



Memory Lab
Trans-European Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance

Call for application
7th annual study trip and workshop
„Told, untold and retold histories“ : Serbia, 9-15 October 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.¹ After trips including visits in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Kosovo, Macedonia and Belgium, the 7th 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

¹ For more information see our website : www.memorylab-europe.eu

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.

2. Target group / Selection criteria

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 20th century) in a practical way, especially around memory sites and in the educational field.

The selection of the participants will be done on the following basis:

a) General criteria for the constitution of the group:

- Practitioners who are dealing with history and memory work in Europe, especially in memorials, museums, and civil society organizations
- The group should 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
- Different countries need to be represented in the group
- The total number of participants should not exceed 40 persons

b) Individual criteria for the applicants:

- Concrete / practical link to memory work
- For “old” participants: Own commitment to Memory Lab (for example organization of joint activities with other Memory Lab associates), and benefit for one’s own work
- For new participants: potential own commitment to Memory Lab, and potential benefit for own work

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

Aims of the study trip and workshop 2016 in Serbia:

- 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
- To explore and discuss these memorialization processes in Serbia in the perspective of *told, untold and retold histories*
- 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
- 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
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 Current developments of Memory Lab and presentation of on-going (joint) projects
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 about the Contemporary History of Serbia, with focus on the period from World War Two to today
2. Current memorialization processes in Serbia concerning World War Two and Socialist Yugoslavia .
3. Current memorialization processes in Serbia concerning the 1990s (Milsoevic-regime and break-up wars of Yugoslavia)
16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break
16.15-17.00 Discussion on issues raised during the presentations.
17.30 Walking, watching, taking : City walks in several groups from Knez Mihailova to Slavia Square and catching history and memories.
19.30 Joint dinner

Tuesday, October 11:

8.00 Departure by bus
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
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
16h- 17h30: 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.
17h45-18h30: Feedback about the day
18.30-20.30 Free time and dinner in the city
20.30 Departure to Belgrade

Wednesday, October 12:

09.00-13.00 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.

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

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

13.00-14.30 Lunch in the city

14.30-15.30 Preparation of city walk presentations

15.30 -17.00 Presentations and discussion

17h30-18h15: Feedback-round about the day

19h: Joint dinner

Possibly organization of a cultural event

Thursday, October 13:

8.00 Departure 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

10h12h: 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 a local historian

17h-17h45: 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 which have been raised during the precedent days.

11h30-12h: Coffee break

12h-13h: Continuation of the dialogue about of joint activities and projects

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Evaluation of the program and perspectives for the future

16h-20h: Free time

20.00 Joint Dinner

Saturday, October 15:

Departure of the participants

4. Practical information

Arrival is foreseen for Sunday 9th October 2016, and departure for Saturday 15th 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, it is expected that their travel costs are covered by their institution ; if the institution cannot take over the travel costs, the travel ticket can be reimbursed on request up to 300 € maximum.

The accommodation is foreseen in a hotel in Belgrade (except for participants living in Belgrade) in double-rooms or single-rooms.

The participation fee is 40 € for persons from South Eastern Europe, and 80€ for persons from Western/Central Europe ; the fee is to be paid during the program.

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

5. Application

Application forms can be received by sending an email to memorylab.2016@gmail.com or can be found on the website www.memorylab-europe.eu . The completed application should be sent to memorylab.2016@gmail.com until 15 June, 2016 at the latest. The applicants will be notified about their participation until end of June 2016.

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