



*Memory Lab*  
*Trans-European Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance*

**7th annual study trip and workshop:  
“Told, untold and retold histories”  
Serbia, October 9 – 15, 2016**

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**1. General Information:**

The trans-European exchange platform “Memory Lab” brings together organizations, institutions and persons working on memory sites and remembrance education in the Western Balkans on the one hand and in Western/Central Europe on the other hand, and promotes thereby mutual learning, dialogue, exchange and constructive critical assessment of remembrance and history in Europe.<sup>1</sup> After trips including visits in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Kosovo, Macedonia and Belgium, the 7<sup>th</sup> annual trip and workshop will take place in Serbia. The program will focus on three main topics of memorialization: the Second World War, the Socialist Yugoslavia, and the period of the 1990s, with the Milosevic-regime and the break-up wars of Yugoslavia. The approach will be to explore “told, untold and retold histories” in relation to these periods in today’s Serbia: “told histories” refer to the narratives which are dominating today’s culture of remembrance in Serbia, “untold histories” refer to those which are barely visible or marginalized, and “retold histories” refer to narratives which have been or are currently changing, as for example the discourses about resistance and collaboration in Serbia during the Second World War. These questions will be addressed through visits of sites, encounters with historians, curators and civil society organizations, and work within the group. The group will be based in Belgrade, but the program will also include excursions to Vojvodina and its capital Novi Sad, and to Kragujevac. After exploring the situation in Serbia, the program will also help to connect the topic of “told, untold and retold histories” with memorialization processes in other European countries and with the personal experiences of the participants. Furthermore, the program will also offer space for networking and for further development of common activities among the participants of the program.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information see our website : [www.memorylab-europe.eu](http://www.memorylab-europe.eu)

## 2. Target group

The program will gather 40 representatives of memorial centers, historical museums, NGOs and other organizations/ initiatives from South Eastern Europe on the one hand, and from Western and Central Europe on the other hand, who are active in the field of dealing with difficult pasts (wars and dictatorships in Europe during the 20<sup>th</sup> century) in a practical way, especially around memory sites and in the educational field. The group will be constituted by approx. 2/3 of “old” participants (who have participated at one or several of the former annual Memory Lab study trips/workshops) and of 1/3 of “new” participants.

## 3. Aims and program of the study trip and workshop 2016 in Serbia:

Aims of the study trip and workshop 2016 in Serbia:

1. To explore and discuss current memorialization processes in Serbia, related to the Second World War, the Socialist Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav break-up wars of the 1990s
2. To explore and discuss these memorialization processes in Serbia in the perspective of *told, untold and retold histories*
3. To connect the question of told, untold and retold stories with memorialization processes in other European countries and with personal experiences from the participants in relation to their respective home countries
4. To deepen contacts and cooperation and to provide a space to develop future activities between the participants of the platform

### Sunday 9. October:

Arrival of participants to Belgrade / check-in at

*Hotel Palace*

*Topličin venac 23, Belgrade, 00381 11 185585, <http://www.palacehotel.co.rs/en/>*

20.00 Joint dinner at the hotel

### Monday, October 10:

9.00 - 10.30 Introduction: presentation of the Memory Lab platform, organizational team and overall program of the study visit. Interactive presentation of the participants

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 Info-market with presentation of on-going (joint) projects and of current developments of Memory Lab / First collection of ideas for future common activities

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch in the hotel

14.30 - 16.00 “Told, untold and retold histories of Serbia”: an introduction

Three presentations:

1. Overview of the contemporary history of Serbia, with a focus on the period from World War Two until today: Olga Manojlović-Pintar (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade)

2. Current memorialization processes in Serbia concerning World War Two and Socialist Yugoslavia: Jelena Đureinović (Department of Eastern European History, Justus Liebig Universität Gießen, Germany)

3. Current memorialization processes in Serbia concerning the 1990s (the Milošević-regime and break-up wars of SFR Yugoslavia): Orli Fridman (Center for Comparative Conflict Studies, Belgrade)

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15-17.00 Discussion of issues raised during the presentations.

17.30 Walking, watching, noticing: City walks in several groups from Knez Mihajlova Street to Slavia Square and recording history and memories.

19.30 Joint dinner

#### Tuesday, October 11:

7.45 Meeting in the hotel lobby, walking to the bus parking and travel by bus to Vojvodina.

Passing through Batajnica suburban area: Explanations about the development of this Belgrade suburban area and about the history of the Batajnica mass graves related to the Kosovo war in 1999

09.30 -11.30 Visit to the memorial site Sarmian / Sremski front related to the 1944/45 battles at the end of World War Two and guided tour at the museum.

