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# Detailed Course Syllabus

**Academic year:**

2025/2026

**Semester:**

Summer semester

**Study Program:**

Sestrinstvo (I) (elective)  
Komunikologija -  
Interkulturalna  
komunikacija i  
novinarstvo (R)  
(elective)  
Povijest (R) (elective)  
Sestrinstvo (R) (elective)

**Year of study:**

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## I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

**Name:** The Ethics of Memory**Abbreviation:** IZBD103**ECTS:** 4**Code:** 172525**Prerequisites:** No*Total Course Workload***Teaching Mode****Total Hours**

Lecture

30

Seminar

15

**Class Time and Place:** HKS - according to the published schedule

## II. TEACHING STAFF

*Course Holder***Name and Surname:** Ćurković Nimac Jasna**Academic Degree:****Professional Title:** redoviti profesor**Contact E-mail:**[jasna.nimac@unicath.hr](mailto:jasna.nimac@unicath.hr)**Telephone:****Office Hours:** According to the published schedule*Course Assistant*

## III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

**Teaching Language:** English

<b>Course Description</b>	<p>The aim of this course is to explore the normative and formative dimension of memory. The course starts with the representation of history of memory (pointing out to the most prominent authors in the field) and then engages with the recurring ethical questions pertaining to the uses of the past: whether we have any ethical obligation to remember (e.g. the “memory imperative” driven by delayed reactions to the atrocities of the World War II and Holocaust); what we should remember and who are the (co)creators of collective memory”; how should we employ memories; and what are the ethical criteria for the uses of the past and right measure between too much and too little memory. The course focuses on both individual and collective memory and on a diachronic dimension of coping with the past, which is not only backward-looking but also future-oriented (identity politics, reconciliation, lustration laws, transitional justice, ecc.).</p>	
<b>Educational Outcomes</b>	<p>Evaluate the phenomenon of memory as a medium and its communicative dimension. Identify ways in which public and media memory influences the construction of personal and ethnic identity. Highlight the role of media and interpersonal communication in preventing political, religious or ethnic memory abuse.</p>	
<i>Textbooks and Materials</i>		
<b>Required</b>	<p>Misztal, B. A. (2003). Theories of Social Remembering, Philadelphia: Open University Press.  Margalit, A. (2004). The Ethics of Memory, Cambridge London: Harvard University Press.  Connerton, P. (1989.) How Societies Remember, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.</p>	
<b>Supplementary</b>	<p>Blustein, J. (2008). The Moral Demands of Memory, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; Todorov, T. (2001). Gli abusi della memoria, Napoli: Ipermedium Libri; Halbwachs, M. (1987). La memoria collettiva, Milano: Unicopoli; Ricoeur, P. (2004). Memory, History, Forgetting. Chicago-London: The University of Chicago Press; Booth, J. W. (2006). Communities of Memory: On Witness, Identity, and Justice, Ithaca: Cornell University Press; Brkljačić M., Prlenda, S. (2006). Kultura pamćenja i historija, Zagreb: Golden Marketing- Thenička knjiga. Volf, M. (2012). Zrcalo sjećanja. Ispravno pamćenje u nasilnu svijetu, Rijeka: Ex Libris; Assman, J. (2005.) Kulturno pamćenje, Zenica: Vrijema;</p>	
<i>Examination and Grading</i>		
<b>To Be Passed DA</b>	<b>Exclusively Continuous Assessment NE</b>	<b>Included in Average Grade DA</b>
<b>Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam</b>	<p>1. Class Attendance: mandatory 70% attendance is required;  2. Seminar Assignments: in-class presentation and seminar paper;  A minimum of 35% of the grade should be acquired through regular course activities: seminar assignments and two midterm exams</p>	

**Examination Manner**

Grading Scale:  
 Failure (1) – 0 do 49,9%  
 Satisfactory (2) – 50 do 64,9%  
 Good (3) – 65 do 79,9%  
 Very Good (4) – 80 do 89,9%  
 Excellent (5) – 90 do 100%

Final Grade Calculation:  
 1. a) In-class Activities – 70%  
 1) Seminar Assignments – 20%  
 2) Mid term 1 – 25%  
 3) Mid term 2 – 25%  
 b) Final Exam – 30%

**Grading Manner**

1. Course activities: seminar assignments; Midterm Exam 1 (written), Midterm Exam 2 (written)  
 Final Exam (oral)

**Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS**

VRSTA AKTIVNOSTI	ECTS bodovi - koeficijent opterećenja studenata	UDIO OCJENE (%)
Pohađanje nastave	1.2	0
Seminarsko izlaganje	0.6	20
Kolokvij-međuispit	0.7	25
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Ukupno tijekom nastave	3.2	70
Završni ispit	0.8	30
UKUPNO BODOVA (nastava+zav.ispit)	4	100

**IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE**

[Predavanja]

#	Topic
1	Why memory matters: do we need to remember things when we have a Google?
2	How memory works: we shape stories and stories shape us
3	A short history of memory: from oral transmission to digital dementia
4	Institutions of memory: museum, school, court, and media
5	False memory and fake news: do we ever access the truth
6	Memory, media and politics: weaponizing narratives of our shared past
7	Mid-term exam
8	Traumatic memory and Holocaust: have we learned anything from history
9	Memory and forgiveness: how can we live and cope with painful memories
10	Digital memory culture and the right to be forgotten

11	Memory, AI and digital immortality: when a robot sings a lullaby
12	Memory and photography: society on display
13	Memory modulation technology: doctor, can you mend my broken heart or mind
14	Memory and monuments: engraving values in stone
15	Mid-term exam
<i>[Seminari]</i>	
<b>#</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
2	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
3	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
4	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
5	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
6	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
7	Mid-term exam
8	Discussion on the topic of the lecture using a short video
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