

Placeless memories: digital constructions of memory and identity

Friday 14 July 2017
9.30 - 18.15

Bowland Auditorium, Berrick Saul Building, University of York

Conference Programme

This one-day conference seeks to open up discussion on the nature of memory and identity construction online and in digital formats. This under-researched area is of particular importance in an increasingly digital age. Our challenge is to consider the Internet not just as a tool for preserving histories, but as an emergent space where diverse memories and identities are actively shaped, contested, and negotiated in the present moment by a wide variety of different stakeholders.

9:00 Registration (Berrick Saul Building foyer)

9.30 Welcome and opening remarks (Dr Huw Halstead, University of York)

9.45 Panel 1: Place and placelessness

Professor Silvana Mandolessi (KU Leuven), 'Memory Unbound: The Issue of Place in Digital Memory'.

Dr Areti Galani and Dr Gabi Arrigoni (Newcastle University), 'Online Visual Dialogues: Mobilising Personal Memories of Place to Construct Politically Engaged Identities'.

Dr Victoria Grace Walden (University of Sussex), 'Locating Holocaust Memory in the Everyday: Oshpitzin's Archive between Digital and Physical Spaces'.

Dr Anna Novikov (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem/CCCEE Cologne-Bonn), 'Web-Patriots. The Digital Promotion of Patriotic Dress in East-Central Europe'.

11.30 Break

12.00 Keynote address

Professor Andrew Hoskins (University of Glasgow), 'The Broken Past: Have We Lost Control of Memory?'

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Panel 2: Contested and shared memories

Dr Cara Levey (University College Cork), 'Postmemory on the Periphery: Transnational Activism between Latin America and Europe'.

Dr Karina von Lindeiner-Stráský (Open University), 'Public and Private Memories of the GDR in the Digital World'.

Joshua Pritchard (University of Cambridge), “Doxxing, Death Threats, and Harassment”: The Memory of White Rhodesia on Reddit’s AskHistorians’.

Dr Burcu Cevik-Compiegne (University of Technology Sydney) and Victoria Harbutt (Information & Cultural Exchange), 'Johnnies and Mehmet: Reflecting on a Digital Memorial'.

15.45 Break

16.15 Panel 3: Public histories

Nicôle Meehan (University of St Andrews), “Digital Memory Objects” in Museums: Explicit and Implicit Networked Interactions’.

Leonie Wieser (Northumbria University), 'Online Representations of Women's Histories of Migration to the North East'.

Daniel Willis (UCL), 'A Politics of Placelessness? The Limits of Democratising Memory in the Centro de Documentación e Investigación (CDI) of Lima's Lugar de la Memoria (LUM)'.

Dr Nela Milic (London College of Communication, University of the Arts London), 'Belgrade Log: Digital Storytelling as a Counter-History'.

18.00 Closing remarks (Dr Huw Halstead, University of York)

18.15 End

Conference registration is free of charge.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/placeless-memories-tickets-33624198884>

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