

Workshop

Forgetting, Disappearance, and Material Loss

Date: 20 May 2026

Location: Academic Conference Center, Husova 4a, Prague 1



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(Center for Theoretical Study)

Workshop Theme

This workshop explores forgetting and disappearance as active, ambivalent processes in relation to material culture, memory, and research practices. It focuses on the productive tensions between preservation and destruction, healing oblivion and disruptive remembrance, and knowledge production and epistemic loss.

Programme

→ 09:30 – 10:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

→ 10:00 – 11:30 Session 1

Chair: Karolína Pauknerová

Laura McAtackney (Professor of Archaeology and Co-Director of the Radical Humanities Laboratory, University College Cork)

**Presencing Absence and Knowing Difficult (Gendered) Pasts:
Reconciling Historic Institutional Abuse in Contemporary Ireland**

Suzie Thomas

(Professor of Heritage Studies, Programme Director for Heritage Studies and Conservation-Restoration, University of Antwerp)

**Bringing Ethical Participatory Action Research into Dark
and Difficult Heritage Settings**

→ 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch Break

→ 12:30 – 14:00 Session 2: Roundtable Discussion

Roundtable chairs: Václav Sixta and Eliška Fulínová

Participants are invited to briefly present their research to spark collective reflection on forgetting, disappearance, and material loss. A general discussion will follow the session.

→ 14:00 – 14:20 Coffee Break – recharge before the walk

→ 14:20 – 17:00 Excursion

A guided walking tour exploring themes of forgetting and disappearance in the urban fabric of Prague.

→ 17:00 onwards

Informal closing: self-paid dinner and social drinks

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