

Impossible Narratives

Historicizing Mass Trauma

Program

Keynote Address

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Eelco H. RUNIA (Department of History, University of Groningen): *The Numinosity of History: Impossible narrative in Victor Hugo's Les Misérables*

Obstacles to Memory

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Moderator: Brigitte Sion, (Religious Studies, New York University)

Adam D. BROWN, (NYU School of Medicine): *Remembering and Forgetting the Unforgettable: The Dynamics of Individual and Social Memory Following Traumatic Events*

Denis PESCHANSKI, (CNRS): *The French Exodus of 1940 and Hidden Children during the "Dark Years"*

Vincent CRAPANZANO, CUNY Graduate Center:

Double, Triple Entrapment: The Harki Story

12:30PM - 2:00PM: Lunch Break

Public Secrets

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Moderator: Carol GLUCK (Committee on Global Thought; Columbia University)

Jens MEIERHENRICH (London School of Economics): *Lieux d'Oubli. Sites of Forgetting*

Florent BRAYARD (CNRS): *A History Written Before the End - and After: The Holocaust between Fear, Memory and Trial.*

Selma LEYDESDORFF, (University of Amsterdam): *Writing Interview Testimony of Collective Trauma into History: The Case of Srebrenica*

4:00PM - 4:15PM: Coffee Break

Traumatic Memory in the Middle East

4:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Moderator: Salim TAMARI (Department of Sociology, Bir Zeit University)

Thomas J.W. HILL (Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University): *'Events are Continuous': Impossible Narratives in Gaza*

Peter LAGERQUIST (Writer and Journalist): *Making the Modern Primitive: Humanitarianism and Ahistoricity in the West Bank*

Sinan ANTOON (Gallatin School, NYU): *Writing Iraq's Traumatic History: the Poetry of Sargon Boulus (1944-2007)*

6:15 PM

Concluding Remarks
Carol GLUCK, (Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University)

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