

Introduction

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Politics of Memory

- *Geschichtspolitik*: the shaping of collective memory by political actors.
- Debates about how the past should be remembered, silenced and forgotten.
- Revisionist historical policies: name changes, removal of monuments.



Collective memory and nationalism

- Demystification of ancient national histories.
- Commemorative practices and the construction of national identity.
- How everyday forms of collective memory generate sentiments of belonging.



Resentment and nostalgia

- The victim-perpetrator binary
- The dichotomy of insiders and outsiders
- Re-mythologisation of collective memories

