

Call for papers

“Mobilising Memory for Change”

PhD Training school in Budapest, Central European University, 29 September-3 October, 2014

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

The Research Network In Search of transcultural memory in Europe invites applications for a training school for Ph.D. candidates, who wish to participate in the Network's research activities. The aim is to introduce Ph.D. candidates to the Network's theoretical and methodological approaches in order to prepare their participation in and contribution to Network activities on an equal level with other researchers. The Research Network In Search of transcultural memory in Europe is a COST funded Action that aims to go beyond the nationally oriented memory studies and tendencies to reify the bond between culture, nation and memory. Instead we investigate the transcultural dynamics of memory in Europe today. Studying how memories of the troubled twentieth century are transmitted and received across Europe, the Network explores the tension between attempts to create a common European memory, or a unitary memory ethics, on the one hand and numerous memory conflicts stemming from Europe's fragmentation into countless memory communities on the other. Drawing on recent theoretical insights that point to the importance of memory migration, mediation and new media the Action seeks to develop new methods for studying and comparing effects of memory transmission over cultural borders. The Action aims to develop European memory studies theoretically and methodologically by focusing on transculturality, agency and reception - and to contribute to finding ways of accommodating memory conflicts (further information on the Network's aims and organization on the COST website: http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1203)

The training school will consist in a seminar on theoretical and methodological approaches to memory studies, presentations and discussions of the participants' own research, and a series of lectures discussing problems of transcultural memory in Europe today, the challenges and perspectives of memory studies, and the aims and agenda of the Network's research. In line with the Network's agenda, the training school will focus on questions connected to politics of memory, digitalized memory and memory studies initiating change. Among the invited lecturers are: Ayse Gul Altinay (Sabanci University, Istanbul) on feminist interventions in memory cultures, Paco Ferrandiz (CSIC, Madrid) on digital memories and emotions in Spanish contemporary civil war exhumations, Marianne Hirsch (Columbia University, New York) on post memory and Holocaust, Laszlo Rajk (architect, Budapest) on hiatus in the texture of memory, Anna Reading (King's College, London) on memory of peaceful resistance.

Participants, selected by the steering committee of the action, will have to submit a paper of approximately 10 pages, either a synopsis or a chapter of their own research by 1 May. If you are interested in participating in this training school, please send an application including a cover letter stating your motivations for participating, your CV and an abstract of your doctoral research (max 500 words). The Network is able to offer a number of grants (about 700 EUR) to cover travel and accommodation expenses. Please indicate in your application if you will need a grant.

Applications should be sent by email no later than **1 May, 2014** to memory@ceu.hu

Questions and requests for further information should also be directed to Andrea Peto (CEU) email: memory@ceu.hu