



# Biuletyn Polonistyczny

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## **Memory Studies Association Annual Conference “Convergences”**

Typ wydarzenia: Konferencja

Miejscowość: Warszawa

Organizatorzy: Collegium Civitas, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, Instytut Archeologii i Etnologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk PAN, Instytut Badań Literackich PAN, Instytut Filozofii i Socjologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk PAN, Niemiecki Instytut Historyczny w Warszawie, Uniwersytet Opolski, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Wydział Polonistyki UJ

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We welcome proposals for papers, panels, and other events to be presented at the Memory Studies Association’s 2021 annual meeting. As always, the MSA will be a forum for debating all aspects of memory studies.

However, given both the East-Central European context – a region fraught with overlapping memories – and the more general need to address the growing confluences of the global and the regional, the digital and the analogue, the human and non-human, we encourage papers that offer theoretical or methodological reflections addressing different layers of mnemonic entanglement. On the leading theme of “convergences,” areas of interest – while in no way exhaustive – could include:

- **Practical / Ethical COVID-19 Convergences:** How have logistical – and related ethical – challenges arising from the current pandemic forced us to rethink our approaches to memory studies in terms of subject matter, collaborations, presentation formats, and modes of participation in academic life? Have our conceptual assumptions – and indeed our memories – been unsettled, or (productively) dislodged, due to the upheavals in our quotidian practices? How may we newly view and value the collegial conversation of bodies and pixels in face-to-face and virtual meetings?
- **Historical Convergences:** East-Central Europe is an example of dense mnemonic palimpsest: post-imperial, post-revolutionary, post-war, post-genocidal, post-secular and perennially struggling with various forms of authoritarianism. Devastated by Nazism and Stalinism, ECE is a space where historical roles of oppressor, victim, resistor, bystander, and collaborator – as

well as diverse and changing ethnic, religious, national, and state identities – overlap. How do the historical memories of the region resonate with current discussions in the other parts of the world, such as Atlantic slave trade, Asia’s experience of WWII, or settler-colonial memory?

- **Political Discursive Convergences:** Invisible, not-yet-remembered histories, emerging memories, and mnemonic frameworks and fields are being explored and reinterpreted as their diverse understandings intersect and interact. One prominent example is “the colonial” and its attendant vocabularies of serfdom, slavery, forced labor, forced assimilation, stolen generations, resistance, restitution, reparation, and repatriation, and how they work in various mnemonic contexts. How may memory politics be changing and converging globally in current circumstances?
- **Institutional Convergences:** To what extent may national and international institutions of public memory contribute to the transnational dialogue of memories? How do they learn from, or conflict with, each other as their knowledge, language, and images travel across regions?
- **Biological / Ecological Convergences:** How are our perspectives on memory and its uses responding to rising global ecological crises like climate change and species extinction, as well as local and transregional activist movements? Do these issues have new relevance due to ongoing challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- **Disciplinary Convergences:** How does the study of memory function under different disciplinary banners? What may we gain or lose by breaching the silos created by associations, meetings, and journals?

We also invite proposals for a special **“Genealogies of Memory” stream** (several panels) sponsored by the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS). The stream aims to evaluate the process of Europeanization of memory on three key themes: European memory today, European studies as memory studies, and regional European memories. Read more on the ENRS site [here](#).

Please direct all questions to: [conference@memorystudiesassociation.org](mailto:conference@memorystudiesassociation.org)

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### **Confirmed Speakers:**

Marek Cichocki (Natolin European Centre, Warsaw),

Ewa Domańska (Adam Mickiewicz University at Poznan, Stanford University),

Ivan Krastev (Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna),

Olivette Otele (University of Bristol),

Emilie Pine (University College Dublin),

Michael Rothberg (University of California Los Angeles)

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- <https://www.memorystudiesassociation.org/warsaw-conference-2021-cfp/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/memorystudies>

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