



LIMS Summer School 2024 in Memory Studies

Period

6 days, from Monday 26 to Saturday 31 August 2024

Venue

Department of Humanities, Via Tommaso Gar 14, Trento

Department of Sociology and Social Research, Via Verdi 26, Trento

Contents

Memory studies are a recent, international, multi- and inter-disciplinary academic field. It has been officially established in 2008 with the publication of the first issue of the scientific journal *Memory Studies* and is increasingly institutionalizing with its own association and dedicated journals, handbooks, networks, labs and research centers.

Memory studies benefit from the contribution of several disciplines which focus on memory as both an object of investigation and a research perspective, starting from different theoretical and methodological backgrounds as well as different thematic interests: history, sociology, anthropology, law, cultural studies, philosophy, psychology, literature and media studies. At the same time, memory scholars from different disciplines are developing shared, despite multifarious, languages, epistemologies, and methodologies which can contribute to innovative research trends within their own disciplinary fields.

This first edition of the LIMS Summer School aims to offer an introduction to this increasingly rich and stimulating discipline, with classes and activities that especially concentrate on one of

the basic questions driving the field, namely: what is memory? Is it a function of the mind, the result of a socio-historical process, or something in between? During the classes and the related activities memory experts from different fields, namely history (ancient to contemporary), sociology, psychology, semiotics, anthropology, literature and media studies will introduce the possible answers to this major question and contribute to configuring a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary picture of memory studies and their major research topics and approaches.

Workload and program

All lectures, seminars and activities will be in English.

The program includes 8 hours per day of face-to-face activities, including classes, data sessions, open debates, visits and excursions, and the participation to the LIMS international conference, according to the following provisional scheme:

- Day 1: welcome breakfast; class 1: introduction to memory studies; classes 2-4: memory studies and sociology; memory studies and history
- Day 2: English guided tour to Bolzano: contested city monuments and spaces (with Hannes Obermair); data sessions; discussion; pizza
- Day 3: classes 5-7: memory studies, literature and media; memory studies and semiotics; memory studies and psychology; inaugural roundtable of the LIMS international conference 'Searching for Memory between the Mind and the World'
- Day 4: LIMS international conference 'Searching for Memory between the Mind and the World'
- Day 5: LIMS international conference 'Searching for Memory between the Mind and the World'
- Day 6: English guided tour to Rovereto: War Museum and War Memorial; discussion; farewell drink

Convenors and lecturers include: Guido Bartolini (Ghent University), Elena Franchi (University of Trento), Giorgia Proietti (University of Trento), Daniele Salerno (Utrecht University), Thomas Van de Putte (King's College London), Jeremy Yamashiro (University of California, Santa Cruz).

Conference invited speakers include Sarah Gensburger and Wulf Kansteiner (past and current president of the Memory Studies Association, respectively), Aline Cordonnier, Hannes Obermair, Jeffrey Olick, Valérie Rosoux, John Sutton, Jeremy Yamashiro.

A detailed program of the classes, as well as that of the conference, together with all the necessary practicalities, will be communicated to selected participants in due course.

Credits

External participants will receive an official UniTrento transcript certifying 3 ECTS, at the end of the Summer School.

UniTrento Participants will receive a certificate of attendance. The possible acknowledgement of CFU (3 CFU) depends on the rules of their courses.

Participants' background and prerequisites

The Summer School is open to up to 15 advanced international undergraduate and graduate students (upper-level Bachelor and all Master students) as well as PhD students.

5 more places are reserved for UNITN students.

Ideally, the curriculum and the motivational letter of participants should show an interest in memory issues or large-scale perspectives, ranging from the humanities to the social sciences, as well as an attitude to interdisciplinarity. Debating and teamwork skills are expected.

A good level of English (at least B2) is required.

Application process and deadline

All students are required to upload their CV (max. 2 pages), identity document and a motivation letter of no more than 500 words through the online application process at the following page: <https://webapps.unitn.it/form/it/Web/Application/summerschool/LIMS>

The deadline for application is **January, 15th, 2024**.

Selected participants will be notified by the end of January.

Participation fee

Fee: 250 euros (150 euros for UNITN students)

Payment details will be sent to admitted participants.

The fee includes: lunch and dinners in the university canteen at a student price Mon. to Fri., when activities are in Trento; 1 dinner at the restaurant; participation to the conference panels, roundtables, buffet lunches and coffee breaks (28-30 Aug.); day and return journey to Bolzano (train) and to Rovereto (bus), as well as guided tours to the Bolzano city monuments, the War Museum and the War Memorial in Rovereto; a welcome breakfast and a farewell buffet.

Excluded are: accommodation, insurance, visa and travel costs.

Cancellation: Participation fees will be reimbursed 100% in case of cancellation due to serious illness. No fees will be reimbursed if cancellation is for any other reason.

Accommodation

All participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation in Trento.

Details and possible housing solutions, moreover providing the Trentino Guest Card, will be sent to admitted participants.

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