



Memorialization and Democracy State Policy and Civic Action

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Program

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June 20 - July 1

“Culture and Memory” *Film Series*, hosted by the **Goethe Institute and the Cineteca Nacional**, and co-sponsored by FLACSO and the ICTJ, on the topic of memorials and memorialization, Cineteca Nacional, Instituto Cultural La Moneda

Rapporteurs for conference: **Sebastian Brett** (editor) (Chile/UK); **Ereshnee Naidu** (Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa)); **Maggie Russell-Ciardi** (Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience)(USA).

June 19

International arrivals/registration

6:00pm Rapporteurs and moderators meeting

7:20 Meet in lobby of Hotel Providencia for bus to restaurant

8:00-9:00 Dinner for speakers and organizers

Welcome: **Liz Sevcenko**, Director, International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience (USA)
Paige Arthur, Deputy Director of Research, International Center for Transitional Justice (USA)

8:30 Keynote: **Romy Schmidt Crnosija**, Minister of Bienes Nacionales (Chile)



June 20

8:20	Board Bus from hotel to conference site
9:00-10:30	Welcome: Professor José Zalaquett , University of Chile Alberto van Klaveren , Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (Chile) <u>Framing the conference:</u> Claudio Fuentes , Director, FLACSO-Chile Margarita Romero , Director, Villa Grimaldi and International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience (Chile) Louis Bickford , International Center for Transitional Justice (USA)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:30-1:00	Memorialization and democratization/theoretical overview: <i>Moderator:</i> Reinhard Maiworm , Director, Goethe Institute-Chile Professor Annie Coombes , Birkbeck College (United Kingdom) Professor Sibylle Quack , New York University (USA) Professor Manuel Antonio Garretón , University of Chile
1:00	Break for lunch
2:00	Board bus for tour of memory sites <u>Sign up for choice of either:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Villa Grimaldi• Cementerio General• Paine (NOTE: BECAUSE TRUSTEES WILL BE VISITING VILLA GRIMALDI ON THE 18TH, WE REQUEST THAT YOU CHOOSE EITHER CEMENTERIA GENERAL OR PAINE)
7:00	DINNER FOR TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF HISTORIC SITE MUSEUMS OF CONSCIENCE Assemble in the Lobby of the Hotel Providencia



June 21

8:20	Board Bus from hotel to conference site
9:00-10:45	<p>Memorials and Democratization in Chile <i>The purpose of this panel is to situate the international conversation in the Chilean context; draw out some big-picture questions for the Chilean situation.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Martín Abregú, Representative, Ford Foundation, Andes and Southern Cone office (Argentina/Chile)</p> <p>Lorena Pizarro, President, Agrupacion de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (AFDD) (Chile) Dr. Alex Wilde, Independent Scholar/consultant (Chile/USA) Sandra Palestro Representative Ministry of Interior, Mesa Intersectorial Memoriales y Derechos Humanos (Chile) (TBC)</p>
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:45	<p>Democratic Dialogue or Sacred Space? <i>This session will explore memorial practices involving the immediate victims and survivors of recent conflicts. How can these practices honor victims while fostering dialogue among different sectors of society? How can they balance between establishing objective truths while incorporating multiple perspectives?</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Debra Schultz, Director of Programs, OSI Network Women's Program, Open Society Institute (USA)</p> <p>Lika Mutal, independent artist (Netherlands/Peru) and Rosario Narvaez, Representative, APRODEH (Peru) Dr. Abdelhay Moudden, Member, Conseil Consultatif des Droits de l'Homme (CCDH) (Morocco) Darryl Petersen, Director, Constitution Hill (South Africa)</p>
12:45-2:00	Lunch



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2:00-3:45

Never Again for the Next Generation: Fostering Citizen Engagement in Human Rights in the long term

The meaning of the past – and its implications for the present -- changes with each passing day. Memorial practices designed solely to address the immediate feelings of those most affected by the events will soon lose their relevance: people's needs evolve as they move through different stages of grief and healing; and new generations have no memory of the events at all. How can sites and memorials engage young people in carrying on the lessons of the past in ways that are relevant and meaningful to them?

