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Places of violence, places of learning

Seminar cycle Albania - France - Germany 2020/21

Organized by

Crossborder factory (Berlin), Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial (Hamburg), Memorial of the Montluc Prison (Lyon) and Cultural Heritage without Borders Albania (Tirana), in the framework of the South Eastern Europe Initiative of the Franco-German Youth Office, and of Memory Lab – Transeuropean Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance

Phases:

- First seminar in Fall 2020 in Hamburg /Germany : 19 – 23 October 2020 (online)
- Second seminar in early spring 2021 in Albania
- Third seminar in late spring or late summer 2021 in France

Content and aims of the seminar cycle:

At the heart of this seminar cycle is the exploration and discussion of three places that have been places of exclusion and violence in different ways and at different times:

- the former concentration camp Neuengamme in Hamburg, where more than 100,000 people from all over Europe were imprisoned between 1938 and 1945;
- the former Montluc military prison in Lyon, which was used during the Second World War, first by the Vichy administration and then by the German occupying forces, as a detention centre where several thousand French resistance fighters and Jews were imprisoned;
- the former prison at Spaç in northern Albania, which served as a forced labour camp for political prisoners and other detainees during the communist dictatorship from 1968 to 1991.

Aims of the seminar cycle "Places of violence – places of learning"

- To learn about different historical places of violence and exclusion in Albania, France and Germany, each of them placed in its specific historical-political context
- To learn about the processes which led to the transformation of these places into memory and education sites, and reflect about differences and similarities in dealing with such places
- To reflect and discuss the possibilities and challenges linked to the transformation of places of exclusion and violence into places of historical-political education

- To reflect how especially young people can be sensitized at/through such memory sites to history and current historical-political issues
- To study the role of digitization in the work of Memorials (education, archives, ...)
- To reflect on the role of time-witnesses in memory work and how to deal with the disappearance of time-witnesses
- To bring together multipliers from Albania, France and Germany, in order to learn from each other, to work together on common outputs during the seminar cycle, and to provide incentives for the participants to implement new approaches in their own work

Program of the first seminar in Hamburg

Due to the ongoing Covid-crisis this first seminar is taking place online on the digital platform we created for our exchange: <https://povpol.crossborder-factory.eu/> . Thanks to this platform, we will also be able to to organize several live-visits of sites in Hamburg, together with our colleagues and participants from Hamburg.

Monday, October 19:

Getting to know each other and introduction into the general topic

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| 9.30 a.m. | Accessing the digital platform, technical explanations |
| 10.00-11.30 a.m. | Intro session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, presentation of the project and of the program • Short presentation of the participants • Getting to know each other in parallel working rooms |
| 2.00-3.15 p.m. | Overview lecture followed by discussion: “From places of violence to places of learning? A short overview of the history and the evolution of Memorial-places in Europe” |
| 3.45-5.00 p.m. | Presentation and exchange among the participants about their respective working places and experiences in relation with our general topic |

Tuesday, October 20, 2020:

Germany’s culture of remembrance and first visits in Hamburg

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| 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. | Germany’s culture of remembrance:
Brainstorming, input and discussion |
| 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. | Visit of the former Neuengamme sub-camp Dessauer Ufer (live stream) |
| 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. | Alternative tour with barge through the harbour of Hamburg (live stream) |

Wednesday, October 21:

The Neuengamme concentration camp - History and development to a memorial site

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| 10.00 – 10.15 a.m. | Virtual tour of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial via our virtual tour (https://www.kz-gedenkstaette-neuengamme.de/360tour/) |
| 10.15 – 12.00 a.m. | Participants from Hamburg present the history of Neuengamme concentration camp and its development into a memorial (live streams), part 1 |

- 1.00 – 2.30 p.m. Participants from Hamburg present the history of Neuengamme concentration camp and its development into a memorial (live streams), part 2
- 3.00 – 3.30 p.m. Clarification of questions
- 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. Development of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial into a memorial and learning centre: chronology

Thursday, October 22:

Presentation of memorial sites in Hamburg via live streams by the Hamburg participants

- 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Places of current racist violence in Hamburg
Visit of Memorial for the Hamburg victim of the "National Socialist Underground" (NSU), Süleyman Taskoprü. (<https://denkmalhamburg.de/sueleyman-taskoeprue-denkmal/>)
- 2.00 – 3.15 p.m. Places of remembrance of NS-persecution in Hamburg :
Visit of Bullenhuser Damm Memorial – commemorating 20 Jewish children (<https://bullenhuser-damm.gedenkstaetten-hamburg.de/de/>)
- 4.15 – 5.45 p.m. Places of remembrance in Hamburg
- Additional information, and presentation of the Wandsbek Memorial (former concentration camp for women, subcamp of Neuengamme).
- Reflection about the visited sites and comparison of the different sites

Friday, October 23: Workshops and evaluation

- 10.00-11.30 a.m. What did we learn about the culture of remembrance in Hamburg and Germany? How useful are experiences we heard about for Albania and France?
- 2.00-3.45 p.m. What are topics we want to deepen?
Brainstorming, gathering and choice of the topics, creating of working groups
- 4.00-5.00 p.m. Evaluation of the first seminar
- 5.00 pm Virtual good bye-apéritif

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