“Remembrance Culture, Politics of Memory and Education in Europe”

Programme

Date: October 19th, 2011, Vienna

Venue: Aula at the Campus AAKH (Spitalgasse 2, Hof 1, 1090 Wien)

9:00 Welcome Addresses by an IDM Representative and Representatives of Cooperation partners
Introduction and Preliminary Remarks on the Conference and the Panels

9:15 Keynote speech by Nenad ŠEBEK, Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in SEE (CDRSEE), Thessaloniki

9:45 Coffee break

10:00 First Panel: Politics of Memory

Both, historiography and memory are always embedded in specific power structures. It makes sense to divide history from memory and especially from politics of memory, where both are exploited concerning various conflicts. Those may arise in the context of borderland struggles and inter-state relations as well as according to national minorities and migration. Apart from local areas and spatial planning, languages, literature, arts and media appear to be contested within the politics of memory. That leads to the following questions: What is the difference between history and memory? Why are some narratives forced and others silenced by competing political players? To what extent opposing or alternative memories are made visible?

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Panel:
Wolfgang MÜLLER-FUNK, Department of European and Comparative Literature and Language Studies
Philipp THER, Department of East European History, University of Vienna
Božo REPE, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

12:00 Lunch break

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13:30  Second Panel: Institutional and Informal Education

Education, as well, seems to be a focal point of competing ideologies and power struggles that is structured by inclusion and exclusion processes. This panel questions the remembrance culture on the basis of institutionalised education such as school books and schedules as well as on the basis of informal education such as youth (exchange) projects that are realised by civil initiatives. Practical aspects of memory and education will be discussed under the following questions: What are the challenges of differentiated remembering and furthermore history writing? To what extend alternative or opposing research results can be established in national education programmes and school books?

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Panel:
Heike KARGE, Chair for the History of South Eastern and Eastern Europe, University of Regensburg
Christina KOULOURI, Department of Politics and History, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens
Dubravka STOJANOVIĆ, Department of Modern History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

15:30  Coffee break

16:00  Plenary Discussion and Conclusion

17:00  End

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