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Call for Papers

**Multi-lateral Realms of Memory
Challenges, Expectations, and Possibilities**

as part of the

Klaus Zernack Colloquium

The Klaus Zernack Colloquium is a monthly series of lectures organised by the Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences (CBH PAN), and headed by Prof. Michael G. Müller (Institut für Geschichte der Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg), Prof. Robert Traba (CBH PAN) and Prof. Igor Kąkolewski (CBH PAN). The colloquium aims at providing a platform for historians and scholars of related academic disciplines to discuss their recent research projects.

In 2016/2017, the lectures will examine the concept of realms of memory and its theoretical as well as methodological expansion. In this context, among the many publications dedicated to various realms of memory, the approach developed in the nine volume edition *Deutsch-Polnische Erinnerungsorte* (German-Polish Realms of Memory), as initiated by CBH PAN, may serve as a starting point for further considerations. During the colloquium, we wish to scrutinise and critically question the challenges and potential of the concept of “histoire croisée” or entangled history of two or more memory collectives, while basing on the combined theories of Pierre Nora’s “histoire au second degré” (history of the second degree) and Klaus Zernack’s “Beziehungsgeschichte” (relational history in the sense of mutually interacting national histories).

The above mentioned bilateral perspective employed in the analysis of “German” and “Polish” cultures of memory should serve as a starting point for reflections not only on a “national” level: We explicitly intend to put forward and concentrate on regional, social, gender-related, economical, religious, minority-based and other aspects in the framework of memories, bearing in mind their interaction with other memory groups. Regarding our understanding of multi-lateral realms of memory, we place it in a wider European context, in which national frameworks can and should

be transgressed. Whilst examining specific realms of memory, we would also like to discuss innovative theories and methodologies that can help create new approaches to memories and memory collectives in interaction.

With regard to the aforementioned, the colloquium's focus should lie on the following topics and research problems:

- analyses of multi-lateral realms of memory or memory relations between a number of collectives
- differentiating national collective memories through other, alternative memory groups
- knowledge potential in the research of bi- and multi-lateral collective memories, methodological challenges
- translation and application of the category of "parallel" realms of memory (cf. *Deutsch-Polnische Erinnerungsorte*, vol. III: *Parallelen*) onto the research of multi-lateral memories
- function and sustainability of realms of memory
- forgotten (geographical as well as metaphorical) places as potential realms of memory
- didactisation of realms of memory

Please send an abstract (ca. 1,500 signs) of your presentation, a short academic CV as well as contact and affiliation details until 25 February 2016 via email to: anna.labentz@cbh.pan.pl (coordination: Anna Labentz MA).

Practical information:

- The presentations will be chosen from replies to the call for papers.
- The lectures will be held from April 2016 to March 2017.
- The lectures are open; taking place in the library of CBH PAN at 6 p.m. in a monthly rhythm.
- The presentations (ca 40 minutes) will be accompanied by commentaries of experts in the field.
- Before the presentation we kindly ask you to hand in a short summary of 1-2 pages.
- The presentations should be held in German; in well-founded cases the talk can be given in English, while working passive knowledge of German is expected.
- Accommodation is guaranteed; travel expenses will be covered.