

Södertörn Memory Studies Platform

Newsletter September 2025

This newsletter contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Södertörn Memory Studies Platform and news related to memory studies research.

If you have relevant information that you would like to share through our newsletter, please contact Çağla Demirel. You can reach Çağla at cagla.demirel@sh.se

Announcements

Conferences and other academic events organised by Södertörn Memory Studies Platform

29 September, 10.00-17.30 Nordiska Museum

Event on Sámi Culture and Critical Museum Studies, in collaboration with Umeå university, Stockholm University, and Nordiska Museet.

28 November, 14.00-16.00 MB505

A seminar with Jeffrey Olick on re-assessment of Halbwachs' text: 100 years after *Collective Memory*.

30 November 2025, 11:00–16:00 Konstakademien, Stockholm

International Symposium: ***Collective Memory and Holocaust Remembrance Today***

A century ago, French sociologist Maurice Halbwachs published *Les cadres sociaux de la mémoire* (The Social Framework of Memory), introducing the concept of collective memory. From the 1970s onward, this idea shaped the emerging field of memory studies, with Holocaust remembrance as a central concern: how it was forgotten, repressed, and later reactivated to honor victims and pursue justice, repair, and reconciliation.

Marking the 100th anniversary of Halbwachs' seminal work, this symposium explores the present state of memory studies as both an academic discipline and a form of social activism. Leading international scholars will reflect on Holocaust remembrance and its ongoing significance in today's world.

The symposium is a collaboration between the Swedish Holocaust Museum, Jewish Culture in Sweden, and the Memory Studies Platform at Södertörn University.

Upcoming Events at Södertörn University

24 September, 15:00 -16:30 MA796

The Positive Aspect of De-Sovietization: The Compatibility of Narrative and Visuality

Speaker: Viktorija Rimaitė-Beržiūnienė, Postdoctoral Researcher at Vilnius Academy of Arts and Assistant Professor at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University.

27 October, 13:00 -14:30 MA796

”New Politics of Victimhood in Eastern Europe”

Speaker: Jessie Barton Hronesova, Lecturer in Political Sociology at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London.

7 November, 14:00-16:00 PC249

"The Passive Presence of the Historical Past: Archeology as Testimony and as Symbol".

Speaker: Jeffrey Barash (Paris)

10 November, 13:00 -14:30 MA796

Materializing Peace: Finnish Women’s Wartime Narratives and the Politics of Embodied Transition

Speaker: Tarja Väyrynen, Professor of Peace and Conflict Research, Tampere Peace Research Institute, Tampere University.

10 December, 10:00-11:30 ME610

“Commemoration of Holocaust in post witness era”

Speaker: Natalia Krzyzanowska, Örebro University

Call for papers, applications, and other opportunities

Save the Date:

Narratives of Power: Memory Politics in Russia, Germany, and the Contemporary World

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 09:30–15:30 CET

ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy, Potsdam, Germany

[Programme Partly streamed](#)

Hosted by Historians without Borders and the ICD Academy, this seminar brings together scholars, diplomats, and policy experts to discuss how memory politics shape foreign policy, national identity, and international relations today.

Call for Papers:

INTH meeting of International Network for the Theory of History in Tallinn, May 2025.

10th Annual Memory Studies Association Conference

Memory and Democracy

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

27 July – 2 August 2026

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of Argentina's military coup. The conference will explore how memory shapes democratic resilience, transitions, and challenges worldwide.

Submissions open: September 1 – October 15, 2025

Details & submission via [conference website](#)

Call for Papers:

Contested Post-Communist Memories

Deadline: **30 September 2025 (OBS!)**

Editors: Monika Vrzgulová, Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, Soňa G. Lutherová

Keywords: family memories; socialism/post-socialism; contesting narratives; intergenerational transmission; memory politics

This volume examines how communist pasts are remembered, narrated, and reinterpreted today—across family, community, and public arenas—amid renewed geopolitical tensions and polarized discourse. Interdisciplinary and comparative approaches welcome.

Submit abstracts to: monika.vrzgulova@savba.sk
and sona.lutherova@savba.sk

Call for Abstracts:

Oxford Handbook of Heritage and Security

The co-editors Simon Maghakyan (Oxford), Dirk Moses (CUNY), and Laurajane Smith (ANU) are seeking contributions for the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Heritage and Security*, currently under proposal with Oxford University Press. (see the call in the attachment).

Abstract length: 300–500 words

Include: A short CV

Deadline: **September 30, 2025 (OBS!)**

Submit to: simon.maghakyan@ames.ox.ac.uk



In Memory of Wulf Kansteiner

We mourn the sudden loss of **Wulf Kansteiner**, an influential historian and one of the most important voices in memory studies. As co-founding editor of *Memory Studies*, past president of the Memory Studies Association, and a driving force in the Mnemonics network.

Through works such as *In Pursuit of German Memory* and his pioneering studies on media, Holocaust remembrance, and the politics of history, Wulf shaped the field in ways that will endure. We remember him not only for his scholarship, but also for his commitment to dialogue and community.