September 21, 2012, 9:00-5:45
Music Room, Levis Faculty Center
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Memories and Wars
Keynote Address by Alexander Etkind
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9:00 – 9:10, Welcome and Introduction
• Michael Finke, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures
• Ruth V. Watkins, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

9:10 – 11:10, Chair: Mark Steinberg
• George Gasyna: “Bruno Schultz & the Polish Borderlands”
• Lilya Kaganovsky: “Postmemory, Counter-memory: Soviet Cinema of the 1960s”
• Brett Kaplan: “Sebald’s Memory”
• Robert Tierney: “Japanese Amnesia about War & Empire”

11:20 – 12:20, Chair: Valeria Sobol
• William Brewer: “Memory Errors (Lab & Ecological Studies)”
• Kristen Ehrenberger & Patrick Watson: “The Concept of Memory from the Perspectives of History & Neuroscience”

1:45-3:15, Chair: Eugene Avrutin
• James Wertsch: “Russian & American Habits of Thought & World War II”
• Carl Niekerk: “Karl Kraus’s Silence about World War I”
• Jean-Philippe Mathy: “The Memory Wars in France”

3:25-4:25, Chair: Maria Todorova
• Judith Pintar: “Hagiography as Memory: Commemorating World War II Religious War Crimes in Bosnia”
• Donna Buchanan: “Carol of ‘The Bells’: Bulgaria’s ‘Banner of Peace’ Monument as Catalyst for Postsocialist Mythology, Nostalgia, & Debate”

4:30-5:45, Keynote Address
• Alexander Etkind: “Warped Mourning: Ambiguities of Memory Beyond the Holocaust”

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