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**REWRITING THE HISTORY:
CHANGING THE READING OF THE PAST**

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Conference

**13-15 June, 2024
Prague, Czechia**

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Conference Programme

Thursday, June 13

Venue: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University
Pátkova 2137/5, 182 00 Praha 8, room 2.41.
All time is CET

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9:00 Registration, coffee/tea

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome remarks by conference co-chairs and organisers

9:10 - 10:30 Panel 1. Rethinking the Recent Past

Chair: Mariia Kuznetcova

- **Sofie Lindeberg**, Linköping University, Sweden: "*Writing and Rewriting the Cultural Heritage of the Fur Business in Tranås, 1921–2022*" (online)
- **Filip Žiljak**, Charles University, Czechia: "*The Main Interpretations of Slovak National History in 1989-1992 and their Use in Politics*" (in-person)
- **Caroline Gatsi**, Charles University, Czechia: "*Reclaiming Silenced Historical Narratives: The Impact of HIV Discourse on Prevention Strategies*" (in-person)

- **Lucie Kočová**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Speaking of the Unspeakable: Artificial Respiration as an Alternative Discourse in the Times of the Last Argentinian Military Dictatorship*” (in-person)
- **A L Abhirami**, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India: “*A Study of the Construction of Subaltern History in Shahid Amin’s Event, Metaphor, Memory and the Negotiations with Respect to Knowledge Production in the Historical Discourses of the Chauri Chaura Incident*” (online)

10:30 - 10:45 networking break

10:45 - 12:35 Panel 2. Reinterpretation of History

Chairs: Natalia Semenova and Anastasiia Ponomarova

- **Graham Kerr**, University of Reading, Great Britain: “*Supporting Slavery: The Royal Navy and the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved People*” (online)
- **Vlasta Kordová**, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University, Czechia: “*Trapped in the Narrative of Two Totalitarianisms - the Soviet Partisan Movement during World War II*” (online)
- **Sigurd Saelthun**, UiT Norways Arctic University, Norway: “*Contesting Memories: The Interplay of Dominant Narratives and Indigenous Counter-Memories in the Alta Case*” (online)

Break 10 minutes

- **Edvards Seliska**, University of Latvia, Latvia: “*Active Remembering and Selective Forgetting: Latgale (Inflanty) Nobility in Political Life of Baltic Region, 1582-1772*” (online)
- **Aleksander Popielarz**, University of Warsaw, Poland: “*(Re)interpretation of History as a Part of Political Debate. The Case of the First Polish Chivalric Order*” (online)
- **Ondřej Varad’a**, Masaryk University, Czechia: “*Bakhmach 1918: Conflicting Narratives, Contrasting Memories*” (in-person)

12:35 - 13:20 Lunch break

13:20 - 15:20 Panel 3. Mythologisation of History and Myth-Making

Chairs: Mariia Kuznetcova and Anastasia TENCHURINA

- **Amir Krpić**, University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina: “*Belated National-Romanticism: Key Aspects of Bosniak Historical Myths*” (in-person)
- **Jakub Majkowski**, University of Wrocław, Poland: “*Beyond Propaganda: Unveiling the myth of Stalin’s Soviet Union*” (online)
- **Romana Workman**, Palacky University Olomouc, Czechia: “*Ideologization of History and Myth-Making: Deconstructing the Myth of Exceptionalism on the Example of USA and Israel*” (in-person)

Break 10 minutes

- **Cloé Artaut**, Sciences Po - CEVIPOF, France: “*Unveiling a Strange Tradition: Conservative Left and the Myth of May 68 in Contemporary France*” (in-person)

- **Ilona Bartoś**, University of Warsaw, Poland: “*My Mentor Was a Hero, Not a Nazi Collaborator!*’ Myth-Making and the Problem with Selective Memory in The Case of Polish Scholars During World War II” (online)
- **Matěj Valošek**, Charles University, Czechia: “*The Cult of Kim Il-sung and the Mythologization of His Legacy: A Critical Analysis of Leadership Anecdotes in North Korea*” (in-person)

15:20 - 15:35 networking break

15:35 - 17:00 Panel 4. Renewal of Memory

Chair: Friedrich von Petersdorff

- **Alisa Miller**, Vilnius University, Lithuania: “*Moral Spectrum of Judenrat Revised: Different Representations of “Privileged Jews” in Holocaust Memory*” (in-person)
- **Karel Bauer**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Genocide vs. Holocaust: Was the Holocaust a Unique Genocidal Experience?*” (in-person)
- **Irene Piedrahita Arcila**, University of Glasgow, Scotland: “*The Margins of Testimony: a Perspective on Transitional Process in Colombia*” (online)
- **Elena Margarita Paymakova**, Charles University, Czechia: “*The Experience of a Collective Trauma on the Example of Witnesses of the Irish Troubles*” (in-person)
- **Martin Zelinka**, Charles University, Czechia: “*“All Around Them Are Enemies” – Historical Subjectivity of Czech Volunteers in the Israeli Sar-El Program*” (in-person)

