

EASP Pre-conference June 30, 2025
Strasbourg, France

Social Psychological Processes of Collective Memory

Collective memory is not merely a record of the past but a powerful force that shapes how groups understand themselves and act in the present. This pre-conference aims to bring together scholars interested in the social psychological processes involved in the creation of collective memories and in the ways these memories influence contemporary thought and behavior. In light of recent political developments that increasingly seek to control historical narratives, the pre-conference will also highlight the role of power in collective memory.

Preconference Format

The preconference opens at 9 a.m. and starts with a **keynote address by Johanna Vollhardt** (Clark University). The keynote will be followed by two presentation sessions: a Talk Panel featuring 15-minute talks, and a Blitz Panel with concise 5-minute presentations. To foster dialogue and integration, talks will be organized into thematic clusters. In the late afternoon, a **roundtable on collective memory and power** will bring together five invited panelists - Ana Figueiredo (Universidad de O'Higgins), Laurent Licata (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Sandra Obradović (LSE), Elif Sandal-Önal (Universität Bielefeld), and Michelle Twali (NYU). The preconference concludes at 5:30 p.m.

Abstract Submission

To submit your application, please email a title, abstract of 150 words and author(s) information (affiliation) at fiona.kazarovytska@uni-mainz.de or carmen.lienen@fernuni-hagen.de. Please indicate your preference for a format: (a) 15-minute presentation, (b) 5-minute presentation, or (c) attendance without giving a presentation. Please also mention if you would agree with another format in case your preferred one is not available. Please write "EASP preconference submission (collective memory)" in the subject line.

We explicitly encourage contributions from scholars at early career stages, of all genders, from scholars based in underrepresented institutions, and from those whose work explores contexts that have received little attention to date.

Organizers

Fiona Kazarovytska (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany)
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Date and venue: June 30, 2026, Palais Universitaire Strasbourg

Participation fee: 60 €. Please note that all attendees (speakers and audience) must register both to the General Meeting (fee information [here](#)) and the preconference. We are currently exploring possibilities for funding to support participation. If you do not have access to funding from your university or institution, please feel free to indicate this in your submission.

All speakers are expected to attend in person.

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline: January 5, 2026, midnight (CET).
- Notification of Acceptance: by January 25, 2026.