The Holocaust has been a part of national memories in Western European countries, Israel, and the United States since the 1960s and a part of cosmopolitan and European memory since the 1990s. In Eastern Europe, where the Holocaust largely occurred, its memory did not develop until the end of communist rule in 1989–91. The objective of this talk is to assess to what extent, how and why the cosmopolitan and (Western) European memory of the Holocaust has contributed to the development of Holocaust memory in Eastern Europe since 1989. The talk will concern primarily the former communist-ruled countries that joined the European Union, with references to other post-communist countries in the east of the continent (excluding Russia).

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