

Special Issue

Communism and Post-memory among Young People in East-Central Europe

Message from the Guest Editors

The growth of academic debates on remembering the communist past in East–Central Europe has sparked the interest of many scholars over the last three decades, not only because communism is a locus of nostalgia, but also because communism in this region is often perceived as a repressive system. Post-memory—understood as a relationship that people of subsequent generations bear to the trauma of their forefathers, which they cannot directly remember but rather know through imagery, stories, and behavior—plays an important role in the reproduction of communist memories for the post-communist younger generation. This Special Issue aims to explore the nature of post-memory in East–Central Europe among the younger post-communist generation, as well as the social, cultural, and institutional responses that can counteract them for sustainability goals. Therefore, selected papers in this issue should link post-memory to issues of social and cultural sustainability (including United Nation Sustainable Development Goal no 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).

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