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Workshop: Portraying the Ukrainian crisis

21 March 2016

Bunghuis, Spuistraat 201, room 0.04

On March 21, 2016, the University of Amsterdam will host a workshop on the Ukrainian crisis, where a group of experts from the Netherlands and abroad will discuss the role of media and memory in the current events.

'Memory and Media in the Crisis around Ukraine' is a 1-day interdisciplinary workshop, whose participants explore how the Ukrainian crisis is portrayed, interpreted, and ignited through the use of technology and memory. More Information [here](#).

Lecture: The State and Historical Buildings

24 March 2016, 17:00 - 19:00

University Library, Singel 425, Doelenzaal

In his lecture titled 'Preserving "the national past"'. The state and historic buildings', visiting Professor Mark Thatcher will speak about the role of historic buildings in building and reinforcing national identity and examine why, when and how state actors pursue policies to protect historic buildings. Organised by AHM, CLUE+, ACCESS EUROPE and ARTES
More information [here](#).

Lecture: The present past on island battlefields of the Pacific

30 March 2016, 11:00 - 13:00

CFCCS International

Summer School:

Call for applicants

Deadline: 25 March 2016

The Center for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS) at the Faculty of Media and Communications (FMK) of Singidunum University in Belgrade invites graduate students, advanced undergraduate students and individuals holding professional positions in the civic, public or private sector, to apply for the seventh International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies. The 2016 Summer School will take place from June 27 to July 4, 2015. Find more information [here](#).

Text, Performance, and the Production of Knowledge:

Call for papers

Deadline: 31 March 2016

This conference, organised by the Amsterdam School of Historical Studies (ASH), research group Historical Theatre Research sets out to explore the production of

University Library, Singel 425, Doelenzaal

In this ACASA guest lecture 'War of the worlds: the present past on the island battlefields of the Pacific, 1941-45' prof. Neil Peirce (University of Uppsala) will present a programme of archaeological investigation that promotes the preservation of the battlefields as places of reflection and commemoration, and the innovative role of archaeology as a medium of reconciliation. More information [here](#).

RICHES Conference on visions of heritage**14-15 April 2016****Volkshotel, Wibautstraat 150, Amsterdam**

At the RICHES (Renewal, Innovation and Change: Heritage and European Society) Conference, held by the Waag Society on the 14th and 15th of April 2016, professionals, experts and policy makers from the fields of heritage, museums and technology will gather for a two-day programme to explore future visions of heritage. Against the backdrop of Europe's changing society they will challenge our perspectives, policies and case studies.

More information [here](#).

Conference: Transcultural memory and reception in Europe**18-21 April 2016****Sofia, Bulgaria.**

This conference will focus on the ways in which memory narratives, produced by a variety of political and civil society actors as well as by artists and writers, circulate within European societies and across European borders. How are memory narratives interpreted, appropriated, and translated into actions and attitudes? How does reception feed into the production of new narratives or the transformation of existing ones? In keeping with the main aims of ISTME (In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe), of particular concern will be the question how such processes play out across national and cultural borders. Confirmed keynote speakers are Prof. Dr. h.c. Aleida Assman, University of Konstanz; Dr. Paula Hamilton, University of Technology, Sydney; Prof. dr. Wulf Kansteiner, Aarhus University; and dr. Miglena Nikolchina, Sofia University. More information [here](#).

Lecture: The roots of nationalism**19 April 2016 17:00****Spui 25, Amsterdam**

In celebration of the forthcoming book 'The Roots of Nationalism.

knowledge emerging from and originating in the relationality of text and performance and its cultural-historical and conceptual dimensions and manifestations in a historical and historiographical perspective. The organisers invite contributions from all disciplines interested in new historiographies originating at the threshold of text and performance.

Find more information [here](#).

Locating and Dislocating Memory:**Call for papers****Deadline: 15 April 2016**

The final conference of the COST In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe Network will be hosted by UCD, the Humanities Institute and the Irish Memory Studies Network at UCD, 1-3 September, with a PhD training school 29 Aug-2 September. This major conference is open to all with bursaries and scholarships available to attend. It will focus on the ways in which memory is located and dislocated through processes of production, transmission and reception.

