Reimagining Europe: De-colonizing Historical Imaginaries, Disciplinary Narratives in Folklore and Ethnology and Beyond

Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis Working Group Interim Meeting

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Contemporary transnational and post-colonial viewpoints perceive Europe as a dynamic and complex web of wider transnational interactions and exchanges, highlighting the influences of intertwined and intersecting, yet simultaneously contested and competing historical narratives, memories, and identities. These encounters in the past and present have played a significant role in the historical imagination and contemporary formation of Europe, as they shaped distinct practices, methodologies, and traditions in the disciplinary landscape of folklore studies, European ethnology, and social and cultural anthropology across the continent. In this conference, we aim to investigate these two interconnected domains in a dialogue between historical perceptions and current reflections about Europe vis-à-vis disciplinary de-colonization effects.

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