Moderator: **Héctor Timmerman**, Consul General of Argentina, New York

Nadia Baesi, Coordinator, Monte Sole Peace School "Peace in 4 Voices Camp" (Italy)

Yasmin Sooka, Executive Director, Foundation for Human Rights (South Africa)

Professor **Ralph Buchenhorst**, University of Vienna (Austria)

3:45-4:00

Break

4:00-5:45

Memorialization Policy: the role of Governments

This session will explore case studies of possibilities and challenges for how memorialization efforts can connect with other democracy-building efforts through partnerships between memorial projects and other state or civil society institutions.

Moderator: **Roberto Garretón**, former Special Rapporteur on the Democratic Republic of Congo (Chile)

Dr. Laurence Konmla Bropleh, Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs & Tourism (Liberia)

Viktor Shmyrov, Director, Gulag Museum at Perm-36 (Russia)

Maria José Guembe, Director, subsecretaria de derechos humanos, distrito federal (Argentina) and **Judith Said**, Coordinadora general del Archivo Nacional de la Memoria, Secretaría de Derechos Humanos, Ministerio de Justicia y Derechos Humanos (Argentina)



June 22	
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8:20	Board Bus from hotel to conference site
8:30-9:00	Romy Schmidt Crnosija , Minister of Bienes Nacionales, Presentation "catastro of sites of repression," a survey of more than 800 sites of repression in Chile.
9:00-10:45	Partners in Memorialization Policy: the Arts and Civil Society <i>This session will explore diverse sectors of state and civil society and the overall role they could play supporting memorials as an integrated part of democracy-building.</i> <i>Moderator: Rainer Eppelmann, Germany</i> Bernard Houry , Co-Founder, Beirut Flight Architects (Lebanon) Fahim Hakim , Deputy Director, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (Afghanistan) Patricia Valdez , Director, Memoria Abierta (Argentina)
10:45-11:00	Break



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11:00-1:00

Designing Memorialization Policy: small groups

Groups will reflect on the following to identify issues, principles and recommendations for policies of memorialization that respect the diversity and specificity of local contexts.

- Group #1: (**Leigh Payne**, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA) Who are the different actors that need to be involved in developing Sites of Conscience and other memorialization efforts as an integral part of democracy-building? What resources can each bring and what roles can each most effectively play? What is the role of government, in particular?
- Group # 2: (**Cristian Correa**, Senior Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice, USA)
Spanish Language Group
What roles could international actors play in supporting local memorialization practices? Is there a need for international standards, as there are for human rights and preservation? How useful is cross-national comparison and exchange? Can we develop a set of “best practices” for these efforts, based on international experiences?
- Group #3: (**Marcela Rios**, FLACSO, Chile). What forms and strategies for Sites of Conscience and other memorial practices most effectively support democratization in the short and long term? What should state and civil society actors know about memorialization processes?
- Group #4: (**Vasuki Nesiah**, Head of Gender Program, International Center for Transitional Justice, USA). How are memorials *gendered*? Writing about Lowell, Massachusetts, Martha Norkunas writes that the memoryscape is “a sea of maleness. Men’s names appear on buildings ... and monuments, inscribing the landscape with masculinity. Monuments reinforce male dominance of public space”. Can the same be said of sites of conscience or memorials to human rights abuse and mass atrocity? How might this change?
- Group #5: (**Katherine Hite**, Vassar College, USA) How should tourism policy relate to memorial sites? What is appropriate and inappropriate behavior at these sites, and how should this be monitored or controlled? Does it matter if the majority of visitors are international?

1:00

Break for lunch

2:30-3:30

Brief report-backs:

*Moderators: **Louis Bickford, Liz Sevcenko & Marcela Rios***

3:30-4:30

Policy wrap-up:

Moderators will lead a concluding discussion identifying key recommendations from the conference to be published as policy approaches.

5:30

Closing Remarks: **María Luisa Sepulveda**, presidential aid for Human Rights