11.30 - 12.30 Traveling to Novi Sad

12.30 - 14.00 Joint lunch in Novi Sad

14.00 - 15.30 Organized city walk about local history related to World War Two, Socialist Yugoslavia and the 1990s, with Bojan Krivokapić (CK 13 Novi Sad)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30: Visit to CK 13 (local cultural center) and discussion with representatives of different civil society organizations about told, untold and retold histories related to the 1990s in Vojvodina, for example forced army mobilizations and persecution of minorities: Željko Stanetić (Vojvodina Civic Centre), Nemanja Stjepanović (Humanitarian Law Center), and Vladan Beara (TBC), War Trauma Centre

17.45 – 18.30: Feedback about the day

18.30 - 20.30 Free time and dinner in the city

20.30 Departure to Belgrade

#### Wednesday, October 12:

8.45: Meeting in the hotel-lobby

9.00 - 13.00 On the trace of histories – city walk in three parallel groups

First group: “Told, untold and retold histories of World War Two”: Guided visit to the site of the 1941-1944 concentration camp Staro Sajmište and to the Monument of Belgrade Liberators. Guide: Milovan Pissari, historian and member of the Forum for Applied History Belgrade

Second group: “Told, untold and retold histories of socialist Yugoslavia”: Guided visit to the Museum of Yugoslav history and to the Federal Executive Council building. Guide: Ivan Manojlović, curator at the Museum of Yugoslav History

Third group: “Told, untold and retold histories of 1990s”: Guided visit to different memory sites related to the Yugoslav break-up wars of the 1990s. Guides: Jasmina Lazović (Youth Initiative for Human Rights Serbia) and Tamara Šmidling (Peace Academy Foundation)

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch in the city within the three parallel groups

14.30 - 15.30 Preparation of city walk presentations

15.30 - 17.00 Presentations and discussion

17.30 – 18.15: Feedback-round about the day

19.00: Joint dinner at the hotel

Thursday, October 13:

7.45 Meeting in the hotel lobby, walking to the bus parking and travel by bus to Kragujevac  
10.00 - 13.00 Visit to the Memorial Park Kragujevac October (Šumarice), related to the execution of an estimated 3,000 men and boys of the town by the German occupation forces on October 21, 1941. Guide: Nenad Đorđević, historian  
10.00 – 12.00: Visit of the Memorial park and guided tour in the Museum 21st October  
12.00 -13.00 Presentation of the C31's educational program “Museum of the Past for the Future” and of the Memorial museum in Kraljevo.  
13.15 - 14.30 Joint lunch  
14.30 - 15.30 Visit to the Museum of Weapon Factory in Kragujevac, with focus on workers movement during SFRY and the decline of weapon and car factory during the 1990s.  
15.30 - 17.00 Coffee break and discussion with Nenad Đorđević, historian, and with a representative of the workers union (TBC)  
17.00 – 17.45: Feedback-round about the day  
18.00 Departure to Belgrade  
20.00 Arrival to Belgrade, free dinner

Friday, October 14:

09.00 - 11.30: “Told, untold and retold histories in a European context”:  
Interactive-creative approach and reflection about told, untold and retold histories of Serbia, in comparison and connection with memorialization processes in other European countries and with personal experiences of participants of the group. The exact content and methodology will be determined following the group dynamics and the issues raised during preceding days.  
11.30 – 12.00: Coffee break  
12.00 – 13.00: Continuation of the dialogue about joint activities and projects  
13.00 - 14.30 Lunch at the hotel  
14.30 - 16.00 Evaluation of the program and perspectives for the future  
16.00 – 20.00: Free time  
20.00 Joint Farewell Dinner

Saturday, October 15:

Departure of participants

#### **4. Practical information**

Arrival is foreseen for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016, and departure for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The organizers will cover, for the length of the program, the costs for the accommodation, meals, program, translation, and transport during the study trip and the workshop.

The travel to Serbia for the participants from the Western Balkans will or be organized directly by the organizers, or the costs for the travel will be reimbursed during the program by the organizers on the basis of the cheapest possible travel prices, up to an amount of maximum 250€, on presentation of the travel tickets/bills. For the participants coming from

Western/Central Europe, if their travel costs are not covered by their own institution, travel costs can be reimbursed on request up to 300 € maximum.

The accommodation is foreseen in Hotel Palace in Belgrade in double-rooms or single-rooms (except for participants living in Belgrade):

Hotel Palace, Topličin venac 23, Belgrade, <http://www.palacehotel.co.rs/en/>

The participation fee is 40 € for persons from South Eastern Europe, and 80€ for persons from Western/Central Europe.

The working languages will be English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, with simultaneous or consecutive translation.

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