

MEMORY AND CONFLICT

HOW CAN WE SEEK RECONCILIATION RATHER THAN CONFLICT THROUGH OUR MEMORIES AND OUR HISTORY?

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Through reflections and examples, this lecture will seek to describe memory as a source of community and reconciliation rather than conflict. The terror attacks of 22 July 2011 in Oslo and at Utøya in Norway are used as a backdrop, exemplifying a perverse use of memory and history to legitimate hatred and armed attack, but also as an example of how people can come together in the face of such divisive rhetoric and tragic attacks.

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