

**COLLECTIVE VS COLLECTED MEMORIES**  
**1989–1991 FROM AN ORAL HISTORY PERSPECTIVE**  
**WARSAW, 6-8 NOVEMBER 2014**

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW LIBRARY, DOBRA 56/66 STREET, ROOM 316

Program as of 15 October 2014

**6 NOVEMBER (THURSDAY)**

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12:00-12:30 **Welcome**

12:30-13:15 **Introduction**

**Ferenc Laczó, Franka Maubach and Joanna Wawrzyniak**

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13:15-14:30 **Keynote Speech:**

**James Wertsch, *Mnemonic Communities and Habits***

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15:30-17:00 **Keynote Speech**

**Michael Bernhard and Jan Kubik, *The Politics of Memory and Commemoration***

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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 Cojocar** 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)*

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

## PARALLEL SESSIONS (SATURDAY: 9:00-12:00)

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

**Chair:** [Burkhard Olschowsky](#)

<b>Katja Doose</b>	“Here, Everything Tumbled Down Much Earlier”: Colliding Memories of the Soviet Collapse and the Armenian Earthquake
<b>Constanza Calabretta</b>	1989/2014: Germany. Memories of the Peaceful Revolution
<b>Andrea Brait</b>	About the Interpretation of 1989 as an Epoch Year in Austria
<b>Valentina Nedelcheva</b>	The “Sudden Death” Syndrome: Reminiscence of the Bulgarian 10th of November 1989
<b>Boçi Sonila</b>	The Collapse of the Berlin Wall and Democratic Transformation in Albania
<b>Constantin Schmidt</b>	The Transnational Remembrance of the Paneuropean Picknick

**First discussants:** [Dobrochna Kalwa and Jan Kubik](#)

### Master Narratives in the Making (room 3.016, Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55 st.)

**Chair:** [Ferenc Laczó](#)

<b>Ben Gook</b>	Nachträglichkeit: Belatedness and the Fall of the Berlin Wall
<b>Barbara Gawęda</b>	Anti-Feminism of Transformation: a Narrative about Sidelining Women’s Issues
<b>Jens Boysen</b>	Forcing the Reds out of the National Remembrance
<b>Sylvia Balgarinov</b>	Whose History Should we Teach to our Children?
<b>Alina Thiemann</b>	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](#)

<b>Jannis Panagiotidis</b>	Horizons of Transition: Economic Experts and the Making of the “Long Year 1989”
<b>Agnès Arp</b>	A Second Nationalization of the Private Entrepreneurs from the GDR, 1989-1990?
<b>Kamil Lipiński</b>	Sailing to the “Islands of Normal”: 1989-1991 in the Eyes of Polish Business Elite
<b>Karolina Mikołajewska</b>	Remembering Privatization in the Polish Food Industry
<b>Eszter Z. Tóth</b>	1989-1991 Remembered in Hungarian and Eastern German Factories

**First discussants:** [Luisa Passerini and Joachim von Puttkamer](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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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