Reckoning with the Past: Perpetrators, Accomplices and Victims in Post-Totalitarian Narratives and Politics

April 28, 29, 30, 2006
The Fluno Center • 601 University Avenue

Friday, April 28 - Morning Session – 10:00 - 1:00

Welcome and Introduction:
Stanley G. Payne, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Co-organizer
Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland
“Confronting the Nazi Past after 1945 and the Communist Past after 1989: A Comparative Perspective on German Memory, History and Politics”
Franziska Seraphim, Boston College

Friday, April 28 - Afternoon Session – 2:30 - 6:30

Luca La Rovere, University of Rome “La Sapienza”
“The Exam of Conscience of the Nation: The Lost Debate About Collective Guilt in Italy, 1943-1945”
Eva Kovacs, Center for Central European Studies, Teleki Foundation, Budapest
“Innocent Culprits - Silent Communities: The Austrian Case”

Saturday, April 29 – Morning Session – 9:00 - 1:00

Ignacio Fernández de Mata, University of Burgos
“From Invisibility to Power: Spanish Victims and the Manipulation of Their Symbolic Capital”
António Costa Pinto, Institute of Social Science, University of Lisbon
“Dealing with Authoritarian Legacies: The “New State” and Portugal’s Democracy”

Sunday, April 30 – 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Concluding Session
Anatoly Khazanov, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Co-organizer
“Whom to Mourn and Whom to Forget? (Re)Constructing Collective Memory in Contemporary Russia”
Edward Friedman, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“Sleep Raised on Wolf Milk: Victimization, Memory and Political Amnesia in China”

For more information contact: 263-1835 • jtortori@wisc.edu • http://mosseprogram.wisc.edu