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Politics of Narrative and the Possibility of a Better Story

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The significance of narratives and the way in which we tell them have come to the fore in recent years. Individual and collective stories are projected in both regular and social media, discussions of post-truths and alternative facts highlight the dangers of manipulated narratives, and in some places history is being rewritten in order to suit new political situations. It seems that we are in need of both less polarized narratives and less binary discourses, but how can we learn to tell and interpret stories in a way that allows for ideological, political and gendered differences, not just for similarities? How can we narrate traumatic events in a way that is respectful and fair, but that at the same time allows space for stories of hope and joy? Or is the problem that we tell too many stories, construct too many narratives, without listening to those of others? These are only some of the things to be discussed at this event.