This international lecture series on the practice of memory deals with the relationship of Germans, Jews, and Poles in three different geographical and historical settings: In New York at the turn of the 20th century, in Lodz before and in Breslau/Wroclaw after WWII. The series will focus on the changing relationships of the three groups in micro-settings and therefore shed light on everyday practices of the formation and transformation of ethnic identities through face-to-face contact on a neighborhood level—whether lived (as in the case of New York), remembered (as in the case of Lodz) or imagined (as in the case of Breslau/Wroclaw). The series will in particular deal with the impact of memory through narratives and practices on ethnicity, identity, citizenship, and cosmopolitanism.

With this interdisciplinary lecture series, the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Texas at Austin welcomes scholars from Poland, Germany, and the US:
- The Department of History at University of Pittsburgh;
- The Institute of Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies, Jagellonian University, Krakow, which was established in 1972, it offers classes in Polish history, literature, culture and contemporary society;
- The Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung of the Technische Universität Berlin was founded in 1982 and is still the only institution of its kind in Europe. Its focus is interdisciplinary on antisemitism, holocaust research, and german-jewish history.

DAAD, The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, The Department of Germanic Studies, The College of Liberal Arts, The Department of History and Jewish Studies present:

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March 29th 2004
3:00-5:00p
Texas Governor's Room, Texas Union 3.116
Dr. Dorota Praszalowicz, Institute of Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies, Jagellonian University, Krakow, "Old Neighbors in the New World: Poles, Germans, and Jews in Manhattan's Lower East Side".

April, 13th 2004
12:30-2:00p
Texas Governor's Room, Texas Union 3.116
Doctoral Candidate Daniel Gerson, Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, Berlin "Admired Germans, despised Poles; Jews remember multiethnic Lodz before the Holocaust".

April, 29th 2004
12:30-2:00p
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Dr. Gregor Thum, DAAD Visiting Professor, University of Pittsburgh “Fighting the Foreignness. The Reconstruction of Wroclaw’s Old Town after 1945”

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