March 6th, 2019 at 6 p.m.
University of Warsaw Library
BUW, room 316

Round-table discussion

Travelling Memory
How Memories Move in the Age of Globalization

The challenges of travelling memories will be discussed at a round-table by:

Astrid Erll, Roma Sendyka, Adam Kola and Marcin Napiórkowski (chair).

The language of the event is English.

The discussion has been organized for the occasion of the publication of Astrid Erll’s book „Kultura pamięci. Wprowadzenie”, transl. by Agata Teperek, edited by Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska (WUW: Warsaw 2018)
Cultural memories are not stable and fixed structures. Quite the contrary, they are constantly on the move. Memories change over time and space and switch from one medium to another. In these globalized realities, mediated views of the past become quickly shared, remediated and eventually interpreted differently around the world. Images of wars and catastrophes, such as photographs of napalm attacks in Vietnam, televisual news from 9/11 or footage from Syria in the social media quickly become globally recognized symbols. However, they do not remain untouched. Artists, news agencies and internet users share and combine them with other images and texts. Consequently, they shape dynamic and constantly developing views of the past that need to be adjusted to local contexts. Memories never stop. They keep traveling and changing.