

# CHAT: Colonial Memory and Trauma

Tufts University, February 2nd, 2017



Setting up for today's Sawyer Seminar lecture at Tufts, Colonial Trauma and Memory. [#chatmemory pic.twitter.com/W4Nb0JObWc](https://pic.twitter.com/W4Nb0JObWc)

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Prof. Rastagar's introduction mentions Frantz Fanon's work on the psychological effects of colonialism. [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frantz\\_Fa...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frantz_Fa...) [#chatmemory](https://twitter.com/cstrauber)

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First up, Professor Sanyal of UC Berkeley's works at Tufts. [library.tufts.edu/search/Y?SEARC...](https://library.tufts.edu/search/Y?SEARC...)  
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Next, Professor Stef Craps of the University of Ghent. Works at Tufts:  
[library.tufts.edu/search~S1/?sea...](https://library.tufts.edu/search~S1/?sea...) [#chatmemory](#)

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A few of the ideas in *Memory and Complicity*, which discussed a variety of forms of racialized violence. [library.tufts.edu/record=b295465...](https://library.tufts.edu/record=b295465...) [#chatmemory](#)

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Discussion of themes in *Night and Fog* and its rhetorical approach and tropes. Film at Tufts:  
[library.tufts.edu/record=b165832...](https://library.tufts.edu/record=b165832...) [#chatmemory](#)

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Imagery of Night and Fog part of Ousmane Sembene's *Le camp de Thiaroye*, a film about a colonial massacre [youtube.com/watch?v=FTmH\\_j...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTmH_j...) #chatmemory

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Testimony and political representation, her current work derives from previous work as translator for asylum-seekers. #chatmemory

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Sanyal's current work talks about imagery and personal agency. Wounds perceived more than politics [representations.org/advance-public...](https://representations.org/advance-public...) #chatmemory

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Now: Debarati Sanyal & Stef Craps on Colonial Memory & Trauma [#chatmemory](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/z1hJ9hh9b7](https://pic.twitter.com/z1hJ9hh9b7)

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Cites Sylvain George's *Qu'ils reposent en révolte : Des figures de guerres*.  
[tufts.on.worldcat.org/oclc/950868306...](https://tufts.on.worldcat.org/oclc/950868306...) Film [#chatmemory](#)

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Asylum-seekers shown burning or destroying their fingers to prevent state surveillance.  
Fingerprint mutilation is political. [#chatmemory](#)

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Professor Craps, from far-flung Belgium, revisits his work on Postcolonial Witnessing [library.tufts.edu/record=b243261...](http://library.tufts.edu/record=b243261...) #chatmemory

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Survey of research in trauma studies and memory studies, and their relationship. #chatmemory

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Cites an important work in memory studies, by Caruth: [library.tufts.edu/record=b143667...](http://library.tufts.edu/record=b143667...) #chatmemory

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Trauma studies grew out of European and American study of Holocaust literature and 9/11. A narrow focus that has persisted. #chatmemory

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Cites Allen Young's work on the cultural invention of PTSD as crucial: [library.tufts.edu/record=b143656...](http://library.tufts.edu/record=b143656...) #chatmemory

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Sanyal: both humanitarian and security discourse constructions of refugees as 'bare life' empty refugee communities of history #chatmemory

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Cites Derek Summerfield's criticism of trauma-therapy interventions in war zones. One recent article: [dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0277-...](https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0277-...) #chatmemory

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Craps: to conceive trauma beyond its application to Europe by revealing relation to slavery, citing Claudia Rankine #chatmemory

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Trauma studies of colonialism indicate that the European trauma reactions are not unique and incomparable. #chatmemory

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Discussion of memory as being multi-directional, Rotherberg's Multidirectional Memory. [library.tufts.edu/record=b196338...](https://library.tufts.edu/record=b196338...) #chatmemory

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Caruth's Unclaimed Experience engages with the postcolonial critique of trauma studies, but imperfectly. [library.tufts.edu/record=b143470...](https://library.tufts.edu/record=b143470...) #chatmemory

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Environmentalism is partly engaged in pre-traumatic stress disorder--citing Kaplan's Climate Trauma [library.tufts.edu/search~S1?/tcl...](https://library.tufts.edu/search~S1?/tcl...) - #chatmemory

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Petersen-Smith: w/ respect to BLM, what is the political power and the transformative limits of 'trauma'? #chatmemory

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Craps and Sanyal: on productive power of mourning to militancy #chatmemory

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Rankine's Citizen: An American Lyric at Tufts: [library.tufts.edu/record=b270964...](http://library.tufts.edu/record=b270964...) #chatmemory  
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