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Dear Sir or Madam,

We would kindly like to invite you to the international conference **The Politics of Memory as a Weapon: Perspectives on Russia's War against Ukraine** held from **8 to 10 February 2023 in Berlin**. The conference is organised by the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity and the Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe (Oldenburg), in cooperation with Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation (Berlin).

The conference will be devoted to the instrumentalization of history and culture as geopolitical weapons by Russia. Therefore our aim is to examine the mechanisms and methods used in the political and social implementation of historical disinformation, the portrayal of the enemy, and to discuss ways in which these can be prevented or mitigated. The panels during the conference will cover a wide range of topics, including, among others: The limits of European intellectual and political discourse; Political approaches to Central and Eastern Europe; Russia's War in Ukraine – Between Imperialism and (Self-)Destruction?; Culture and Art in the Face of the War; Human rights and War as judicial issues; The Russian and Ukrainian identity and history – weaponizing history as well as Strategies and possible measures to combat disinformation.

The conference will take place onsite at Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation in Berlin (entrance for the public: Stresemannstraße 90, 10963 Berlin) and online. Conference languages are English and partly German.

For more details visit: <u>https://cutt.ly/politicsofmemory2023</u>. Please see the programme attached below. Registration for onsite and online event (free of charge): <u>https://forms.office.com/e/abtBwzCDri</u> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact dr Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk (<u>bartosz.dziewanowski@enrs.eu</u>) or dr Burkhard Olschowsky (<u>burkhard.olschowsky@bkge.uni-oldenburg.de</u>).

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Hoping you will accept our invitation, we would kindly ask for your support in promoting the conference.

We remain with thanks and kind regards,

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