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Remembering What Happened to My (Fore-)Father or Mother Family Memories of Mass Violence and Slavery

This session invites researchers from a wide range of fields and geographical areas to highlight and discuss the remaining presence of History in family memories and the way it still affects further generations.

How the memory of the Holocaust, of other genocides and wars, but also of longer-lasting structural violences such as slavery in North-America or Brazil is shaped, transmitted, silenced or reaffirmed among descendants? How this experienced past and its indirect memories have been transmitted over time, even inside families where they seem faded away? How do family secrets and difficult reminiscences reappear one or more generations after?

Jeffrey Olick and Joyce Robbins (1998) proposed a shift of perspective from « "collective memory" to the historical sociology of mnemonic practices ». One can question the intersubjective dynamics within families. The focus of the study can also be broadened to local communities' memories, that are connected to a neighborhood (or any *topos*), which contributes to the form of remembrance, in contrast with a large-scale and more homogeneous collective memory of events.

Jan Assman (1992) considers social memory as "the connective structure of societies". As such, memory is a privileged object for historical sociology. And social memory is elaborated at many different levels, from the family to the State. This session can openly explore these interconnexions, interdependencies, tensions and contradictions between private sphere and institutional memories.

**Please send your abstract (300 words) via the online submission portal
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