

Seminar IRH-ICUB

Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach

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Is Traumatic Memory Linguistically Conscious?

The banning of abortion (1966-1989) in Ceușescu's Romania is considered one of the most repressive reproductive politics of the 20th century. Is the traumatic memory of this recent past linguistically conscious, when interrogated? Starting from M. Bakhtin's theory of dialogism and re-analyzing some memory-narratives collected during my anthropological fieldwork on 'the memory of abortion in communist Romania' (2004-2009), I reflect upon the way past trauma(s) can restructure individual memory-narratives as well as cultural memory and consciousness.