

THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN POLITICS AND CULTURE
OF THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN STUDIES
OF THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY

cordially invites you to the International Conference:

--- KRAKÓW ---

22-23 JUNE 2023

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to cordially invite you to take part in the Conference *Contested Legacies. Central/Eastern and Southern European competing narratives on authoritarian lieux de memoire* which will be held at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków on 22-23 June 2023.

The aim of the conference is to answer the question of how the “contested” heritage of totalitarian/authoritarian systems is used and often abused in political narratives by populist far-right movements and political parties in Southern and Central-Eastern Europe.



QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- What are the past and present societal experiences of totalitarian/authoritarian regimes - Mussolini, Franco, Salazar, Franco, Hitler, Horthy, Tito - in relation to the respective symbolic landscape of contested authoritarian *lieux de memoire* from a comparative perspective (normative issues)?
- What is the nature of the interplay between “working through the past” and the policy of historical revisionism?
- Can reckoning with the memory of the past affect the legitimacy of far-right groups on the political scene?

DEBATE CONTOUR:

- What is the nature of the coexistence between different, sometimes mutually exclusive, narratives about *lieux de memoire* in post-totalitarian societies?
- What is behind the negotiation of the meaning of memorial sites by various social entities/groups and claiming the exclusive rights to make use of these *lieux de memoire*?
- How is the history of contested heritage sites taught at different levels of education/How are they presented in school textbooks?

STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION:

The conference will consist of the following panels:

- I. afternoon session on June 22, 2023 in English for participants of the Contested Legacies Platform (3.00 pm - 6.30 pm)
 - II. morning session on June 23, 2023 in Polish (9.00 am - 10.30 am)
 - III. morning session on June 23, 2023 in English or in Polish for MA students and doctoral students (11.00 am - 1.00 pm)
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The programme of the event includes panels, during which the speakers will have the opportunity to present 15-minute contributions, which will serve as the starting point for discussion.

We invite you to submit the title and abstract of your contribution (in Polish or English) using the form available at the link:

<https://forms.gle/qeczE56DHnGsedkB8>

The abstract should correspond to a research problem relevant to the content of the conference panels.

It should not exceed 600 characters.

It should include a problem statement, c.a. 5 keywords as well as the institutional affiliation of the contributor and an e-mail address for correspondence.

Selected contributions will be published in a post-conference publication by a reputable international publisher based on a peer review process.

DEADLINES:

- **30 May 2023:** Submission of proposal for registration for the panels
 - **5 June 2023:** Confirmation of registration
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VENUE: Jagiellonian University
Faculty of International and Political Studies
ul. Władysława Reymonta 4
30-059 Kraków, Poland

FORMAT: Hybrid session: an on-site seminar combined with online live streaming for international participants.

CONFERENCE FEE: 100 Euro (50 Euro - for PhD students)

The conference fee includes:
meals during the conference (coffee breaks, lunches, conference dinner),
certificate of participation.

Requisite bank details for the conference fee payment:

Beneficiary: Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Wydział Studiów Międzynarodowych i Politycznych
ul. Gołębia 24, 31-007 Kraków (Poland)

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We look forward to your participation in the conference.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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