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Beginning in 2005 as an interdisciplinary colloquium welcoming graduate students and faculty from Columbia and its neighbors, this seminar was formally incepted in 2007, building on that established community to further develop a vibrant interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary issues of cultural and collective memory—including traumatic memory, collective and national forgetting, memorialization and museology, historical consciousness and historiography, embodied memory and performance, and archive and testimony. The seminar meets monthly and, in addition to discussing chapters and works-in-progress, hosts a series of distinguished visiting speakers, working in close cooperation with relevant departments and institutes at Columbia.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 15 — *A Roundtable Discussion with Members of the Newly Formed Genocide and Holocaust Studies Crisis Network*
Atina Grossmann, The Cooper Union
Rashid Khalidi, Columbia University
Dirk Moses, The City College of New York, City University of New York
Raz Segal, Stockton University
Alisa Solomon, Columbia University
Moderator: **Marianne Hirsch**, Columbia University

October 14 — *German Holocaust Memory Culture from Model to McCarthyism*
Jonathon Catlin, University of Rochester
Respondent: **Adam Shatz**, London Review of Books (United Kingdom)

November 18 — *Reparations and the Human (2025)*
David L. Eng, University of Pennsylvania
Respondents: **Jack Halberstam**, Columbia University
Sonali Thakkar, New York University

April 15 — *New Work on the Jewish Left and Histories of Left Solidarity*
Benjamin Balthaser, Indiana University South Bend
Ben Ratskoff, Occidental College
Moderator: **Sonali Thakkar**, New York University

May 5 — Joint meeting with (535) *The News from Dublin: A Reading and Discussion with Colm Tóibín*
Colm Tóibín, Columbia University
Andreas Huyssen, Columbia University

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