

GIVO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Memory Policies in a Global World: Promoting Collective Memory Across Contexts

University of Padova, 17-18 September 2026

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Thursday, 17 September 2026, 14:30

Sala Africa, Palazzo Wollemborg, via del Santo 26, Padua

14:30 | WELCOME

Matteo Bassoli, University of Padova and Luca Bravi,
University of Florence

15:30 | KEYNOTE SPEECH

The Past as Resource.

Memory and Emotions in Russia's War on Ukraine

Aline Sierp, Maastricht University, discussion by Giuseppe
Sciortino, University of Trento (organised by the VIRUS project)

16:30 | Coffee break

17:00 | SESSION 1: Memory policies in a global perspective

Chair: Matteo Bassoli, University of Padova

Discussant: Giuseppe Sciortino, University of Trento

Thomas Van de Putte, University of Trento

Outsourcing the European Past: A Multi-level Study of the
European Commission's Memory Policy

Tina Magazzini, Czech Academy of Sciences

From Memory to Membership: Historical Injustice, Reparative
Citizenship and the Politics of Belonging in Europe

Alberto Rosada, University of Padova

Memory policies: a South-American perspective

20:00 | Social Dinner

Friday, 18 September 2026, 9:00

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**9:00 | SESSION 2: Memory policies: conceptualisation and the
role of agents**

Chair: Aline Sierp, Maastricht University

Discussant: Tina Magazzini, Czech Academy of Sciences

Polina Zavershinskaia, University of Padova

A Memory Policy Review: Exploring Perspectives on Memory
Policies

Alexandra Budabin, Eurac Research

Policy Entrepreneurs in Interventions around Dissonant
Heritage in a Post-migrant Society

Ginevra Stefanelli, Sciences Po

Narrating the Past, Managing the Present: Discontinuities
Between Associational and Lived Memory in Roma Inclusion
Policies in Rome

10:45 | Coffee Break

11:15 | SESSION 3: Empirical advances in memory policies

Chair: Luca Bravi, University of Florence

Discussant: Polina Zavershinskaia, University of Padova

Raíssa Félix, Federal University of Acre, UFAC

Memories of the Present: Counter-Colonial Thought and the
Reframing of Memory Policies as Instruments for the De-
Naturalization of Contemporary Violence

Francesco Spera, University of Warsaw - LUM

A Differentiated Integration through Memory Policies and
Laws in the EU and a Candidate Country: The Case of Ukraine

Murtaza Mohiqi, University of Agder

After the Archive: When Public Memory Becomes a Technical
Decision

Danijel Vojak, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar

The Politics of Memory Culture toward Roma Victims of
Genocide in Socialist Croatia, 1945–1991

13:30 | Lunch

15:00 | CONCLUDING REMARKS

Matteo Bassoli, University of Padova

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Matteo Bassoli, Polina Zavershinskaia, Alberto Rosada

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