

The Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program presents:

“Yellow Star, Red Star: Holocaust Remembrance after Communism”

Presented by Dr. Jelena Subotić



Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Online via Zoom

Yellow Star, Red Star asks why Holocaust memory continues to be so deeply troubled—ignored, appropriated, and obfuscated—throughout Eastern Europe, even though it was in those lands that most of the annihilation campaign occurred. As part of accession to the European Union, East European states were required to adopt, participate in, and contribute to the established Western narrative of the Holocaust. This requirement created anxiety and resentment in post-communist states: Holocaust memory replaced communist terror as the dominant narrative in Eastern Europe, focusing instead on predominantly Jewish suffering in World War II. Influencing the European Union's own memory politics and legislation, post-communist states have attempted to reconcile these two memories by appropriating the memory, symbols, and imagery of the Holocaust to represent crimes of communism. Focusing on Serbia, Croatia, and Lithuania, *Yellow Star, Red Star* concludes that Holocaust memory in Eastern Europe has never been about the Holocaust or about the desire to remember the past, whether during communism or in its aftermath. Rather, it has been about managing national identities in a precarious and uncertain world.

Following her presentation, Dr. Subotić will join in conversation with **Dr. Christina Morus**, Associate Professor of Communication & Genocide Studies at Stockton University and **Dr. Anat Plocker**, Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies at Stockton University to discuss key issues and themes presented in the book, and answer participants' questions.



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