

Conference 15–17 September 2014

Memory Human Rights
Intercultural Dialogue Learning
Museums Memorial Sites

MEMORY AND LEARNING IN A CHANGING WORLD

The Falstad Centre, Norway



Synopsis

Our stories and memories of the past are today marked by a transcending of national and ethnic boundaries, causing 'a change in the basic grammar of collective memory' (Assmann). Modern societies thus mediate national memories in new ways; they are transformed but not erased, they continue to exist, yet are subjected to new memory patterns.

Commemorating multicultural and hyper-mediated tragedies, like the terror attacks in New York, Madrid and Oslo, as well as the suppressed memories of traumas like the Holocaust and the Spanish Civil War, are examples of such new and multi-layered processes, which in many respects differ from more traditional patterns of remembering wars and conflicts.

In the recently published report of the Council of Europe, *Living Together – Combining diversity and freedom in the 21st-century Europe*, museums and other cultural institutions are seen as important educational tools: to develop intercultural competencies, and to overcome major threats for peace and sustainable democracy.

This conference aims at making a roadmap on how to deal with near and distant historical traumas, and how memorials and museums can contribute in the service of democratic development and intercultural understanding in the future.

PROGRAM

Monday 15 September, Falstad

17.00 Welcome Addresses

- *Tone Jørstad*, Director of The Falstad Centre
- *Dr. Tor Einar Fagerland*, Leader of Department of Historical Studies, NTNU University of Trondheim
- *Karen Franklin*, President ICMEMO

17.30 The History and Memory of Falstad

- *Jon Reitan*, the Falstad Centre

18.00 After the Terror of 22 July 2011: Project «New Utøya»

- *Dr. Tor Einar Fagerland*, NTNU
- *Jørgen Frydnes*, Project leader

20.00 Dinner

21.00 Guided tour in the Falstad Forest

Tuesday 16 September, Falstad

09.00 Memory and Learning at the 9/11 Memorial Museum

- *Dr. Clifford Chanin*, Vice President for Education and Public Programs

10.00 The Munich Olympics 1972 Memorial

- *Bernhard Purin*, Director Jewish Museum Munich

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 Roundtable 1: Negotiating memory and learning

- *Dr. Julie Higashi*, Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- *Michael Abramowitz*, Director National Institute for Holocaust Education
- Moderator: *Dr. Svein Lorentzen*, NTNU/The Falstad Centre

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Roundtable 2: Reconceptualizing landscapes and memorials

- *Dr. Rob van der Laarse*, University of Amsterdam
- *Line Gjermshusengen & Ingeborg Hjorth*, NTNU
- Moderator: *Dr. Tor Einar Fagerland*

14.45 Coffee Break

15.00 Roundtable 3: Transnational Arenas and Projects

- *Dr. Jordi Guixé*, European Memory Observatory, University of Barcelona
- *Dr. Mare Oja*, EUROCLIO, European Association of History Teachers
- Moderator: *Karen Franklin*, ICMEMO

16.15 Coffee Break

16.30 Dialogue Groups

18.00 Closing statement

Wednesday 17 September, Trondheim

09.00 Bus departure from the Falstad Centre to Trondheim

10.30 Guided tours in Trondheim.

- The Tordenskiold Park (location of new 22 July Memorial) by *Ulrika Wallin*
- Jewish Museum by *Lise Paltiel*

13.30 Free lunch. Departure Trondheim Airport.