



Scene from the underwater memorial "Rubicon" for refugees by Jason deCaires Taylor, Museo Atlantico, Lanzarote, Spain

“Transcultural Memory”- DIA-Graduieretenkolleg

November 17, 2017, 9:30 am - 1:30pm

Location: VOC-zaal, Bushuis/Universiteit van Amsterdam, Kloveniersburgwal 48

We live in an ever more connected world. With millions of people on the move, be it to escape war and poverty or in search of opportunities and wider horizons, (memorial) cultures are on the move as well. The way individuals and groups conceptualize their pasts has always been tied to specific sociocultural conditions and political contexts. Yet, with the globally unfolding digital revolution and unprecedented human mobility, information, images, and narratives are being communicated and appropriated in myriad ways. They “travel”, as our guest, Astrid Erll, a renowned literary scholar from Frankfurt University, has put it. With her, the DIA welcomes one of the pioneers in the field of Memory Studies. In an introduction, she will sketch the international and multidisciplinary landscape of academic memory research and discuss some aspects of her recent work on memory and migration. The MA and PhD projects presented in the *Graduieretenkolleg* explore the transnational dimension of memories of World War II, the Yugoslavian Wars of the 1990s and South African apartheid. They examine various mediums and practices, ranging from literature and journalism to memory tourism to activist web blogs.

9:30-11 am: Section 1

Astrid Erll (Frankfurt/Main):

Transcultural memory as a “research perspective”: new approaches to the study of mnemonic practices and processes

Tessa de Keijser (Amsterdam):

Cultural Memory Online: Afrikaans language (Web)sites of Negotiation

Commentary: Susanne Knittel (Utrecht)

11 am Coffee break

11:30-1 pm: Section 2

Siri Driessen (Rotterdam):

Trips to the past. Veteran tourism in former Yugoslavia

Britta Bendieck (Amsterdam):

Armando – Mittler und Grenzgänger im niederländisch-deutschen Erinnerungsdiskurs

Commentary: Astrid Erll

1-1:30 pm Lunch