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## **“(Dis)placing Memories in the Context of War and Migration”**

This lecture investigates processes of memory-making and memory-placing in the context of war and migration. It draws particular attention to the ways in which individuals remember, and how they manoeuvre and place their memories in public spaces that are strongly defined by national remembrance and thus undercut alternative histories. The theoretical arguments are supported by two examples: The first examines the rewriting of history and urban memory in Mostar after the 1992-95 war and the ways in which individuals position themselves in this prescribed new memorial landscape when personal and collective memories are likely to diverge. The second example explores the particular case of older labour migrants who entered Vienna as so-called ‘guest workers’ in the 1960s and 1970s. It investigates how Turkish labour migrants place their memories in Vienna’s cityscape, where the histories of guest workers are not part of public remembrance but where national remembrance of the Ottoman sieges still prevails.



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