

## SIEF Working Group Place-lore and Space-lore Workshop 2017

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1<sup>st</sup> circular

Call for Papers

### **“Monuments and Memorial Sites in Changing Social-Political Contexts”**

Szeged, 21-24 November 2017

Faculty Conference Hall, University of Szeged, Faculty of Arts  
Szeged, Egyetem str. 2.

The constructed knowledge about the past could be often visible through different memorial sites and monuments. Their role and function had undergone many changes. During the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century all over Europe plenty of monuments were erected which connected the symbols of the mythical past to defined places in the context of the modern nation state. After the WWI new practice unfolded among the warfaring countries in the name of the cult of the soldier heroes. In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the in Eastern Europe communist regimes had been constructing their own memorial sites, which were often used to exercise power in a symbolic way. However, memorial culture has undergone significant changes in the Western Europe in that time as well. After the collapse of communism the memorial practices had been taking new forms, but at the same time many social conflicts emerged.

We would like to invite scholars (ethnologists, anthropologists, historians, art historians etc.) who can resume their researches on the following themes: memorial places and national identities; monuments as the representations of past; memory of wars and monuments; monuments and commemorative rituals; abandoned memorial places, migration and change of power; erecting monuments and social conflicts, contesting memories and monuments, the role of monuments in the constructing of new cultural landscapes, reinterpretation and changing role of memorial sites, symbols of monuments, changes in the relation between memory and communities etc.

The language of the workshop will be English. The duration of papers is set at 20 minutes, to be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. The organisers reserve the right to accept or reject papers submitted. We are planning to publish the papers after the workshop.

There is no fee for participation in the workshop. Participants are required to cover their own costs except meals (lunch, dinner) and excursion. Information on accommodation in Szeged may be found at the following link: <http://www.booking.com/city/hu/szeged>.

Applications should be submitted on the attached form by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 to László Mód or Norbert Glässer at: [modlaci@gmail.com](mailto:modlaci@gmail.com) and [norbertglæsser@gmail.com](mailto:norbertglæsser@gmail.com).

Preliminary programme:

Tuesday, 21<sup>th</sup> November

Arrival and registration

Wednesday, 22<sup>th</sup> November

9 am – 12.30: Presentation of papers

12.30 – 2 pm: Lunch break

2-6 pm: Presentation of papers

7 p.m.: Reception

Thursday, 23<sup>th</sup> November

Excursion to the Ópusztaszer National Memorial Park

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

Departure