The Memory of the Holocaust in Central Europe

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Course Description
The memory of the Holocaust in East-Central Europe is not about pious recollections of a past tragedy but rather about “who we are”. In other words, it is part of the politics of national identity of East-Central European countries. With the help of a recent collection of essays that treat the cases of those nations the course offers a comparative survey of national memories of the Holocaust. The sample is narrowed to the post-communist countries which have entered the EU. The goal is to grasp both peculiarities of each case and commonalities which make them similar.

Requirements
Participation in class discussions, one oral presentation of readings and final written examination.
Program

1) Introduction


8) Peter Monteath, “Holocaust Remembrance in the German Democratic Republic – and Beyond”, ibid., pp. 223-237.
14) Recapitulation