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The conference aims to present the newest research conducted in the rapidly growing field of Polish memory studies. Although researchers in this area are internationally recognised for their work, there is a noticeable lack of a suitable national platform for presenting the results of studies, discussions on methodology and challenges in conducting research. The interdisciplinary nature of memory studies (practised by e.g. sociologists, cultural studies researchers, historians, anthropologists, philologists, psychologists) is among its greatest assets, and it underscores the need for activities aimed at bringing the community together, enabling the sharing of experiences and planning innovative, collaborative research projects.

The conference is a continuation of meetings of Polish memory studies researchers, of which the largest, organised by the Social Memory Laboratory (at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Warsaw) and the Research Center for Memory Cultures (at the Jagiellonian University) took place in September 2018 in Cracow. It is intended to become a cyclical event, hosted by a different research institution each year.

We are calling for papers from researchers in various disciplines, both empiricists and theorists. We are aiming for a broad representation of academic centres and areas of study. We also invite researchers from abroad who write about Polish memory in their work.

Without proposing a main theme for the conference, we primarily invite presentations of new, currently ongoing research rather than papers about already published research. The proposed groups of topics include (among others):

- biographical memory and biographical research;
- collective memory and its various theoretical underpinnings;
- practices of memory and remembrance;
- the politics of memory and memory actors;
- local memory, national memory, international memory and global memory;
- memory in film and literature;
- memory and identity (identities), religion, economy;
- psychological aspects of memory;
- the interdisciplinary nature of memory studies;
- the specific character of Polish memory studies in the context of Central European, Western European and global memory studies.

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The conference will open with a discussion about memory studies in Poland and about Poland with participation of: Marek Kucia, Maria Lewicka, Ryszard Nycz, Barbara Törnquist-Plewa and Robert Traba.

Please send a short abstract (300 word limit) of your paper along with a biographical note (150 word limit) to konf.pamiec@gmail.com until March 31st 2019. It is also possible to propose an entire session (3 papers, a commentator and a moderator), in which case you should send a description of the session (300 words), separate abstracts for each paper and biographical notes of the participants. We will inform you about the results in mid May 2019.

The discussions will be held in Polish. Speakers will be asked to send in their papers until November 15th, for the purposes of preparing commentaries.

The participation fee (paid after the paper is accepted) is 250 PLN. The fee covers food and conference materials.

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