



Call for Papers Human Rights & Memory Working Group

As Co-Chairs of the new Human Rights and Memory Working Group within the Memory Studies Association (MSA), we would like to put together sessions for the Association's next annual conference in Madrid (25-28 June 2019).

The sessions will build from the MSA's inaugural Critical Thinking on Human Rights and Memory workshop held in Dublin, Ireland, from 6-7 February 2019. Our discussion will centre on the ongoing tensions between the human rights-oriented "duty to remember" and the more policy-centric "proper way of remembrance" as emergent from the development of universal, normative standards of memorialisation. We aim to further our exploration of the genealogical foundations and assumptions of the historical intersections between human rights and memory as well as to elaborate upon the conceptual vocabulary of critical human rights studies developed in the Dublin workshop. We invite scholars from all fields to submit expressions of interest to criticalhumanrightsandmemory@gmail.com by 15 September 2018. You can apply for the Dublin workshop and/or MSA sessions in human rights and memory by submitting your abstract to criticalhumanrightsandmemory@gmail.com. Please put under the subject to which of those events you wish to be considered (Dublin, Madrid or both).

Papers should address critically (but should not be restricted to) the relationship between human rights and memory, including the victim-cantered approach to human rights and memory politics; the fetishized status of victims by human rights; the processes of standardization of memory and their side-effects; the troubled relationship between the human rights memorialization agenda and trauma; the production of inequalities as a result of the human rights memorialization agenda and much more.

As the general submission closes on 1 October, we must receive your proposals by 15 September 2018 to allow us time to arrange events for our planned Human Rights and Memory strand at the Madrid conference. The Memory Studies Association will send out acceptance letters in January 2019.

Please note that for the MSA conference in Madrid members of working groups must become members of the MSA.

Kind regards,
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