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Workshop WP4&WP5 on

# Reflexive Europeanisation:

# The Makings of Europe in local field sites

Facilitated by: Marion Hamm, Regina Römhild

Invited: All TRACES members, including the ethics board

In this workshop, we will engage with the diverse experiences, practices, and imaginations of making Europe as seen from the different TRACES fieldsites. The focus is the TRACES concept *reflexive Europeanisation*. In that concept, we draw on the notion of a plurality of non-teleological, non-exclusive histories and presences of Europe. Much of this plurality refers to “other” entangled places, subjects and movements beyond a European West. However, in the main stream imagination and politics these “other Europes” are widely marginalized and dis-membered. Reflexive Europeanization aims at tracing these gaps and voids in the European memoryscape in order to allow for re-thinking Europe from the perspective of entangled difference.

The workshop thus focuses on the question in which ways our work in local/national/ multiscalar heritage configurations can shed light on diverse imaginations and makings of Europe, and how they are related to contested issues of identity, difference and conflict.

The workshop relies on real TRACES field materials provided by CCPs and WPs. The session will feed into the overall TRACES publication (the manual) facilitated by WP4.

## Workshop objective

This is an opportunity to relate our work in different local and national settings to a wider European dimension. This may, amongst others, bring up issues around migration and population exchanges, colonialism and post-colonialism, past militarised conflict, present border regimes, and the formation of national and other identities in relation to projects of Europeanization. The outcomes of the workshop will feed into the overall TRACES publication, directed at other artists, academics and heritage institutions who experiment with critical and creative approaches. Results and follow-up steps will be documented.

## Workshop process

Step I: Discussion on basecamp

[We are using the “Manual Shop Floor” basecamp, where the overall TRACES publication is produced]

Regina will post some preliminary questions to invite discussion on possible European dimensions in the fieldsites of the CCPs and other TRACES fieldsites.

CCPs upload short reflexive material (images and/ or text, see below) from fieldwork until the second week of September.

Step II: MTM Workshop (1h)

Where do we find aspects of and potential for reflexive Europeanisation in our fieldsites? Which situations, objects, or activities relate to diverse European histories and presences? After a short introduction, we will discuss the points raised by each CCP together.

Step III: MTM Plenary discussion

Summary of the workshop discussion, further debate

Additionally, Regina will give a presentation on the topic during the MTM public day

## Workshop preparation

The workshop relies on field materials mainly from CCPs. WPs are very welcome to contribute. We would like to ask each CCP to share one or several documents. They can contain text and/or images, and can range from a paragraph to about 5 pages. They can be extracts from interviews, field diaries, visual diaries, or written retrospectively. What works best are materials that describe in detail a specific situation or setting, and contain interaction between the writer and the field. The materials should relate to the European horizon.