

Södertörn Memory Studies Platform

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This is the newsletter with the up-to-date information on the activities of **Södertörn Memory Studies Platform** and the news related to the memory studies research. If you have relevant information that you want to circulate through our newsletter, please write to Yuliya Yurchuk, the coordinator of the platform, yuliya.yurchuk@sh.se.

Announcements

Conferences

Södertörn Memory Studies Platform Conference

“Nya teoretiska och metodologiska vägar inom minnesstudier”

Södertörn Memory Studies Plattform: internkonferens

1-2 oktober, Sigtunastiftelsen

För programmet kontakta yuliya.yurchuk@sh.se

MSA Annual Conference “Beyond Crises: Resilience and (In)stability”

14-18 July 2025, Prague, Czech Republic, on-site only.

All proposals should be submitted via our online submission portal by **October 20, 2024**.

<https://msaprague2025.dryfta.com/>

The 9th edition of the "Memory, Melancholy and Nostalgia"

International Interdisciplinary Conference will take place on **December 5, 2024**, online (via Zoom platform) and on **December 6, 2024**, in-person at Holiday Inn City Centre Hotel in Gdańsk (Poland).

[www.inmindsupport.com/nostalgia-](http://www.inmindsupport.com/nostalgia-conference?fbclid=IwY2xjawFU0illeHRuA2F1bQIxMAABHUbozMfnI15_GDaB_VGu9O12m3Ri6V4Qrw8j0xP5JNomHDfzCLAkNGGRFA_aem_N0BlHofUKud7Of6Z0xkMw)

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Upcoming Lecture organized by Södertörn Memory Studies Platform

Aleida Assmann's lecture “Challenges in transforming German Memory Culture”

13 November, MB503, 15.00-17.00, Södertörn University

Abstract: After the end of the Second World War, it took 40 years to establish what is today called a “German memory culture”. After another 40 years, involving “reunification”, the extension of the EU and a continuous progress of migration, this memory culture is confronted

with new challenges. The lecture will discuss some of the issues that accompany the difficult contentious project of transforming German memory culture.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Aleida Assmann is Professor of English Literature and General Literary Studies at the University of Konstanz. She is one of the leading scholars in the field of memory studies who to a larger extent has established the field. Aleida Assmann is author of many books including “Shadows of Trauma. Memory and Politics of Postwar Identity” (2016, transl. by Sarah Clift) and *Cultural Memory and Western Civilization: Functions, Media, Archives* (2011). She has a long-lasting relation to Södertörn University. Her book “Impact and Resonance – Towards a Theory of Emotions in Cultural Memory” was published within Södertörn Lectures series in 2012.

<https://www.sh.se/kalender/kalenderposter/2024-11-13-aleida-assmanns-lecture-challenges-in-transforming-german-memory-culture>

Publications

Johanna Mannergren, Annika Björkdahl, Susanne Buckley-Zistel, Stefanie Kappler & Timothy Williams (2024) *Peace and the Politics of Memory*, Manchester University Press.
<https://www.manchesterhive.com/display/9781526178329/9781526178329.xml>

Book presentations

[Claiming the People's Past: Populist Politics of History in the Twenty-First Century. Online Book Launch and Discussion, hosted by: Anthe Baele](#)

From Thierry Baudet’s videos about Dutch history on YouTube to Jair Bolsonaro’s revisionist statements about the military dictatorship in Brazil: populists all over the world are using the past. The edited volume *Claiming the People’s Past. Populist Politics of History in the Twenty-First Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2024) offers the first global and systematic overview of populist politics of history in the twenty-first century. This digital MSA session combines the launch of *Claiming the People’s Past* with a critical discussion by two experts on the volume’s contribution to the growing body of literature exploring the intrinsic relationship between memory and populism. How can we recognize populist engagements with the past? What challenges do populist engagements with the past bring for historians and memory scholars? Bringing insights from a variety of contexts together, the session discusses what the ‘populist moment’ means for new developments within the dynamic field of memory studies.

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