17:00 - 18:00

Open lecture: Dr. Hisashi Shigematsu, Meiji Gakuin University, Japan; Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania: “*Changes in the Historiography of the Jews in Lithuania’s Historical Books*” (in-person)

Friday, June 14

Venue: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University

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9:00 - 10:30 Panel 1. Migration, Minorities and the Nation

Chair: Mariia Kuznetcova

- **Ayelet Klein Cohen**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel: “*Sometimes You Uncover a Treasure*”: Three Generations’ Perceptions of the Media’s Roles in Constructing the Memory of the Cyprus Exile” (online)
- **Balázs Timár**, University of Szeged, Hungary: “*The Silent Nationality - the Situation of the Roma Community in the Framework of the Hungarian Historical Constitution*” (in-person)
- **Cemre Erdal**, University of Szeged, Hungary: “*Evaluating Small State Theory in Migration Policies: Case Study Hungary*” (online)
- **Anastasia Tenchurina**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Rewriting History in Tsarist Russia: The Changing Narrative of the Kievan Rus Origins*” (in-person)

10:30 - 10:45 networking break

10:45 - 12:00 Panel 2. Empowering Identity Reconstruction

Chair: Anastasia TENCHURINA

- **Alicia Vergara**, University of Oxford, Great Britain: “*A New-Old Spain: The Re-imagination of Spanish History Within the 2015 Citizenship Law*” (in-person)
- **Gergely Toth**, Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education: “*Circulating Pseudo-Scientific Notions of Hungarian-Japanese Kinship: Wishful Thinking and Self-Validation in Remembrance Politics*” (in-person)
- **Tomas Masek**, Charles University, Czechia: “*The Role of the Old Brethren Unity in the Construction of the Confessional Identity of Minor Evangelical Churches in the Interwar Period*” (in-person)
- **Robyn Murning**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands: “*Multiethnic Belonging, Identity and Memory: Conceptualising ‘Born Free’ Generationality in Post-Apartheid South Africa*” (in-person)

12:00 - 12:15 networking break

12:15 - 13:45 Panel 3. Gender Role and Gender Identity

Chair: Anastasiia PONOMAROVA

- **Sarra Ghersallah**, University of Birmingham, Great Britain: “*(Re)Constructing the Memory of Women’s Journeys of Political Imprisonment through Testimony*” (online)
- **Marie Jiříčková**, Charles University, Czechia; University in Vienna, Austria: “*Grasping History of the Ecofeminist “Underground” in the 1990s*” (online)
- **Ananya Chatterjee**, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore, India, “*Reclaiming The Feminist Voice By Rewriting History (2013)*” (online)
- **Disha**, Jamia Millia Islamia, India: “*Changing the Reading of the Past: Colonial Law and the Evolution of Queer Narratives in India*” (online)
- **Hassane Bouthiche**, University of Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco: “*Paths to Parity: Gender Progress in Moroccan Politics*” (online)

13:45 -14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 Panel 4. Reimagining History through the Media

Chair: Natalia SEMENOVA

- **Bakidzanani Dube**, Charles University, Czechia: “*The Discursive Construction of the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict in Chinese Media: A Critical Discourse Analysis of China Global Television Network (CGTN)’s Coverage of Russia’s “Special Military Operation” in Ukraine*” (in-person)
- **Barbora Součková**, Charles University, Czechia: “*From Bodies to People? Visual Representation of Migration in Czech Media*” (in-person)
- **Tatiana Petřková**, Masaryk University, Czechia: “*Save the Greek Children! Press Reactions to the Arrival of Greek Refugees to Czechoslovakia*”

- **Sophia M. Winkler**, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS), Germany: *“Belonging Between Two Worlds? Social Media and Young Russians’ Identity Abroad”*
- **Martina Babinčáková**, Masaryk University, Czechia: *“Wrong to Leave – Wrong to Return? The Image of the Slovak Emigrant Returning from The West After 1989”*

16:00 - 16:15 networking break

16:15 - 18:05 Panel 5. Visual Culture and Film-Making

Chairs: Anastasia Tenchurina and Anastasiia Ponomarova

- **Leonid Moyzhes**, Charles University, Czechia: *“Deus Vult? Ideology of Representation of Historical Religions in Crusader Kings III as a Naturalization of Religious Conflict”* (in-person)
- **Eric Ross**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA: *“Triumph or Tragedy? Christopher Nolan’s “Oppenheimer” in Historical Perspective”* (online)
- **Judit Hernández Toledano**, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain: *“Propaganda as Legitimation: the Cinema of Early Francoism”* (online)

