



**COST Action IS1203  
In search of transcultural memory in Europe (ISTME)**

**Working Group 2 Mediation  
Call for Papers**

**Workshop  
Europe After Empire:  
Mediations of imperial and colonial memory in transcultural perspective**

Krakow (16-18 September 2013)

Europe's past is a past of empires, and European societies today seem haunted by memories of empire and colonialism. This workshop aims at discussing the differences and connections between various European countries and regions, when it comes to remembering past empires and the experience of colonialism both within and outside the continent. It seeks to understand how particular media function (in terms of technologies, cultural forms, social organization, and reception) in producing memories of empire across Europe. In particular, it seeks to identify which transcultural cross-currents are at work in this process: are there transcultural memories of European empires emerging through mediations, cultural transfers and the workings of multidirectionality? If so, what are the limits of this transculturality?

The main focus of this workshop is on the methodology and concepts needed for a comparative and transcultural approach to the entangled memories of empire in Europe. Among the concepts to be discussed are (post-)colonialism and (post-)imperialism, their interrelations, and their significance for an understanding of transcultural memory in Europe.

The workshop will be organised around the discussion of short papers (ca. 20 mins.) which present a particular case (a media product / an act of mediation illustrative of a more general issue) on the basis of which the working group can bring together questions of transculturality, mediation, and Europe after empire in a conversation on methodology. Reading materials will be circulated in advance to help generate some common ground for our discussions.

Proposals for papers should contain a title and a brief summary (100 words) and a bio-bibliography (max. 100 words). Deadline for submission is 1<sup>st</sup> June. Selection to be made known by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

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