Memory of Things

in relation to

Time & Place

Many different artifacts bear reminiscent quality for human memory. Sometimes the moments spent with people, and sometimes a small corner in a neighborhood that is preserved the best for remembrance. However small or insignificant certain things might seem, time and place connection of those articles might serve as an exceptionally important indicator of how important certain artifacts can be. However, what importance do time and place play in the “memory of things”? The imminent importance of historic “things” for memory, identity, familial ties, nationhood etc. and all kinds of commitment and involvement are vaguely present; yet what happens when time passes and “things” get to be moved away? Do they still have the same historic value for the beholder when they are taken away from the place of origin, and looked at a generation later or even later? How do they serve in recreation of the memory and construction of an identity? Does it differ in terms of involvement to kinship and other forms of identities such as nation or ethnicity?

In this week’s Today Talks, we will be discussing the significance of time and place in preservation of memories and construction of identities. As we talk about the time and place connection of memories, we will also be inquiring the concept of nostalgia in relation to memories.

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