

Memory in Transition in Southeast Europe: Generational Change in a Time of Turmoil Edited by Francesco Trupia and Jasna Dragović-Soso



Memory is in transition in Southeast Europe: the generations that directly experienced communist rule and its dissolution are anew witnessing a dramatic geopolitical turmoil, while new generations grapple with an unsettling of existing ideological certainties. The legacies of what is increasingly apparent to be an “unmastered past” continue to shape daily lives due to conflicting and contradictory narratives transmitted through nationalist institutions, kinship groups and public spaces.

Adopting a range of methodologies and case-studies, this collective volume examines the different ways in which the memory of communism – and the violence that often accompanied its demise – is passed down generations in Southeast Europe. All the chapters focus on a web of memories and related experiences that heighten the public debates, re-interpret historical events, or accompany silences against the backdrop of geo-political and socio-economic uncertainty.

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