

TUESDAY REFLECTIONS

PRESENTS

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Speaking on

“Memory and Transitional Justice: Lessons from Post-Communist Eastern Europe”

How could the experiences of post-communist transitional justice inform current controversies in the United States regarding its reckoning with the past? We will briefly explore in this talk different facets of American exceptionalism that have preempted any substantive reparations for the crimes against humanity perpetrated against enslaved Africans and their descendants, followed by a discussion of the 1989 revolutions in East and Central Europe that overthrew communism, yet failed to promote an inclusive and pluralistic model of the past. Instead, current representations of the past rooted in essentialist and ethnocentric historical narratives are weaponized by non-democratic political actors. Finally, we caution against misguided representations of historical trauma and memory wards in the US that could potentially reproduce white supremacist ideologies and escalate existent political and cultural divisions.

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4:30-6:00 pm

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