

**EVALUATIONS of TBLR's Norwegian National PhD-training course
 "Aesthetic Memory: Remembrance, Trauma, Place, Space and Boundaries",
 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 27th, 28th, 29th January 2011**

<p>1.</p> <p>The seminar was interesting and thematically up to date, with on the whole good lecturers. The size of the curriculum was perfect (opposed to Rome two years ago). The organization was impressive, with good information flow, a nice hotel, funny guiding tour etc. What would have to be the best thing was the positive, relaxed and at the same time stimulating atmosphere. I don't know if I will be able to attend another seminar, but I would be interested in themes like aesthetics and politics or fact/fiction/representation. Thank you very much. It was great.</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>Thank you very much for an inspiring course and, for me, an introduction to memory studies. The course was very well organised: all the practicalities were in order, and the course program was balanced between groups and plenaries. The group sessions provided a particularly fruitful place to discuss our own projects, but perhaps we could have had more time in the groups to discuss the curricular texts? But all in all: thanks for a great course!</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Without exaggerating I can say that it was among the very best courses/conferences I have taken part in, so far. Keynote lectures were well attuned to each other and provided a clear and concise update on latest developments in the field of cultural memory studies. The seminars were efficient and the working atmosphere was friendly and critical in a professional way. The event was extremely well organized and had an excellent ballance between lectures, seminars, and necessary time-outs in-between. Excellent event! Thanks to all organizers and participants.</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>The keynote lectures all gave excellent talks, the group work proved fruitful, and the seminar was very well organised. I will not hesitate to participate in future TBLR-events.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>The seminar in Berlin was very good. It was organized in a very productive and pedagogical manner. I would especially like to emphasize Lars Sætre's contribution to the plenary sessions: his initial address to the doctoral candidates, "these days are yours", laid the ground for a seminar that above all was about learning, asking questions, intellectual curiosity. Thank you for this great experience.</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>The topics for the seminar was challenging and engaging, and for me, with no experience to the cultural memory studies, this was an excellent introduction to this interdisciplinary field of study. In general, I found the approaches presented by the key note speakers quite inspiring, and I particularly liked the way that they actively contributed to the seminar, by participating to the paper sessions and so on. The paper sessions worked very well, with a lot of contributions both from the leaders of the group, and the PhD-students. So, all in all, I was very pleased to be a part of this seminar.</p>

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It was a great privilege and pleasure for me to be invited and to participate. All I can say by way of evaluation is that I have no criticisms whatsoever and no suggestions on how the event could have been improved. From the word "go" it was professionally organised, the communication tone always friendly, and obliging, and the announcements were followed up by substantial practice. Even though I asked to have my lecture slot changed at a rather late time due to another unavoidable commitment, no annoyance or irritation was expressed and Lars immediately arranged for my lecture to be rescheduled. That meant a lot to me and was highly appreciated.

The culinary arrangements were of a very high standard and the whole atmosphere was congenial and welcoming. During the Saturday afternoon we held some highly stimulating discussions with PhD students who were both really motivated and well prepared. That made it all the more worthwhile for me, too.

Matters of reimbursement were taken care of promptly, Lars having issued us with the appropriate forms and information on the spot.

In short: well done and thanks again for your excellent seminar. For me it was an all round success.

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TILBAKEMELDING TBLR BERLIN 2011

Tusen takk for et utmerket, inspirerende og meget lærerikt kurs, godt organisert, med bredde og flyt, og med svært mange usedvanlig oppegående samtalepartnere.

Her er bare noen korte momenter, ting jeg satte ekstra pris på, og ting jeg kunne ønsket meg annerledes.

Det hele var veldig godt organisert, ikke minst fellesmåltider og hotellrom, noe som gjorde alt det praktiske fullstendig bekymringsfritt, og ga overskudd til å konsentrere seg om det faglige og til å knytte kontakter.

Det var flotte innledere. Fantastisk inspirerende og lærerikt å få møte disse tungvektene.

Det var utmerket at forskerskolen var åpen for veileder. Dette ga en sjelden anledning til å dele et faglig rom, og til å få enda flere perspektiver på stoffet, dvs. mulighet til å gripe fatt i poenger man kanskje selv hadde oversett. Det ble ikke informert i forkant (i hvert fall ikke ved vårt fakultet) at det var åpent for veiledere, og jeg tror flere kunne ha benyttet seg av denne muligheten hvis den hadde vært kjent på et tidligere tidspunkt.

Det samme gjelder stipendiatenes anledning til å innlevere papers. Dette ble det heller ikke varslet om på mitt studiested il.a. høsten (til tross for at det ble drevet aktiv informasjon om selve forskerskolen og tidspunktet i Berlin), noe som gjorde at det var tidsmessig uaktuelt for meg å levere paper, da jeg først ble oppmerksom på muligheten.

Det var lagt ut en relativt solid tekstmasse fra innledernes side, og det ble presisert flere ganger på hjemmesiden at alle disse måtte være lest på forhånd, og at de ville bli diskutert underveis, delvis sammen med hovedinnlederne selv. Dette skjedde imidlertid ikke, i hvert fall ikke på vår gruppe - all gruppetid ble i stedet brukt til å gjennomgå stipendiatenes papers. Samtidig som jeg skjønner deres behov for tilbakemelding, og selv hadde stor nytte av å lese deres arbeider, var jeg likevel skuffet over at denne muligheten til en nærmere diskusjon av noen svært interessante fagtekster gikk tapt. Det gjorde også at det totale utbyttet for oss som ikke leverte papers ble noe mindre enn det kunne ha vært.