Find more information [here](#).

Eighth International Social Science Summer School in Ukraine:**Call for applications****Deadline: 15 April 2016**

July 3-9, the university of Kyiv will host a summer school on War and Violent Conflict in Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies. The regional focus will be on the former Soviet Union, and Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. While the primary concentration will be on the

National Identity Formation in Early Modern Europe' (ed. Lotte Jensen) in the AHM book series, Spui 25 has organised a debate about European identity. Prof. dr. Joep Leerssen (UvA) Prof. dr. Judith Pollmann (Leiden University) and Dr. Yolanda Rodríguez Pérez (UvA) will debate the formation of national identity in Europe. More information [here](#).

Lecture: Memories of the Italian Civil War: Partisans, peasants, fascists (1943-1945)

21 April 2016 16:00 - 17:00

PC Hoofthuis, Room 3.01

In this lecture, Giovanni Contini will analyze the memories of the Italian civil war (8 September 1943 – 2 May 1945), hereby describing how the actual experience of the war's protagonists differed from what has been told in the Fascist and anti-Fascist rhetoric. More information [here](#).

Conference: The East & Europe

23-25 June 2016,

University of Amsterdam

Through critical, multidisciplinary, diachronic and comparative approaches this conference intends to explore the dynamics between the two geographical and conceptual constructs: 'the East', whether identified with Byzantium, Islam, Eastern Christianity, Asia, or other characteristics, and 'Europe', as the perceived counterpart of the variously defined 'east' or as in itself the embodiment of western cultures' self-ideal?

Confirmed key note speaker is Prof. dr. Edhem Eldem from the Bosphorus University in Istanbul on June 24th.

Prof. Rob van der Laarse to receive a HERA grant

For his research on "Accessing Campscapes: Inclusive Strategies for Using European Conflicted Heritage", AHM director Rob van der Laarse has received a HERA grant from the EU. With only 18 of the final 100 full proposals selected from 605 preproposals approved for funding, the review committee praised the innovative approach and the expected impact of his project. The HERA grant is the top grant given by the EU.

Ihab Saloul teaches seminar at Harvard University

Dr. Ihab Saloul, academic coordinator of the Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture (AHM), has been invited to give a seminar at the Annual Meeting of the American Comparative

20th and 21st centuries, 19th century proposals are welcome. Application is open to PhDs and young researchers in the social sciences and adjacent fields, such as history, sociology, anthropology, political science, international relations or cultural studies. Find more information [here](#).

The Making of the Humanities V:

Call for papers

Deadline: 30 April 2016

The 'History and Philosophy of the Humanities' research group at the UvA is organising the fifth conference in the series 'The Making of Humanities' Organizers of the conference are interested in papers on the history of a wide variety of disciplines, and are especially interested in work that transcends the history of specific humanities disciplines by comparing scholarly practices across disciplines and civilizations. Find more information [here](#).

COST ISTME Network

Training school:

Call for applicants

Deadline: 1 June 2016

UCD and the COST In Search of Transcultural Memory Network will host a postgraduate training school in transcultural memory studies (29 August-2 September) that will overlap with their final conference on this subject. The training school is for PhD candidates who wish to participate in the Network's research activities. The aim is to introduce PhD candidates to the Network's theoretical and methodological approaches to transcultural memory, and to prepare PhD

Literature Association (ACLA) of Harvard University, which will be held from 17 till 20 March 2016. More information [here](#).

researchers for professional engagement in these fields. Find more information [here](#).

Five researchers receive support from UvA FGw Aspasia Fund

Carolyn Birdsall (AHM), Chiara de Cesari (ARTES), Silke Hamann, (ACLC), Katrin Schulz (ILLC) and Maartje van Gelder (ASH) have been awarded a temporary release from teaching duties to enable them to prepare applications for senior personal grants. More information [here](#).



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