

# Wegmarshaus, Gert-Rüdiger

## Politics, Collective Memory, and Construction of National Identities in Europe

(Präsenz-Seminar)

3/6/9 ECTS

Seminar: Master of Arts **Soziokulturelle Studien (MASS)**, Politik und Kultur  
(Wahlpflichtmodul)

Master of Arts **European Studies (MES)**

Ort: **GD Hs 5 und AM 03**

First Class: Friday **13. Nov. 2020** – Kick-Off Meeting: Introduction = **Room GD Hs 05**

Block Seminar Friday 09.15-10.45 + 11.15-12.45 + 13.15-14.45

Block Seminar Classes Fridays in January & February 2021

**08. January / 15. January / 22. January / 29. January / 05. February 2021 = Room AM 03**

The class examines the relationship between politics, collective memory and national identity building in different European countries. Nation-states, as imagined communities, are based on ideas of national (cultural/linguistic and/or political/civic) identity; they are supported by memories and images of a common experience in the past. European History of the 20th century provides numerous striking examples of collectively experienced moments of national tragedy and glory, of wartime suffering and sacrifice as well as of periods of peacetime consolidation and reconstruction. The seminar will address the political aspects of collective memories and national identity formation by focusing on case studies of European countries each of which dwells on specific, peculiar and often conflict-laden national experiences. Analysis and discussions will deal with selected countries in the Western, Central and Eastern part of our continent: Spain, UK, Germany, Poland, Hungary, the Baltic States, Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. The class will additionally feature topical films or documentaries.

**Preconditions:** Bachelor of Arts, **Advanced English language skills**; Knowledge of the pertinent national languages like German, Spanish, Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Hungarian, etc. a plus.

**Literature:** will be provided by semester start at the Moodle platform and as a library reader.

**Certificate of achievement:**

3 ECTS-Credit-Points: Referat + Sitzungsprotokoll (max. 4 Seiten)

6 ECTS-Credit-Points: Referat + Seminararbeit bzw. zwei Essays (Gesamtumfang ca. 12 Seiten) bzw. mündliche Prüfung (Dauer von 20-30 Minuten).

9 ECTS-Credit-Points: Referat + schriftliche Hausarbeit (mit einer Länge von i.d.R. 25 Seiten).