

THE POLITICS OF MEMORY AS A WEAPON

Perspectives on Russia's War against Ukraine

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DAY 1 8 FEBRUARY

12:30-13:00 OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

Gundula Bavendamm (Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation, Berlin)
Matthias Weber (Federal Institute for History and Culture of the Germans in Eastern Europe, Oldenburg / ENRS)
Rafał Rogulski (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity)

13:00-13:30 OPENING LECTURE

Andrii Portnov (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder)
Rethinking memory studies in the time of war

13:30-15:00 DISCUSSION PANEL What should we have known about Russia and Ukraine before the war? The limitations of European intellectual and political discourse

Guido Hausmann (IOS / University of Regensburg)
Martin Šimečka (Respekt magazine, Bratislava)
Marek Cichoński (College of Europe Natolin, Warsaw)
Chantal Delsol (University Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée)
Moderation: **Volker Weichsel** (Osteuropa magazine)

15:00-15:30 Break

15:30-17:00 DISCUSSION PANEL Political approaches to Central and Eastern Europe

Andrei Kolesnikov (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow) / ONLINE
Anna Kwiatkowska (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw / ENRS)
Hans-Christian Petersen (BKGE, Oldenburg)
Moderation: **Gemma Pörzgen** (Berlin)

17:00-18:15 Break and optional guided tour of the exhibition of the Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation

18:30-20:00 DISCUSSION PANEL Russlands Krieg in der Ukraine – Zwischen Imperialismus und (Selbst-)Zerstörung? /

Russia's War in Ukraine – Between Imperialism and (Self-)Destruction?
/ INTERPRETATION PROVIDED

Irina Scherbakova (Memorial, Weimar)
Marieluise Beck (Zentrum Liberale Moderne, Berlin)
Andrzej Nowak (Jagiellonian University, Cracow / ENRS)
Antoine Arjakovsky (Collège des Bernardins, Paris)
Moderation: **Christoph von Marschall** (Tagesspiegel)

DAY 2 9 FEBRUARY

9:30-11:00 DISCUSSION PANEL European perceptual patterns and stereotypes of Russia and Ukraine (I)

Wilfried Jilge (Centre for International Peace Operations, Berlin)
Maria Domańska (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw)
Elmira Muratova (Aarhus University)
Alessandro Vitale (University of Milan)
Moderation: **Jan Puhl** (Der Spiegel)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 PANEL European perceptual patterns and stereotypes of Russia and Ukraine (II)

Burkhard Olschowsky (BKGE, Oldenburg)
German Ostpolitik – traditional patterns and new approaches
Oldřich Tůma (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague / ENRS)
At the crossroads of memory and politics: the Czech Republic and the Russian aggression against Ukraine?
Attila Pók (Institute of Advanced Study, Kőszeg / ENRS)
Hungarian perspectives on Ukraine and Russia
Juraj Marušiak (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava)
Slovak perspectives on Ukraine and Russia
Moderation: **Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk** (ENRS / DHI, Warsaw)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 PANEL Culture and art in the face of the war

Konstantin Akinsha (International Association of Art Critics, UK) / ONLINE
'You can't go back to Constantinople': fetishism of history as an excuse for the looting of cultural property
Varvara Keidan Shavrova (Royal College of Art, London)
The art of self-determination – how the creative communities in Ukraine and the Baltic States can resist Russia's invasion
Alina Mozolevska (Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University, Mykolajev)
Weaponisation of history in the visual discourse of Russia's war in Ukraine
Olga Radchenko (National University of Cherkassy)
Ukrainian and Russian film productions about the Second World War: potential and dangers
Moderation: **Beate Störtkuhl** (BKGE, Oldenburg)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 PANEL Human rights and the war as judicial issues

Vera Dubina (Research Centre for East European Studies, Bremen)
From memory law to memory war: abuses of history in contemporary Russia
Aarif Abraham (Garden Court North Chambers, Manchester / Accountability Unit)
A special tribunal for the crime of aggression committed in Ukraine
Kristin Bergtora Sandvik (University of Oslo)
Transitional justice after empire? The politics of memory holes, doublethink and a shared future-time
Paula Rhein-Fischer (University of Cologne)
Russia and the European court of human rights: a farewell in stages
Tetyana Sheptytska / Mykola Bryvko (National Historical and Cultural Reserve Bykovnyanskie Graves, Kyiv) / ONLINE
The politics of memory of burial places as a tool of opposition to the Russian Federation
Moderation: **Arkadiusz Radwan** (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas)

DAY 3 10 FEBRUARY

9:30-11:00 PANEL Russian and Ukrainian identity and history – the weaponisation of history

Hans-Christian Trepte (Leipzig University)
Kyivan Rus: Between myth and the claim to power
Dieter Pohl (Klagenfurt University)
The origins of Russian official history discourse on Ukrainian nationalism ("Nazism")
Jörg Morré (Museum Berlin-Karlshorst)
The militarisation of Russian historical research and education
Alexandr Osipian (Free University of Berlin)
The weaponisation of the history of the Second World War in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, 2014–22
Moderation: **Annemarie Franke** (ENRS)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 PANEL Strategies and possible measures to combat disinformation

José Manuel López Torán (University of Castilla-La Mancha, Ciudad Real)
Combating new era wars on digital battlefields: disinformation, propaganda and social media in Russia's invasion of Ukraine
Malkhaz Toria (Iliia State University, Tbilisi / ENRS)
Russian disinformation, illiberal populism and struggles over solidarity with Ukraine in Georgia
Florin Abraham (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest / ENRS)
Analysis of Romanian narratives about Russia's aggression against Ukraine: themes, actors and media tools
Lukasz Kamiński (Ossoliński National Institute / University of Wrocław)
Combating disinformation: the role of historians
Moderation: **Raphael Krüger** (Berlin)

13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Jan Rydel (Pedagogical University of Cracow / ENRS)
Matthias Weber (BKGE, Oldenburg / ENRS)

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