Break 10 minutes

- **Abdeghni Dahman**, University of Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco: *“Resisting Historical Amnesia in Souheil Ben-Barka’s Drums of Fire (1990)”* (online)
- **Toghrul Abbasov**, Charles University, Czechia: *“Rethinking Culture in Soviets: Music and Documentaries as a Way of Nationalization in Soviet Azerbaijan”* (online)
- **Zuzana Jarolímková**, Charles University, Czechia: *“Shifting Landscapes of Memory: Exploring the Role of War Photography in Remembering the Ukraine Conflict”*

Saturday, June 15

Venue: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University
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10:00 - 11:30 Panel 1. Political Use of the Past

Chair: Natalia Semenova

- **Vanda Bessenyei**, University of Szeged, Hungary: *“How Should One Remember? The Perception of László Rajk in Today’s Hungary”* (in-person)
- **David Shakarishvili**, Klaipeda University, Lithuania: *“Ethical Narrative of Institutional Transformation in Post-Soviet Europe - Historical and Modern Perspectives”* (online)
- **Eszter Borissza**, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary: *“The 1945 War Victory as a Commemorative Strategic Element of Contemporary Russian Political Rhetoric in the Context of the 2022 Russian-Ukrainian War”* (in-person)

- **Lydie Karnikova**, Charles University, Czechia: “*The Controversies of Socialist Heritage 2.0: The Local and the Trans Local in De-Commemorating Soviet General in Late Post-Socialist Prague*” (in-person)
- **Bulat Rakhimzianov**, University College Dublin, Ireland; George Washington University, USA: “*The Golden Horde part of the “History of the Tatars since Ancient Times:” The Politics of History in Tatarstan (Russia), 2002-2014*” (online)

11:30 - 11:45 networking break

11:45 - 13:15 Panel 2. Revisiting the History in the Museum Space

Chair: Anastasia Tenchurina

- **Rose Smith**, Charles University, Czechia; University of Groningen, Netherlands: “*Exhibiting the Post-Communist Exotic: Exploring the Use of Nostalgia, Humour, and Commodity in Exhibiting a Kitschified Past*” (in-person)
- **Bryan Levina Viray**, Australian National University, Australia: “*Shaping Heritage in the Present: The Philippine-American War in Marinduque and the Performance of Heritage*” (online)
- **Şahin Yıldız**, Justus Liebig University, Germany: “*Ancestral Echoes and Secular Shifts: Reconstructing Turkish National Identity*” (online)
- **Helena Crusats Padrós**, Leiden University, Netherlands: “*Understanding Memory Diplomacy: Uzbekistan’s Use of Cultural Heritage in Foreign Policy*” (online)
- **Krystsina Zhuk**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Stitching New Belarus: Folk Embroidery Art as a Resistance Strategy Against Authoritarian State*” (in-person)

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:15 Panel 3. Historical Narrative and Rewriting History

Chair: Anastasiia Ponomarova

- **Michael Sochor**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Creating a Voice: Stanley Cavell’s lesson on A Doll’s House*” (in-person)
- **Marek Skurski**, University of Gdańsk, Poland: “*War Experience as an Impulse Toward Reinterpretation of History: The Case of Postwar Japan*” (online)
- **Anna George**, National Institute of Advanced Studies, India: “*Kannaki and the Creation of the Ideal Tamil Woman*” (online)
- **Mohamed Reda Guennoun**, University of Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco: “*Decolonizing the Archives through Fiction: A Comparative Analysis of Historical Rewriting in Three Novels*” (online)

15:15 - 15:30 networking break

15:30 - 17:30 Panel 4. The Struggle for History in Education

Chair: Mariia Kuznetcova

- **Katira Ahmed**, University of Melbourne, Australia: “*Black Supplementary Schools: The Hidden Practices that Led to a Movement*” (online)
- **Joanna Nawrotkiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Poland: “*Patriotic Education in China: Dominating Narratives*” (online)

- **İlkin Salimov**, Masaryk University, Czechia: “*Politics of History in Azerbaijan: Image of History, Silences and Textbook Narratives*” (in-person)

Break 10 minutes

- **Michal Jirman**, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University, Czechia: “*Ideology and Mythmaking in History Teaching at Secondary Education Level*” (in-person)
- **Ihediwa Nkemjika Chimee**, University of Nigeria, Nigeria: “*In and out of the Academia: Strident Voices Reclaiming Silenced Narratives on Historical Realities in Nigeria*” (online)
- **Anastasiia Ponomarova**, Charles University, Czechia: “*Transformation of the Crimean Education System from 2014 to the Present: General Trends and Changing History*” (in-person)

18:00 Closing Remarks

Links for online connection

Link for Thursday, 13 June:

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Link for Friday, June 14:

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Link for Saturday, June 15:

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