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1989–1991 FROM AN ORAL HISTORY PERSPECTIVE
WARSAW, 6-8 NOVEMBER 2014

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Program as of 15 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
Tomasz Stryjek: What does 1991 mean for Ukrainians?
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

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

Natalia Cojocaru
1989-1991 in Moldova: Memory, Discourse and Representation

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)*

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**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

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**15:30-17:00 Final discussion**

**Chair:** Joanna Wawrzyniak

Workshops results summaries

General comments by Jeffrey K. Olick

Free discussion
PARALLEL SESSIONS (SATURDAY: 9:00-12:00)

Recalling and Constructing Key Historical Events (room 265, University of Warsaw Library)

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 (room 3.016, Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55 st.)

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

Sylvia 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 (room 3.023, Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55 st.)

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 Mikolajewska Remembering Privatization in the Polish Food Industry

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

First discussants: Luisa Passerini and Joachim von Puttkamer
Religion, Ethnicity and Memory (room 264, University of Warsaw Library)

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 Historians

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 (room 254, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: Piotr Filipkowski

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

Cătălin 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 (room 254, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: Franka Maubach

Izabela 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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