

Remembering Spaces of Internment/ Se rappeler les espaces d'internement

Call for Papers: 1 December 2022

Symposium: 9-10 March 2023

ReSI (Remembering Spaces of Internment) proposes a broad reflection on the spaces of internment, and particularly on their erasure, of which they are often the object. These places are present throughout the 20th century and on all inhabited continents. If they are placed under the designation of the 'exception,' their presence is structural. However, they have rarely been the subject of transversal studies that take into account the extent of the phenomenon. ReSI proposes to establish a research network in order to collectively reflect on the subject.

This first symposium aims to initiate this endeavor with a first reflection and to start the constitution of a research network. This call for contributions welcomes proposals addressing all genre of research concerning places of internment, whether in terms of geographical areas considered or in terms of the disciplinary methods and perspectives: social sciences, humanities, architecture, arts, and so on. Places of internment will be treated as a contemporary phenomenon (19th to 21st century), linked to the emergence of and consolidation of public administrations. Internment is distinct from imprisonment; it is a phenomenon of deprivation of liberty linked to administrative or military decisions, not to judicial ones. In this respect, places of internment contradict the principles of the rule of law. Finally, if the phenomenon of internment overlaps with that of the camp, it is not completely superimposed: internment can take place in other spaces, and the camp is not always synonymous with internment.

This symposium, while open to all types of contributions, focuses on three specific areas:

- Institutions and the logics that preside over their establishment, management and dissolution.
- The materiality of buildings, their uses and traces.
- Memory and re-membling of these places and the practices related to them.

Proposals for contributions (one page maximum) should be sent to resiresearch.event@gmail.com, before December 1, 2022. For any other questions, please write to resiresearchorg@gmail.com. The symposium will take place in Paris on March 9 and 10, 2023.

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