

Call for Participation

Digital Media and Collective Memory

Workshop and Lecture of the Graduate School of the Humanities | GSH

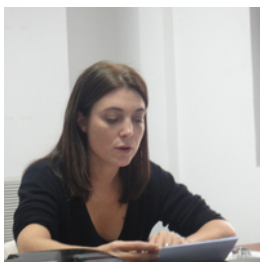
Guest: Dr. Silvana Mandolessi, KU Leuven
Moderation: Dr. Miriam Lay Brander, Junior Fellow HS16, Walter Benjamin Kolleg Bern
Date: Fr., 09. December 2016, 14:15-17:00 Uhr
Venue: tba
ECTS: 1 (anrechenbar im Wahlpflichtbereich aller Programme der GSH)
Anmeldung: Until Oktober 15 2016 at: toggweiler@wbkolleg.unibe.ch and KSL: <https://www.ksl.unibe.ch/> (Login mit UniBe-Account, Suchemit Titel)

Content

This workshop aims to engender an interdisciplinary discussion of the role of digital media in the development of collective memory. It includes a guest lecture by Silvana Mandolessi as well as a discussion of theoretical texts on the topic of digital memory.

Specific questions which will be addressed during the workshop include:

- What changes do digital media bring about in collective practices of remembrance?
- How do digital media activate collective memory by centring social attention?
- How do digital archives and social media convert images, texts and audio-videos into media of collective memory?
- What possibilities for participation do digital media offer and to what extent do they produce a democratisation of cultural memory?



Silvana Mandolessi is an assistant professor in Hispanic Literature at the Catholic University of Leuven and the leader of the ERC-project “We are all Ayotzinapa. The Role of Digital Media in the Shaping of Transnational Memories on Disappearance”, which examines the disappearance of 43 students in Mexico in September 2014.



Miriam Lay Brander is a Junior Fellow at the Walter Benjamin Kolleg with a project on “Fragmented Memories. New Digital Archives as Media of Collective Memory in the Caribbean.” Prior to this she worked as an assistant professor for Hispanic and French Literature at the University of Constance and as a postdoctoral researcher at the Constance Centre of Excellence “Cultural Foundations of Integration.”