

BOOK LAUNCH

Public Event

The Institute of Political and International Studies invites you to a presentation and panel discussion of two recently published volumes. Professors and invited guests first address the multilevel poly-crisis of the European Union over the past more than a decade, then discuss the legacies of the post-Holocaust era genocides by focusing on different modes of remembrance in seeking truth, justice, and forgiveness.

Time: WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2022, AT 14.00 PM

Venue: ELTE TáTK, Faculty Council Room – (1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/a – 0.100C)

Language: English

PROGRAMME

14.00-15.00 **Panel 1 - European Politics. Crises, fears, and debates**

Moderator: Dr. András Schweitzer (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Krisztina Arató (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), Dr. Andrew Ryder (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) and one of the editors, Dr. Tamás Dezső Ziegler (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

This is a book about troubled and troubling transformations in contemporary European societies and politics, which generate fears across the continent. Fears of disintegration at the European level, fears of disorder and instability at the national level, fears of disorientation at the individual level, fears of becoming irrelevant at the global level, and fears of the future that seems to be full of dangers and risks.

The authors give an overview of public debates about key challenges – regarding social inequalities, demography, migration, the ecological debt, sustainable development, democracy, communication, populism, or strategic sovereignty – behind these fears, and explain alternative responses offered to them. They address university students in the first place, but also hope to shape awareness in a broader public.

Today's fears, if ignored or left unanswered, have a dangerous potential to evolve into a new political era of anxiety in Europe, with a presumably devastating effect. But this is not inevitable. The future may not be as doomed as it looks at first glance.

15.00-15.15 **Coffee break**

15.15-16.15 **Panel 2 - Remembrance and Forgiveness: Global and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide and Mass Violence**

- Open also online to the public at TEAMS [via this link](#)

Moderator: Dr. Christina Griessler (Andrássy University Budapest)

Speakers: Dr. Laura Kromják (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), Dr. Ajlina Karamehic-Muratovic (Saint Louis University, U.S.A./ Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE), Dr. Zsófia Orosz-Réti (University of Debrecen)

How can possibilities and limits of remembrance and forgiveness be described on a personal and communal scale, and how do they operate in relation to conflict resolution? How are the concepts of remembrance and forgiveness unique to different cultural contexts of genocides and mass violence around the world? These are just some of the gaps the edited volume *Remembrance and Forgiveness: Global and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide and Mass Violence* by Ajlina Karamehic-Muratovic and Laura Kromják addresses by offering points of view that are local and/or situated in the cultural context of the global genocides included in the book.

An enquiry into the social science of remembrance and forgiveness in global episodes of genocide and mass violence during the post-Holocaust era, *Remembrance and Forgiveness* explores the ways in which remembrance and forgiveness have changed over time and used in more recent global cases. With case studies from Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Sudan, South Africa, Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Israel, Palestine, Argentina, Guatemala, El Salvador, the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Chechnya, the volume avoids a purely legal perspective to open the interpretation of post-genocidal societies, communities, and individuals to global and interdisciplinary perspectives that consider not only forgiveness and thus social harmony, but remembrance and disharmony.