

POP88414 — Memory Politics

Module Information	
Module Code	POP88414
Module Title	Memory Politics
Department	Political Science
Module Personnel	Dr. Oguzhan Turkoglu
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	2-hour seminars per week

Module Content	
Module Description	This seminar introduces students to past and current research on memory politics. The material is organized around three themes: the creation of memory, exposure to memory, and the dismantling of memory. It opens with the field's central concepts, then turns to who is remembered and the immediate effects of memory creation. Next, it examines how encountering memory in different forms — museums, memorials, and similar sites — shapes attitudes and behaviors. From there, it considers what happens when memory is dismantled and how this reverberates through society. Throughout, particular emphasis is placed on slavery in the United States and the Holocaust in Germany. The final week is devoted to memory politics in a wider range of contexts, where students are encouraged to bring perspectives from their own home countries.
Module Learning Aims	This module aims to introduce students to the state of current research on memory politics. Students will gain a thorough understanding of main concepts, theoretical and empirical approaches, and recent debates in the literature, and be able to critically assess major issues in memory politics.
Learning Outcomes	On the successful completion of this module students should be able to: • Critically assess the theoretical and methodological approaches in the study of memory politics;

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- Explore the effects of memory creation on political attitudes and behaviors;
- Evaluate different ways of exposure to memory and how it affects people;
- Discuss potential impacts of dismantling memory on attitudes and electoral outcomes;
- Identify possible issues with existing studies and avenues for future research.

Assessment

Assessment Components

Participation: 10%
Response paper 1: 20%
Response paper 2: 20%
Final research proposal: 50%

Additional Information

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None