

Lieux de Mémoire in East Central Europe. Experiences of the past and perspectives

(11.01.2008 – 13.01.2008, Royal Castle in Warsaw)

Conference overview

Introduction:

Tomasz Merta (Warsaw)

Matthias Weber (Oldenburg)

Introductory lecture:

Krzysztof Pomian (Paris): Shared memory: *Lieux de mémoire* in Europe as a political and cultural phenomenon

I. Cities as transnational lieux de mémoire:

1) Bratislava/Bratislava/Pozsony

Moderation: Krisztián Ungváry (Budapest)

Csaba Kiss (Budapest): The city in the history and perception of Hungary

2) Lemberg/L'viv/Lwów

Moderation: Klaus Ziemer (Warsaw)

Adam Redzik (Warsaw): Lwów – Place of a fragile memory landscape of Poles

Delphine Bechtel (Paris): The Ukrainian L'viv since 1991: City of selective memory

Christoph Mick (Warwick): Lviv – The multiethnic city

3) Wroclaw

Moderation: Josef Höchtl (Vienna)

Norbert Conrads (Stuttgart): Wroclaw – Identities and cultural memory

Teresa Kulak (Wroclaw): Wroclaw in the history and memory of Poles

Panel discussion: What connects Europe?

Moderation: Reinhold Vetter (Warsaw)

Participants: Zdzislaw Najder (Warsaw), Joachim Rogall (Stuttgart), Oliver Rathkolb (Vienna)

Panel discussion: Memorials of Communism – Preservation or demolition?

Moderation: Prof. Andrzej Nowak (Warsaw)

Participants: Elena Zhemkova (Moscow), Tomasz Merta (Warsaw), Stephan Raabe (Warsaw), Zdenek Hojda (Prague)

II. Sites of memory in totalitarian systems after their fall

1) Moderation: Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich)

Krisztián Ungváry (Budapest): The memory of communist crimes: The "Terror House" and the Central Cemetery

Piotr Cywinski (Oswiecim): Who "owns" Auschwitz?

2) Moderation: Boris Vigaš, Banská Bystrica

Barbara Distel (Dachau): The Federal German and Western European perception of National Socialist Crimes

Pawel Ukielski (Warsaw): The Museum of the Warsaw Uprising as a *lieu de mémoire*

3) Moderation: Raphael Krüger (Berlin)

Anna Kaminsky (Berlin): Places of memory of the victims of the communist system

Stanislaw Kulczycki (Kyiv): The Great Hunger 1932/33

Andrzej Przewoznik (Warsaw): Katyn in the memory of Europeans

Lecture:

Anne Applebaum (Naklo): The rediscovery of GULag

Panel Discussion: The GULag in the post-Soviet and European memory culture

Moderation: Andrzej Przewoznik (Warsaw)

Christian Semler (Berlin), Anne Applebaum (Naklo), Irina Scherbakowa (Moscow)

III. 1944/45, 1956, 1968, 1980-81, 1989 –Divided memory of historical turning points

1) Moderation: Dominika Rafalska (Warsaw)

Stefan Troebst (Leipzig): 1944/45 as a European *lieu de mémoire*

Jan Pauer (Bremen): The Year 1968 – Experiences in East and West

Attila Pók (Budapest): The Year 1956 – A caesura in East Central European history

2) Moderation: Dieter Bingen (Darmstadt)

Andrzej Friszke (Warsaw): The Solidarnosc Movement. Freedom for Europe

Burkhard Olschowsky (Oldenburg): The Year 1989 – A European lieu de mémoire

Antoni Dudek (Warsaw): The Year 1989 – The Fall of Communism?

Panel Discussion: The importance of lieux de mémoire in historical debates

Moderation: Paweł Machcewicz (Warsaw)

Participants: Gerhard Gnauck (Warsaw), Tomasz Kranz (Lublin), Piotr Semka (Warsaw)