

## Memories, Social and Cultural Conflicts

Robinson, Joseph S. 2020. "We Have Long Memories in This Area"



## Chronotopic place

• "Yet even recent excellent work exploring temporalities of waiting, perpetual liminality and victimhood has not adequately considered how powerful resistance to dominant temporalities can be enacted through the wounded, chronotopic place, through the threshold."



## Resisting transition

• "At the place of the wound, the threshold where the breaking point of life occurred, resistance comes through the prolongation of the past in the present, a form of place-based memory-work that resists the temporal separation of the past (violence, authoritarianism), from the present (transition), and the future (reconciliation, liberal democracy)."



## Radical empathy

• "The memory-work that ex-UDR people engage in at the wounded threshold is a resistant temporal performance, facilitating witnessing, outrage and, ultimately, radical empathy."





