

Invitation to a Guest Lecture

Prof. Chris Weedon, Cardiff University, Wales

The Cultural Politics of Memory: the Case of the GDR

There are now a large number of museums and tourist venues marketing the GDR as well as a profitable nostalgia industry. Old film footage is regularly broadcast on TV and the internet. Alongside mainstream publishers, people are self-publishing memories and life stories. This talk addresses issues of public history and counter memory, of truth and ethics, in representations of the GDR. It poses questions of how power structures the ways in which the GDR is remembered and how collective memory of the GDR is affected and shaped by the new digital media. Chris Weedon invites students and staff for a dialogue about how aspects of the GDR past are used in the present and why such issues of representation matter.

Friday, 11 November, 2016, 11 am
Room 9.028, August-Bebel-Straße 28

Everyone welcome!!

