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SOFIA UNIVERSITY - MARKING MOMENTUM FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER

Constitutional Memories and Constitutional Memory Politics

Shaping the Future by (Re)constructing the Past through Imaginaries and Visuals

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

5 June 2026, New Conference Hall

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:30 Opening speeches

9:30 - 10:45 Panel I. Constitutional Memories, Constitutional Memory Politics, and the Narrative Construction of Imaginary Transtemporal Bridges

Moderator: Lina Papadopoulo (Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Greece)

1. Martin Belov (Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski', Bulgaria) Remembering the Future, Dreaming of the Past: Shaping Identity, Belongingness, Authority, and Obedience through Constitutional Memories and Constitutional Memory Politics
2. Cosmin Cercel (Ghent University, Belgium) The Constitution Between History and Memory: Lessons from Psychoanalysis
3. Mirosław Sadowski (Strathclyde University, Glasgow, UK) Constitutional Memories of Human Rights. Before, During and After the Age of AI

10:45 - 12:00 Panel II. Constitutional Governance of the Past: Transitions stretched between Remembrance and Oblivion

Moderator: Cosmin Cercel (Ghent University, Belgium)

4. Bernadette Meyler (Stanford University, USA) Oblivion, Amnesty, and the Separation of Powers



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5. Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) Silence, Distortion, and Competing Suffering: Legal Governance of the Past and its Implications
6. Justyna Jezierska (University of Wroclaw, Poland) Retrospective Legitimacy, Prospective Eternity: Transitional Justice and Constitutional Memories
7. Elisa Bertolini (Bocconi University, Milan, Italy) Constitutional Memory as a Driver for Democratic Transition

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 Panel III. Visual Memory Politics – Deconstructing and Reconstructing Visual Constitutional Ideologies and Mythologies

Moderator: Djordje Gardashevic (University of Zagreb, Croatia)

8. Martin Belov (Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’, Bulgaria) Constitutional Memory Wars: Visual Battles for Quantum Entanglement of Constitutional Memories
9. Emilia Musumeci (University of Teramo, Italy) Democracy among the Ruins: Constitutional Memory, Political Emotions and Public Space in Postwar Europe
10. Kamil Zeidler (University of Gdansk, Poland) and Aleksandra Szydzik (University of Gdansk, Poland) Aesthetics of Power, Memory Politics and the Constitution
11. Gregory Taousson (Saint-Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon and University Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne, France) Memorial and Funerary Architecture of the Great War as a Negative Ritual of Constitutional Foundation: A Comparative Study of the Douaumont Ossuary and the Totenburg of Quero

14:00 - 15:30 Lunch break

15:30 - 16:15 Panel IV. Constitutional Memories and Constitutional Memory Politics in South-Eastern Europe

Moderator: Emilia Musumeci (University of Teramo, Italy)



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12. Lina Papadopoulo (Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Greece) Constitutional Memory and Oblivion in the Service of National and Political Identity
13. Manuel Gutan (University of Sibiu 'Lucian Blaga', Romania) Reclaiming the Past: Competing Constitutional Memories in Romania
14. Djordje Gardashevic (University of Zagreb, Croatia) Constitutional Memory and Its Incorporation in the Constitutional Preamble: the Case of Croatia

16:15-16:45 Coffee break

Moderator: Manuel Gutan (University of Sibiu 'Lucian Blaga', Romania)

16:45 – 18:00

15. Srdjan Milosevic (Union University, Belgrade, Serbia) Reassessing Divergent Traditions: Constitutional Memory and post- Socialist Constitution-Making in Serbia
16. Migena Leskovicu (University of Tirana, Albania) Constitutional Memory and Identity in Albania: Tradition, Judicial Review, and the Imperative of Reflexive Constitutionalism
17. Samir Foric – (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) The Constitutional Palimpsest: Memory, Contestation, and Endurance in Bosnia and Herzegovina