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1989–1991 FROM AN ORAL HISTORY PERSPECTIVE
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6 NOVEMBER (THURSDAY)

12:00-12:30 **Welcome address**

12:30-13:15 **Introduction**

Ferenc Laczó, Franka Maubach and Joanna Wawrzyniak

13:15-14:30 **Keynote Speech**

Chair: Krzysztof Koseła

James Wertsch, *Mnemonic Communities and Habits*

15:30-17:00 **Keynote Speech**

Chair: Joanna Kurczewska

Michael Bernhard and Jan Kubik, *The Politics of Memory and Commemoration*

17:30-19:30 **Horizons of Expectation and Spaces of Experience: Between Accident, Hope and Trauma**

Chair: Gertrud Pickhan

Joachim von Puttkamer Making Sense of the Unexpected: How the Reshaping of the Polish Power Apparatus in 1989 is Being Remembered

Tomasz Stryjek What Does 1991 Mean for Ukrainians?

Rauf R. Garagozov Collapse of the Soviet Union as Cultural Trauma and Russian Collective Memory

Discussant: Padraic Kenney

9:00-11:00 Individual and Collective Memories Entangled

Chair: **Ferenc Laczó**

Katharine White Shifts in East Germans Spatial Imaginaries

Ina Alber Narrating the “Transition to Democracy”: on the Interdependency of Discourses and Biographies

Natalia Cojocar 1989-91 in Moldova: Memory, Discourse and Representation

Discussant: **Kaja Kaźmierska**

11:30-13:30 Generational Experiences and Memories

Chair: **Burkhard Olschowsky**

Ljubica Spaskovska The Last Yugoslav Generation: Making Sense of Post-Socialism and the End of Yugoslavia

Deanna Wooley “We Were the Generation of Unspoken Assumptions”: Generational Identity and the “Velvet Revolution”

Kirsten Gerland Memories and Generational Belongings: Independent Youth Movements of the 1980s in the GDR and People`s Republic of Poland

Discussant: **Lars Breuer**

14:30-16:00 Oral History in Post-war Humanities West and East: International Travelogue

Introduction: **Włodzimierz Borodziej**

Lutz Niethammer interviewed by **Piotr Filipkowski** and **Franka Maubach**

16:30-18:00 Oral History Today and Tomorrow

Chairs: **Alexander von Plato and Franka Maubach**

Discussion: **Lutz Niethammer, Irina Sherbakova, Miroslav Vaněk, Dorothee Wierling**

9:00-12:00 **Parallel sessions**

1. Recalling and Constructing Key Historical Events
2. Master Narratives in the Making
3. The Agents and Impact of Economic Change
4. Religion, Ethnicity and Memory
5. Experiences, Discourses and Biographies
6. Group and Generational Memories

(see sessions program below)

13:00-15:00 **1989-1991 in Comparative and Transnational Perspectives**

Chair: **Piotr Filipkowski**

Burkhard Olschowsky 1989 as a *Lieu de Mémoire* in Poland and Germany

Lars Breuer, Anna Delius Ordinary Europeans' View on 1989

Aline Sierp Bridging the Gap: Framing Memory Debate in the EU

Discussant: **Michael Bernhard**

15:30-17:00 **Final discussion**

Chair: **Joanna Wawrzyniak**

Workshops results summaries

General comments by **Jeffrey K. Olick**

Free discussion

PARALLEL SESSIONS (SATURDAY: 9:00-12:00)

Recalling and Constructing Key Historical Events (room 265, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: [Burkhard Olschowsky](#)

Katja Doose	“Here, Everything Tumbled Down Much Earlier”: Colliding Memories of the Soviet Collapse and the Armenian Earthquake
Constanza Calabretta	1989/2014: Germany. Memories of the Peaceful Revolution
Andrea Brait	About the Interpretation of 1989 as an Epoch Year in Austria
Valentina Nedelcheva	The “Sudden Death” Syndrome: Reminiscence of the Bulgarian 10th of November 1989
Boçi Sonila	The Collapse of the Berlin Wall and Democratic Transformation in Albania
Constantin Schmidt	The Transnational Remembrance of the Paneuropean Picknick
First discussants:	Dobrochna Kalwa and Jan Kubik

Master Narratives in the Making (room 3.016, Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55 st.)

Chair: [Ferenc Laczó](#)

Ben Gook	Nachträglichkeit: Belatedness and the Fall of the Berlin Wall
Barbara Gawęda	Anti-Feminism of Transformation: a Narrative about Sidelining Women’s Issues
Jens Boysen	Forcing the Reds out of the National Remembrance
Sylvia Balgarinov	Whose History Should we Teach to our Children?
Alina Thiemann	The Romanian Revolution: from Heroic Moment to Tragedy and then to Farce
First discussants:	Marcin Napiórkowski and Jeffrey K. Olick

The Agents and Impact of Economic Change (room 3.023, Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55 st.)

Chair: [Joanna Wawrzyniak](#)

Jannis Panagiotidis	Horizons of Transition: Economic Experts and the Making of the “Long Year 1989”
Agnès Arp	A Second Nationalization of the Private Entrepreneurs from the GDR, 1989-90?
Kamil Lipiński	Sailing to the “Islands of Normal”: 1989-91 in the Eyes of Polish Business Elite
Karolina Mikołajewska	Remembering Privatization in the Polish Food Industry
Eszter Z. Tóth	1989-91 Remembered in Hungarian and Eastern German Factories
First discussants:	Maciej Gdula and Joachim von Puttkamer

Religion, Ethnicity and Memory (room 264, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: [Małgorzata Pakier](#)

Denise Thorpe Sifting and Shifting Memory: Lithuanian Vėlinės Practices as the Performance and Construction of Memory

Vera Klyueva, Roman Poplavsky A Time to Sow: Last Soviet Years in the Memories of Contemporary Believers

Dagmara Dudek Church and the Political Change of 1989. The Making of Memory in Germany

Toria Malkhaz Georgian-Abkhazian Conflict in the Recollections of Internally Displaced Historians

Mimoza Telaku Collective Narrative of the Interethnic Conflict in Kosovo

László Szabolcs The Hopeful December and the Black March: Documentary Films as Collective Memory Projects in Romania

First discussants: [Lutz Niethammer and James Wertsch](#)

Experiences, Discourses and Biographies (room 254, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: [Piotr Filipkowski](#)

Adam Mielczarek Experience and Memory of Polish Solidarity Movement

Kirsti Jõesalu, Raili Nugin Mediated Experiences of “Freedom” in Museums and Biographies

Joakim Glaser Football Clubs and Identity Change in Eastern Germany

Cătălin Parfene Football, Writing and Politics in the Memory of an Ethnic Hungarian in Romania

First discussants: [Olena Ivanova and Miroslav Vaněk](#)

Group and Generational Memories (room 316, University of Warsaw Library)

Chair: [Franka Maubach](#)

Izabela Wagner “By Correspondence” Revolution: the 1989 Memory among Polish Scientists in the US

Magdalena Wnuk The 1989 Dilemma: “To Stay Abroad or to Return to Poland?”

Elena Bogomyagkova Russian Students Remembering 1993

Kaja Kaźmierska Experience of the Process of Transformation in Poland in Generational Perspective

Jolanta Steciuk Voices of the 1970–75 Generation in Poland

Grażyna Kubica-Heller, Agnieszka Król Trajectories of Polish Transformation: Biographical Narratives of 1989’ Generation

Manuela B. Rajevic Politics Of Memory in Latin American Post Dictatorship Societies: The Re-Emergence of Resistance Discourses in New Generations

First discussants:

Alexander von Plato and Ljubica Spasovska

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