

Workshop: Politics of memory: Nordic experiences of dealing with historical legacies

We represent a network of researches from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Slovakia, Poland, Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. There has been a recent interest in the role of memory in shaping the past, present and future not only in the field of history, but also political science, cultural studies, sociology. However, there has been very few cross-collaborations across these fields, which has inspired scholars from Norden and the neighbouring countries to improve this situation by creating a new network on the Nordic and Eastern European historical memories. The workshop is represented by four sessions: Session 1. "Historical Narratives and the Perception of Totalitarianism" Session 2. "The New Nordic - the Baltics" Session 3. "Finlandisation" Session 4. "Scandinavianism re-evaluated". Our constellation of renowned international speakers reflects an attempt to bring together a group of international scholars representing a transdisciplinary environment in order to discuss the possibilities to combine and construct theoretical concepts, methodologies, and empirical knowledge from history, international relations, sociology, culture studies, political science. While working on similar topics, most of the scholars will envisage each other's work for the first time, thus committing themselves to look beyond their lines of specialised knowledge. The workshop will be a particularly enriching and reinvigorating opportunity for young researchers at the beginning of their academic career.

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