

EC Meeting Minutes – April 2021

Call to order

A meeting of the MSA Executive Committee was held online on [April 22, 2021](#)

Attendees: [Jeffrey Olick](#), [Hanna Teichler](#), [Stef Craps](#), [Joanna Wawrzyniak](#), [Paco Ferrándiz](#)

Assistants: [Angus Foster](#), [Lorena Ortiz Cabrero](#)

Agenda Item

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Decisions

1. MSA First Book Award Panel

- Ongoing organisation of book panel with Dominic Meng-Hsuan Yang, winner of the [2021 MSA First Book Award](#).
- Three book discussants, of different disciplinary backgrounds, are being invited to attend the conference.

2. Warsaw 2021

- Negotiations continue in regard to funding, sponsorship and logistical (Dryfta) organisation.

- The Local Committee is particularly concerned about developing back-up plans for the smooth development of the conference sessions.
- The registration of participants has closed, and the programme is being developed. Special events (such as the [MSA Forward Workshop](#), WG/RG/NN meetings or the forthcoming Masterclasses) are being organised.

3. Institutional Memberships

- The MSA is interested in establishing institutional memberships, but further research is needed.
- A temporary task force will be set up, to consider potential price brackets and distinct benefits that could be associated to institutional memberships.

4. dMSA

- Established dMSA line-up until October 2021 (8th event of the series).
- Upcoming events:
 - April 23rd.
 - May 12th.
 - June 23rd.
 - Break in July and August.
 - September: accepted proposal from WG PoSoCoMeS.
 - October: accepted proposal from WG Memory & Trauma.
 - November: open slot at the moment. Potential last session of the year.
- Proposals are always welcome at dmsa@memorystudiesassociation.org.
- New dMSA page/archive is being tested on.

5. Website Committee

- ‘Mini-sites’ for the WG/RG/NNs are being worked on.
 - The Memory & Arts WG pilot page will be ready in the course of the next month.

6. Ethics & Financial Committees Elections

- Schedule conflicts make the hosting of the elections for both Ethics & Financial Audit Committees difficult. If need be, the election for the Financial Committee will take place before the one for the Ethics Committee.
- Plan of action:
 - A description of tasks for each committee will be drawn up.
 - The Nominations & Regulations Committee will be contacted to initiate the nomination process.

7. MSA Forward/Mentorship Programme

- The current MSA Forward team is in the process of contacting potential respondents for the [MSA Forward Workshop](#).
- The Mentorship Programme will be relaunched after Warsaw, once the new Executive Committee is sworn in.