



# History & Memory

Subjective Constructions  
vs.  
Master Narratives.  
An Insurmountable Divide?

**Panel Discussion**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2011**  
**18:15–19:45**

Freie Universität Berlin  
"Rostlaube", Room KL 32/123  
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The Dahlem Humanities Center's public panel discussion and preliminary two-day panel conference on the topic of "History and Memory" will begin with a review of the state of affairs in current historical studies. The discussion will focus on the question of how it is possible to preserve the undisputed merits of postmodern pluralization, i.e. the subjectivization or even democratization of our view of the past, while avoiding the rejection of analytical categories such as 'fact', 'cause' and '(moral) responsibility'. Is there a way to uphold the distinction between 'fact' and 'fiction' without falling into the paradigm of master narratives? And if so, how can this be described? These questions and more will be discussed by an international panel of renowned professors from the USA, Israel, Argentina, Korea, and Germany.



#### **Alon Confino**

Professor of History, University of Virginia

#### **Dan Diner**

Professor of Modern History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Director of the Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig

#### **Elizabeth Jelin**

Senior Social Researcher, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) and Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (IDES), Argentina

#### **Dong-Choon Kim**

Professor of Sociology, Sungkonghoe University, Korea

#### **Martin Sabrow**

Professor of Modern and Contemporary History, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Director of the Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam

#### **Gabrielle Spiegel**

Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University

Presentation:

#### **Joachim Küpper**

Professor of Romance Philology and Comparative Literature and Director of the Dahlem Humanities Center, Freie Universität Berlin

The panel discussion will be held in English and will be followed by a reception. Admission is free. **Please register by November 21, 2011 by e-mail: [admin@dhc.fu-berlin.de](mailto:admin@dhc.fu-berlin.de)**. Further Information: [www.fu-berlin.de/sites/en/dhc](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/en/dhc)

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