

# memory and memorialization

## representing trauma and war



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New York University & CNRS Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UMI 3199 “Transitions”, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the Mémorial de Caen (France), Cité de l’Histoire pour la Paix, announce a new seminar series on history, memory, and memorialization. The seminars are central to the multidisciplinary research project, “Memory and “Memorialization” : Representing Trauma and War.” Financed by the French Embassy in Washington’s Partner University Fund, the project brings together many of the world’s leading academic experts and researchers on memory (in its historical, socio-cultural and neurological manifestations) with top museum professionals whose charge is the development and operation of contemporary memorial museums.

We focus on four prominent issues:

- 1) the perception and representation of historical events;
- 2) the complex relationships between history and memory;
- 3) the workings of trauma and resilience;
- 4) the cognitive and neurobiological dimensions of memory.

Our efforts to address these issues cut across a variety of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, cognitive and neurosciences and involve scholars from NYU, the CNRS, and other institutions of higher learning plus representatives of the Memorial de Caen and the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

## forgetting | denial | selective memory | concealment

### seminar 2009 | 2010

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the Humanities and Social Sciences  
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75005 Paris

#### December 9, 2009

**Jan T. Gross | historian | Princeton**  
*Opportunistic Killings and the Plunder of  
Jews by their Neighbors--a Norm or an  
Exception in German Occupied Europe?*

Commentators: Hasia Diner, historian  
(NYU), Frédérique de Vignemont, philoso-  
pher and cognitivist (CNRS), Marie-Claire  
Lavabre, sociologist (CNRS, by videoconfe-  
rence).

#### March 3, 2010

**Carol Gluck | historian | Columbia**  
*The Politics of War Memory in Asia: 1945-  
2010*

Commentators: David Blight, historian  
(Yale), Brigitte Sion, Religious studies  
(NYU), Henry Rousso (CNRS, by videocon-  
ference).

#### April 21, 2010

**Clifford Chanin | museum consultant |  
9/11 M&M**  
*Forgetting and Remembering: Museums  
and the Track of Memory*

Commentators: Vera Schwarcz, historian  
(Wesleyan) and Robert Smith, psychiatrist,  
Yves Burnod, neuroscientist (INSERM, by vi-  
deoconference) and Katia Dauchot, neuroscien-  
tist (CNRS, by videoconference)

#### December 4, 2009

**Marie-Claire Lavabre | sociologist | CNRS**  
*Forgetting the Great Writers and the Pro-  
blem of Forgetting in their Work*

Commentators: Sandrine Lefranc, socio-  
logist (CNRS) and Marie-Christine Laznik,  
psychoanalyst (Paris7-Denis Diderot).

#### February 5, 2010

**Henry Rousso | historian | CNRS**  
*How to Approach the Question of Absence  
in History.*

Commentators: Denis Peschanski, historian  
(CNRS), Boris Cyrulnik, psychologist (Nice),  
Jan T. Gross, historian (Princeton, by vi-  
deoconference)

#### March 26, 2010

**Yves Burnod | neuroscientist | INSERM**  
**Katia Dauchot | neuroscientist | CNRS**  
*The Dynamics of Memory in the Brain*

Commentators: Valérie Doyère, neurosci-  
entist (CNRS), Stéphane Grimaldi, direc-  
tor of the Mémorial de Caen, Carol Gluck,  
historian (Columbia, by videoconference).

## 2010 Memory Scholarships

You are a student or a scholar, either French, European or American.  
You are currently studying memory issues.  
You would like to join our transatlantic working group in Paris, or in New York.  
Whatever your field, you may apply for a 2010 Memory grant.

*If you would like to attend any or all of these meetings  
or would like further information on our scholarships, please contact:*

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