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CBSS Summer University 2017

Theme, lectures and curriculum of the Summer University

Title: **Identities and Cultural Memory of East and West in the Baltic Sea Region**

The course aims to enhance understanding of the impact of cultural memory and its institutionalisation on contemporary discourse in the Baltic Sea region. It will offer seminars on the cultural memory as a scholarly field, on the narratives of East and West in the region and on the institutions that conserve the past or construct new horizons of expectations and identities. These transdisciplinary phenomena will be studied by observing the interplay of past and present in socio-cultural contexts of the Baltic Sea region countries. The course will aim to critically examine how the memory and the history of a certain place or space serve to form a cultural identity; or, indeed, how memory gives us an understanding of culture as such.

In this course, we will offer students a wide variety of approaches to learning about the interplay between the geographical position of the region and its cultural memory. In particular, we will focus on the discourses of East and West and centre-periphery relations as frames that have been instrumental for conceiving narratives of the region as a borderland. We will look at the way that cultural, geographical and political maps and discourses that discerned and separated Eastern from Western Europe have affected not only the very history of the region, but also its understanding of the interrelation of past and present.

The summer school features lecturers and keynote speakers from Södertörn and other universities in the region. The actual learning process is enhanced by teaching in action and involvement of student in the learning process based on small study groups. The course also includes leisure time activities, trips and guided tours.

Possibility to provide European Academic credits (ECTS) to students - 7,5 ECTS

Date and Place of the Summer University

The summer university takes place in Sweden and Poland on **21.06-1.07. 2017**.

Site 1: Södertörn University, Stockholm (5 days) and

Site 2: University of Gdansk and European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk (5 days)

Transfer from Stockholm to Gdansk is by plane on 26.06 in the afternoon.

Programme

Wednesday, 21.06.

Day 1: Introduction into the cultural memory studies

- 16:00 Greeting participants and presentations (Joakim Ekman and Kazimierz Musiał)
- 16:30 Lecture with Johan Hegardt - *Rethinking "memory" of artefacts – a case of Skansen*
- 18:00 Welcome reception hosted by CBEES
- 18:30 Presentation of the latest science policy initiative in the Baltic Sea region by Zane Šime – a case of the Baltic Science Network – followed by a discussion

Thursday, 22.06.

Day 2: Writing of Cultural Memory

- 9:00-10:30 Seminar with Irina Sandomirskaja - *In the Face of Time: History, Evidence, and Problems of Writing Memory in Motion*
- 11:00-13:00 Seminar with Marcia Sá Cavalcante Schuback – *Engaged history*
- 16:00 Official opening of the Summer University in CBSS Secretariat (downtown Stockholm).

Friday 23.06.

Day 3: Identity and emancipation. Uses of post-colonial theory in Central-Eastern Europe and beyond

- 9:00-10:30 Seminar by Tomasz Zarycki on *Ideologies of Eastness*
- 11:00-13:00 Seminar by Jan Sowa on *Self-colonisation of CEE and BSR*.
- Group work and discussions with Tomasz Zarycki and Jan Sowa

Saturday, 24.06.

Day 4: Concepts of Identity and Fantasy

- 9:00-13:00 Seminar and group work on *Fantasy, identification and culture: Psychoanalytic and discourse theoretical perspectives* by Jenny Gunnarsson Payne.
- Free afternoon and evening.

Sunday, 25.06.

Day 5: Memory of Borderlands

- 10:00-11:30 *Cultural Memory and Borderlands* seminar and workshop with Alexander Drost
- 12:00-13:30 Seminar with Marta Grzechnik - *Baltic Sea Region History Writing*
- Optional field trip to Skansen (downtown Stockholm)

Monday 26.06.

Day 6: The Baltic Sea Region as a historical region

- 10:00-12:00 *Baltic Sea Region as a moat, bridge or connecting link* – group work with Marta Grzechnik and Alexander Drost
- 13:51 departure to the airport – Transfer to Gdansk by plane from Stockholm Skavsta Airport

Tuesday, 27.06.

Day 7: Identities and Cultural Memory between East and West

10:00-13:00 Lecture and group work on *Asymmetry of memories between East and West in Europe* with Barbara Törnquist-Plewa

Afternoon: Visit to the museum of the Second World War

Wednesday, 28.06.

Day 8: Identity of places and spaces as a shared European condition

9:00-10:00 Panel discussion on *Pedagogy of place* led by Maria Mendel

Film screening: "Austerlitz" by Sergei Loznitsa

Afternoon – Seminar on Tanatotourism by Magdalena Muszel and study trip to the Nazi Concentration Camp in Stutthof

Thursday, 29.06.

Day 9: Cultural memory of East and West in politics

9:00-12:00 *Solidarity as a phenomenon of the East and hope of the West* – guided tour and learning in action in the European Solidarity Centre with Grzegorz Piotrowski

Afternoon: free and leisure time

Friday, 30.06.

Day 10: Memory of East and West in architecture and urban planning

9:00-12:00 *Reconstruction of the City in Gdansk after WWII*, lecture and city tour with Jacek Dominiczak

13:00-14:30 Seminar with Ilya Dementev on dealing with cultural memory in Kaliningrad's architecture.

