



Common Past/Divided Memories Conference 29.11.2024. – 01.12.2024

Thessaloniki, University of Macedonia, Egnatia 154 str.

Programme

29.11.2024

9.30-10.00: Registration

Venue: Tele-education Room, 1st Floor

10.00: Official Welcome by the Rectors of the University of Macedonia and of South-West University Neofit Rilski

Session: Byzantine and Ottoman Past: History, Religion and Ethnicity, Cultural and Political Identities

10.30 – 11.30:

Chair Valentin **Kitanov** and Lazaros **Vasileiadis**

- Stamatia **Fotiadou** & Eleonora **Naxidou**. *Contested Paths of Memory and Legacy in Greek and Bulgarian Narratives*
- Alexandru **Simon**. *Kaloianes in Anti-Ottoman Warfare? Frescos, Chronicles and Needs*
- Umit **Eser**. *Conflicting Representations of Alafranga: French Influence in the Collective Memory of the Ottoman Literati*
- Discussion

11.30-12.00 Coffee and Tea break

Session: Contradictions of the Legacy: Vanished Empires: Multinational Experience and Conflicting Memories

12.00-13.30 Chair: Umit **Eser**

- Orlin **Sabev**. *The Memory of Vassil Levski, The Bulgarian National Idea and The Ottoman State: The Contradictory Past*
- John A. **Mazis**. *When Memory Fails (zoom)*
- Ayca **Baydar**. *The making of an alternative hero: The myth of Resid Pasa as a nostalgic account of the past*
- Erkjad **Kajo**. *War, Memory, and Identity: Greek and Albanian Divided Memories on 'Northern Epirus'*
- Danilo **Šarenac**. *From Cordial Friendship to Vicious Hate. The Failed Project of Commemorating the Serbian military assistance to the siege of Edirne 1912-1913*

Discussion

14.00-15.30: Lunch for the participants at the Restaurant of the University (Lobby)

Venue: Tele-education Room 1st Floor

Session: Dynamic of History, Dynamics of Memory: Colonial and Postcolonial Discourses

15.30-17.00: Chair Iannis **Carras** and Orlin **Sabev**

- Zekirja **Shabani**. *The Ottoman Period in Kosovo: Interpretations of the Past and Contemporary Perspectives*
- Iulia-Alexandra **Oprea**. *Turkey's "Gönül Coğrafya" – (Re)Imagining Past and Present (zoom)*
- Kinga **Bialek**. *Zones of Memory and Oblivion in Nicosia: Exploring the Ottoman Heritage and Its Presentation in Museums*
- Aikaterini **Yannoukakou**. *Being visibly invisible: The case of Thessaloniki's Ottoman monuments*

Discussion

17.30-17.45 Coffee & Tea Break

17.45-18.45: Chair: Eleonora **Naxidou**

- Elias G. **Skoulidas**, Kriton **Kuci**. *Memories and Myths about a Contested Minority during and after the "Socialist" Period in Albania*
- Melina **Foris**. *Official history and Family memory about the recent past in Cyprus (zoom)*
- Aleksandar R. **Miletić**. *Challenging Grand Narratives? Shared Memories of Serbian-Albanian Coexistence in Kosovo in the 20th and 21st Centuries (zoom)*

Discussion

Venue: Conference Hall 1st floor

Session: Coups, Turns, Revolutions, Migrations, Refugees, and Genocide: Traumatic Past, Cultural Memories and Political Identities

15.00-17.30: Chair Dimitris **Stamatopoulos**, Snezhana **Dimitrova**

- Merve **Doğan**. *Migrations from the Balkans after the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78 (zoom)*
- Burcin **Gerçek** & Mazlum **Vesek**. *Tjvjik: a story of a lost world, oblivion and usurpation (zoom)*
- Claudiu-Lucian **Topor** & Andrei **Chirilă**. *Wartime remembrance among Romanian political elites: Refugee memoirs from Moldova and notes under military occupation (1916-1918)*
- Keziban **Acar**. *Russian and Cossack Remembrance of Refugee Life in the 1920s.*
- Lazaros **Vasileiadis**. *Shared Traumas and Interconnected Histories: The Exchanged of Armenian and Greek Refugees by Soviet Union and Greek State during the Interwar Period*
- Annita **Antoniadou**. *Outlining unknown aspects of the symbiotic city of Limassol during the dawn of Cyprus' independence based on firsthand memory studies and narratives*

Discussion

17.30-17.45 Coffee and tea break

Session: Communism, Dictatorship, and Extermination: Experienced History and its Narratives: Violence and Identity

17.45-18.45: Chair Mihai **Dragnea**, Kateřina **Krállová**.

