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Researching Family Photographs: Discoveries and Challenges

Lunch talk with Oksana Sarkisova and
Olga Shevchenko

Thursday, 16.05.2024, 12.15-13.15
Seminarraum 113, Slavisches Seminar,
Nadelberg 8, 4051 Basel

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In their new book *In Visible Presence. Soviet Afterlives in Family Photos* (MIT Press 2023) Oksana Sarkisova and Olga Shevchenko bring together photographs from Soviet-era family photo archives and investigate their afterlives in Russia. What does the past look like through the prism of photographs? How do they contribute to contemporary memory politics and what role do they play in communication across generations? In an informal setting during lunchtime the authors will talk and discuss with us about the versatility of their main subject of research, the family photographs.

Reading recommendation: Sarkisova, Shevchenko: *Double Exposure: On the Public and Private Lives of Soviet Photo Collections*, 21.12.2023.

Lunch will be provided for everyone. Please sign up [here](#) until May 13.

About the Speakers:



Oksana Sarkisova is Research Fellow at the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives and cofounder of the Visual Studies Platform at Central European University. She is the author of *Screening Soviet Nationalities* and co-editor of *Past for the Eyes*.



Olga Shevchenko is Paul H. Huns 55 Professor in Social Studies at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Williams College. She is the author of *Crisis and the Everyday in Postsocialist Moscow* and the editor of *Double Exposure: Memory and Photography*.

Please also note the [book presentation](#) organized by Forum eikones, May 16, 16:00, Forum eikones, Rheinsprung 11, 4051 Basel

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