15:00 closing discussion

18:00 Farewell dinner

Saturday, 1.07. Departure

Expected results of the Summer University

- bringing about a dialogue of students and teachers coming from different countries in the Baltic Sea region towards enhanced understanding of each other,
- enhancing an understanding of the impact of cultural memory for our present discourse of the Baltic Sea region
- pursuing critical reflection on the history and nature of cultural memory as a scholarly field, and on the narratives of the cultural memory in the region,
- stimulating mutual learning among the participants on the region's past and future opportunities
- building a sustainable network enhancing an epistemic community in the region on the topic of the summer school
- topical contribution to the CBSS priority area Culture
- 7,5 ECTS awarded to successful student participants

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Information on the premises of CBSS Summer University 2017

The first part of CBSS Summer University 2017 will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, from 21 till 26 June 2017 at Södertörn University, in its Centre for Baltic and East European Studies in a seminar room MA796.

The Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University has profound experiences of planning and organising summer schools. In recent years, Joakim Ekman, Director of CBEES and Kazimierz Musiał, Research Leader at CBEES, as well as Rebecka Lettevall, former Director of CBEES, have collaborated with a number of partners in the Baltic Sea region on organisation of Summer Universities in close collaboration with Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS). The first CBSS Summer Universities took place at Södertörn University (4–14 August, 2014) and the second one at Humboldt University (17–28 August, 2015). Both were organised in close collaboration of CBEES with Department of Northern European Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin. They focused on “Government and Administration in the Baltic Sea Region” and attracted students from all over the region.

The third CBSS Summer University was organised at Södertörn University under the title “Cultural Memory of Europe: East and West” and took place on 15-23 June, 2016. The course aimed to enhance understanding of the impact of cultural memory on contemporary discourse in the Baltic Sea region. It offered lectures and seminars on the history and nature of cultural memory as a scholarly field, and on the narratives of cultural memory in the region. Södertörn University’s partners in 2016 were University of Gdansk, University of Greifswald, Lund University, Sankt Petersburg University of Economics and University of Tartu.

The region-wide collaboration between Södertörn University and other partners demonstrated the great potential of summer universities, and provided the organisers with much experience of how to meet the practical challenges, such as time frames, communication channels, course

assessments, as well as issues related to travel, invitations of foreign lectures, and accommodation. It may be noted that one of the administrative/facility staff at Södertörn University, Wit Kysilka, who took care of a lot of the practical issues in 2014, is nowadays a part of the permanent staff at CBEES.

In addition to the summer universities described above, CBEES has organised a number of other summer schools over the past 10 years, alone or in collaboration with others (i.e. the University of Helsinki, Tartu University, Tallinn University, Greifswald University, The University of Warwick and Humboldt University), that focused mainly on research training for PhD students within the humanities, social sciences and environmental science.

The second part of CBSS Summer University 2017 will take place in Gdansk, Poland, from 27 June till 1 July 2017 in the premises of European Solidarity Centre (ECS), Room: Czytelnia archiwum, 2nd floor (Archives reading room). It will be carried out in collaboration with the University of Gdansk.

ECS is a modern cultural institution created to commemorate and preserve the memory of the Solidarność victory, and also to build a new identity for, and reinterpret, the word 'solidarity' according to the needs of the modern individual and of the world.

Therefore ECS is not only a museum commemorating the Solidarność revolution and the fall of communism in Europe but also an educational and research centre. Its public activities in this field are performed by the library, archive and media library departments. Projects conducted by ECS bring together academic communities, opinion leaders and youth from the entire world. It is the goal of the ECS to cooperate with societies which have never experienced solidarity and freedom, as well as with those whose freedom is currently endangered.

The site on which the European Solidarity Centre (ECS) was constructed is one of great historical importance – for Poland and for the entire world. It was here that changes began, which substantially contributed to the fall of the Berlin Wall and of political systems in Central and Eastern Europe. It is here that the Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers of 1970 is located, commemorating that bloody December when the communist authorities used arms against their fellow citizens. Nearby stands Gate No. 2 of the former Gdańsk Lenin Shipyard, which in the 1980s became a symbol for popular opposition against the communist authorities. And, finally, the H&S Hall is just nearby. It is there that on 31 August 1980 the Inter-Factory Strike Committee signed an agreement with the government of the People's Republic of Poland – one entailing so permanent a disturbance of the order of things that dreams of freedom finally became credible. The Poles had to wait a further nine years, enduring the hopelessness of the martial law period in order to finally bring about a bloodless revolution which would make the communists give up power.

In recognition of all efforts aimed at the promotion of freedom and solidarity, ECS has also been awarded the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016 for working to promote freedom and solidarity'.

European Heritage Label

The Historic Gdańsk Shipyard, including the H&S Hall (Sala BHP), Gate No. 2, Solidarity Square (Plac Solidarności) and Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers of 1970, as well as the European Solidarity Centre, which runs intensive educational and promotional activities presenting the heritage of Solidarność, are all crucial to the history and culture of Europe, as they promote ideas of unification, humanism and democracy beyond national boundaries.