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### **Biodata**

After gaining my first degree in Politics, Modern History, Journalism, and Cultural Studies. I sought further specialisation through a Master in Slavonic and East European Studies choosing courses in East European Politics, National Minorities in East Central Europe, and Nationalism. Subsequently, I carried out my PhD studies under the supervision of Professor Anthony D. Smith. As PDRF at the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS) at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (UCL) I am co-ordinating research activities in cities and urban experiences in Eastern Europe. Since 1996 I have taught various undergraduate and graduate courses at the Universities of Münster, Uppsala, Konstanz, the Estonian Institute of Humanities, SSEES, and the LSE. I was an ERASMUS exchange student at the University of Hull, UK, and a research fellow at BEEGS (Södertörns, Sweden) and the Kulturwissenschaftliche Institut (KWI, Essen, Germany).

### **Research**

To understand the inter-ethnic relations and resurging nationalism in post-Soviet Estonia, I studied aspects of historical culture and identity politics more closely. Hereby I employed oral history as a method (i.e., life story research) to investigate the inter-relation of memory communities, group identities and generational groups in contemporary Estonia (PhD thesis: *'Historical Culture, Conflicting Memories and Identities in post-Soviet Estonia'*). In connection to the legacy of the war and post-war experience in post-1945 European memory I am currently examining the official representation and commemorative practices in post-Soviet and post-socialist societies (i.e., Baltic States and Slovenia). My postdoctoral research on *The Iconography of Memory: the Codification of Conflicting Memories in contemporary Estonia and Slovenia'* is couched in a broader framework of analyses focusing on the transformation of urban experiences in socialist post-socialist cities.

## Selected publications

Wulf, M., 'The struggle for official recognition of 'displaced' group memories in post-Soviet Estonia', in: Michal Kopecek (eds.), Past in the Making: Recent History Revisions and Historical Revisionism in Central Europe after 1989, Budapest & New York: CEU Press, December 2007, pp. 217 – 241.

Wulf, M., Book Review of: She Who Survives Remembers. Interpreting Estonian Women's Post-Soviet Life Stories, Tiina Kirss et al. (eds.), in: *Journal of Baltic Studies* 2/2005, pp. 237 - 242.

Wulf, M., 'Theoretische Überlegungen zum Begriff des kollektiven Gedächtnisses in Estland', in: Peter Nitschke (eds.), Sammelband: Kulturvermittlung und Interregionalitäten, Frankfurt: Collegium Polonicum, 2003, pp. 167 – 192.

Wulf, M., 'Theory Building: Dynamics of Collective Memory in Estonia', in: Department of East European Studies, Uppsala, *Working Paper*, No 51, April 2000, pp. 29 -51.

## Forthcoming publications

Wulf, M., Historical Culture, conflicting memories and identities in post-Soviet Estonia, Berghahn Books (Making sense of History series) Oxford & New York (*forthcoming*).

Wulf, M., 'Locating Estonia'; in: Peter Gatrell and Nick Baron (eds.) Warlands (*forthcoming*).

## Recent presentations

- 08/08            *"Memory politics in post-socialist Slovenia and post-Soviet Estonia"*, at a panel on: The new Europe: the politics of recognition, inclusion and exclusion, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 07/08            *"Changing urban experiences: the case of post-Soviet Tallinn"*, conference on Public Space and Social Cohesion in the City: Present and Future, at CSIR, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 03/08            *"The Bronze Soldier in post-Soviet Estonian Society: Context and Significance"*, at a panel on "Remembering World War Two in Communist and Post-Communist Central-Eastern Europe" (together with Ewa Ochman and James Mark), BASSEES Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK.
- 10/07            *'Generational Differences in life story research with historians in Post-Soviet Estonia'*, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Baltic German Society, Werningerode, Germany.
- 07/07            *'Locating Estonia'*, at a workshop on Population displacement, state practice and social experience in Russia and Eastern Europe, 1930-50s, Manchester, UK.
- 06/07            *'A contextualisation of the contested Bronze Soldier Monument in Estonia'*, at a roundtable on Memory and Identity in Former Communist Countries, Annual CREES Conference, UK.

- 05/07 *'Hot or Cold Politics of Memory in the Baltics and on the Balkans'*, at the Department of Political Science, University of Belgrade, Serbia.
- 10/06 *'The struggle for official recognition of 'displaced' group memories in post-Soviet Estonia'*, at the workshop on Historical Revisionism in Central Europe after 1989, Institute of Contemporary History, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 06/06 *'Generational differences in the life stories of historians in contemporary Estonia'*, at the DFG-Graduate School on *Generationengeschichte*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 11/05 *'Historical culture and counter-memories in post-Soviet Estonia'*, at the international conference on Oral history and (post-) socialist societies in Freiburg i. Br., Germany.

### Teaching

- Contemporary East European History and Politics
- Cities in Eastern Europe
- Memory Studies
- Theories and Problems of the Study of Nationalism and Ethnicity
- Interdisciplinary Approaches to Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
- Theories and Problems of International Relations