



University of Akureyri
Conference & Workshop in M101 in Sólborg
September 13, 2022 - 9.00-15.30

**NARRATIVES OF HEROISM, NARRATIVES OF
VICTIMHOOD - IDENTITY BUILDING IN EUROPE
POST HEROIC SOCIETY.**

In view of recent transformations in European commemorative practices, the CLEO (Cultural Memory in Europe: Commemoration, memory making, and identity in the 21st century) project investigates practices of memory-making and identity in European spaces. Historiography has used the term "post-heroic" to describe the changes in memory-making and commemoration that took place in Europe after WWII, which is manifested in the fact that public recognition is no longer to heroic deed, but to the victims of conflicts and wars. The project provides a historical perspective on different forms of commemoration in various parts of Europe over the past century. Today, we will explore the ways through which certain figures or events have become major participants in cultural memory, and how it contributes to national and European identity projects. Using various sources, we will discuss the changing perception of the national heroes in Europe by examining representations, practices and discourses on heroism and victimhood.

9.00-9.15: Jean Michel Chaumont *Moral Capital and Victim Competition*

9.15-9.30: Constantin Iordachi *Discourses of Heroism and Victimhood in post-1989 Eastern European Museums*

9.30-10.00 Discussion

10.00-10.10: Coffee

10.10-10.25: Matthias Riedl *A National Hero and a Communist Saint: The Veneration of Thomas Müntzer in East Germany*

10.25-10.40: Pantelis Kiprianos and Stellakis Nektarios *Perceptions on Greek Revolution (1821 – 1828): Divergences between academic and public history*

10.40-11.10: Discussion

11.10-11.40: Coffee

11.40-11.55: Vukašin Zorić *A New Institution for a New Serbian Memory – Genocide Victims' Museum 1992–2022*

11.55-12.10: Markus Meckl *Latvia's post heroic identity*

12.10-12.45: Discussion

12.45: End of conference

12.45-14.15: Lunch

Room M201

14.15-15.15: Workshop on online teaching

15.15-15.30: Evaluation (University of Patras)

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