ljubica Spasovska

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