- Krisztina **Kurdi**. *Divided memories of displacements – A hungarian love story in Baranya county in the 1980's*
- Attila **Novak**. *Hungarian-Jewish coexistence and dissent in the 20th century*
- Enriketa **Pandeleimoni**. *Divided Memories in Albania: Shaping Collective Memory of Internment and Labour Camps*
- Constantina-Eleni **Bazani**. *The relationship between collective memory, history and the works of Svetlana Alexievich (zoom)*

Keynote speech: 19.00-19.45

Victor **Neumann** (Professor of Universal and Romanian Modern History at the West University of Timisoara and Director of the Reinhart Koselleck International Doctoral School of Conceptual History) . *The Balkans from Sensus Communis to Memories Based on Principle of Nationality (Or Fictive Ethnicity)*

20.30 : Dinner

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10.30-13.30: Walking through Thessaloniki History, past and present, sightseeing (Vlasis Vlasidis, Yannis Carras)

Session: Leaving Past of the Dead Empires: Dictatorship, Authoritarian Regimes: Experienced History and its Traumatic Remnants: (Im)Possible Reconciliation?

Venue : Conference Room 1st Floor

15.30-17.00 : Chair: Elias **Skoulidas**, Georghe **Onisoru**

- Kateřina **Krállová**. *Reflecting on the Host Country: Greek Civil War Child Refugees in Czechia, Poland, and Hungary – Memories Connected and Divided*
- Areti **Makri**. *From Epirus to Romania and back to homeland: a travelogue of a young Civil War child and the formation of his political identity*
- Ersi (Kerasia) **Malagiorgi**. *Re-drawing the boundaries of the privilege of suffering: Claiming inclusion in the Shoah as national memory in contemporary Israel*
- Eleni **Paschalidou**. *Common past – conflicting remembrance: the different policy of memory on the Greek Civil War's Soldiers*

Discussion

17.00 – 17.30: Tea and Coffee Break

17.30-19.00: Chair: Attila **Novak**, Ayca **Baydar**

- Urška **Lampe**. *Post-second World War contested memories in Slovenia: reflection on conflicting narratives and methodologies of research (zoom)*
- Branimir **Janković**. *Divided memories of Yugoslavia in post-Yugoslav countries and within them*

- Wojciech **Szczepański**. *Divided or Common Post-Yugoslav Memory of Yugoslavness ?*
- Gheorghe **Onișoru**, Stefan **Purici**. *Building the memory of the resistance under the communist regime in Romania through oral history sources*
- Dorina **Dragnea**. *Calendar holidays as mediums of common past and fractured memories. On the basis of the documents in the Folklore Archive in Chișinău, Moldova*

Discussion

19.15-20.00: Keynote speech:

Janja **Jerkov**. (Professor of Literary Theory, World Literatures, Department of European, American and Intercultural Studies. Sapienza University of Rome) *Shared memories/divided memories: a preliminary discourse to the discourse from which they proceed*

21.00 Dinner

01.12.2024

Venue: Conference Room 1st floor

Session: War as Discourse: Living Past against its Memorization: the case of WWI

10.30 – 11.30: Chair Vlasis **Vlasidis**, Danilo **Šarenac**

- Jasmina **Radic**. *The Sacrificed Image of WWI. Shaping the Collective Memory during the Interwar Period in Yugoslavia (zoom)*
- Alexandros Solomos **Balatsoukas**, *Navigating Divided Memories: Greek and Turkish Museums on the War of 1919-1923*
- Snezhana **Dimitrova** *Bulgarian Communist, and Communist Reformist, Historiography of WWI: The Contradictions of the Legacy*

Discussion

11.30 – 11.45: Coffee & Tea Break

11.45 – 13.00: Closing panels discussion:

Open Round table: Memory Studies and Perspectives to Postcolonial Studies for Balkan Historiography
Chair: Dimitris **Stamatopoulos**, Valentin **Kitanov**, Iannis **Carras**, Snezhana **Dimitrova**, Vlasis **Vlasidis**

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