

Dear Members of the Working Group Memory and Migration,

As was agreed at the kick-off conference in Copenhagen, the entire COST network „In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe” will meet in Krakow in September 2013 for three parallel workshops. Our Working Group had a brainstorming session in Copenhagen, as the result of which we came up with some ideas of what we might do in Krakow. We found out that among us there is a wide spread of interest, but at the same time we expressed a desire to develop a common framework of concepts, perhaps some theoretical approaches, which would enable us to better communicate, perhaps coordinate our research and may be at the end of the project also to reach a common theoretical ground for future research.

Among the many areas of interest represented in our group there are: oral history, memory an truth, post-colonial memory, media representation of migration, patterns of memory migration and remediation, power relation and memory. There are philosophical, psychological, sociological and social scientific approaches represented throughout the Group, and of course there is a wide variety of case studies.

We have been thinking of a suitable title of the workshop, and we decided on **”Memory and migration - changing frames of reference”**. Among the themes which we may wish to discuss at the workshop there are such topics as: renegotiation of migrants past in the new environment; dynamics of representation of migrants memory in the media; relation between religion, migration, and memory; relation between power and memory; the problem of European memory in relation to the issue of old and new boundaries; migration, memory and identity; memory, migration and electronic communication; intergenerational transmission of memory among migrants. We have also emphasized the need to pay more attention to the present and future of memory transmission and construction, not just the past. We also want to put much emphasis on theory and methodology, not only case studies. Of course the actual choice of topics will be in the hands of workshop participants and the WP leaders who will be responsible for the selection of papers, if the number of submissions should exceed the limit of 20 papers.

As a first step towards preparation of the workshop in Krakow we decided to call for abstracts of papers. The abstracts are to be 250-500 words long and should be submitted by the end of June. The time is extremely short, but we must live with it; in any case this is the joint decision taken in Copenhagen. It is assumed that abstracts will come first of all from the registered members of the Working Group, who naturally will have the priority to present papers. As we can invite up to 20 people to the Workshop (that is 20 people may be reimbursed), we may have a few place left to invite colleagues who are not members of the WG, but who may be willing to contribute to the workshop. There is no obligation for the WG members to participate in the workshop, but naturally we should all very strongly consider our participation and think positively about it. People to be invited from outside of the WG may be for example our graduate students of colleagues from our departments, or others. So please feel encouraged to approach colleagues who, in your view, might be

interested. If they send abstracts by the end of June, they will be invited to the workshop should the limits of 20 participants permit. In order to facilitate interactions throughout the entire network, across WG boundaries, we intend to circulate the abstracts among all member of the network.

We think of organizing in Krakow three thematic sessions, the titles of content of which will be decided after the abstracts have been collected. We hope that three relatively coherent sessions may be built out of the 20 selected papers. Then we would like to have the papers pre-circulated among all members of the WG. The texts should be submitted by the 6th of September. This would allow us to find suitable discussants for the sessions and to read all the contributions, so that the sessions may consist of short presentations of the papers which would have been read by everybody, thus allowing more time for discussion. As we decided to aim at publication, we of course would like to reach as much coherence within each session as possible.

Please be so kind to let us know as soon as possible if you intend to participate in the Krakow workshop and present a paper. This information we need as soon as possible, certainly before the end-of-June deadline for abstracts.

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PLEASE SEND YOUR ABSTRACTS TO THE FOLLOWING E-MAIL ADDRESS: cost@ces.uj.edu.pl

DEADLINE: 30th of June, 2013.