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Who Is the Subject of Social Memory: What Does the New Relational Sociology Bring to the Study of Social Memory?

In ordinary studies on social memory, it is assumed that the subject of social memory is an individual. Of course, it is an individual shaped by culture and society, but it is an autonomous individual who is the subject of references to the past, with everything that is the consequence of such references.

The complex of matters related to the society of the network (I am thinking of the emergence of the network society itself, as well as the theories explaining this phenomenon, as well as research methods) allows to formulate hypotheses that an autonomous individual is not the only subject of references to the past, that at least in certain situations it is an individual entangled in the network and that this fact is a decisive factor shaping our references to the past.

In my paper, I will try to show that in both cases we deal with qualitatively different types of the past.