



Call for Papers

REGIMES OF MEMORY

Forgetting as a trauma management Case of Central and Eastern Europe

Interdisciplinary conference of the Academia Europaea
and the Polish Regional Office on International Relations in Wrocław

9-10 October 2014, Wrocław, Poland

Context and rationale:

The region of Central and Eastern Europe is overburdened with history, centuries-old grudges, rival narratives and ethno-political conflicts. From Poland and Baltic states, through Ukraine and Hungary to the East and West Balkans political cultures are dominated by various grievances, fears and pursuits of amends as a consequence of unprocessed historical traumas. Competing regimes of memory manifest themselves in different interpretations of symbolic dates, places and traditions. Undoubtedly, they are substantial parts of national and communal identities, but at the same time they preserve and in many cases fuel historical traumas, grievances and past resentments. That vicious circle of commemorating history and fueling historical grudges poses questions about the role which is played by collective memory in the processes of trauma management and reconciliation. Can we keep the memory of historical events alive without preserving historical grievances? What is required for reconciliation: the act of forgiving or the act of forgetting? The goal of this conference is to assess the various means in which communities and nations could and can overcome historical resentments. A selection of the conference papers will be published in the quarterly *New Eastern Europe*.

Interdisciplinary approach:

Conference papers from the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Possible Topics:

- Specific regimes of memory in Central and Eastern Europe
- Processes of trauma management and reconciliation in Central and Eastern Europe
- Collective memory and its management
- Conflict and reconciliation
- Forgetting as a way of overcoming historical trauma
- The role of language and narratives as transmitters of history
- The management of archives and museums with regard to histories of trauma

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APPLICATION: The registration is available at: www.acadeuro.wroclaw.pl; submit a 300-word proposal and a curriculum vitae with list of publications by **May 4th 2014**. All applicants will be notified about the selection of participants before **May 16th, 2014**.

SECOND REQUIREMENT: Selected candidates will be asked to provide by **September 10th 2014** a 3000 to 5000-word paper. These papers will be made available on-line. The paper should not have been published previously. All workshop participants are asked to read these submissions prior to the conference. Participants who do not meet the submission deadline will not be able to attend the conference.

TARGET GROUP: postdoctoral early career researchers and PhD candidates.

SEMINAR LANGUAGE: English.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS: The organizers will provide accommodation and meals, reimburse travel expenses to a certain maximum¹, conference fee, insurance costs and costs of publication² of the refereed conference papers.

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¹ Organizers will cover travel expenses up to 50 €

² Post-conference publication will be published in the quarterly **New Eastern Europe** (www.neweasterneurope.eu)

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