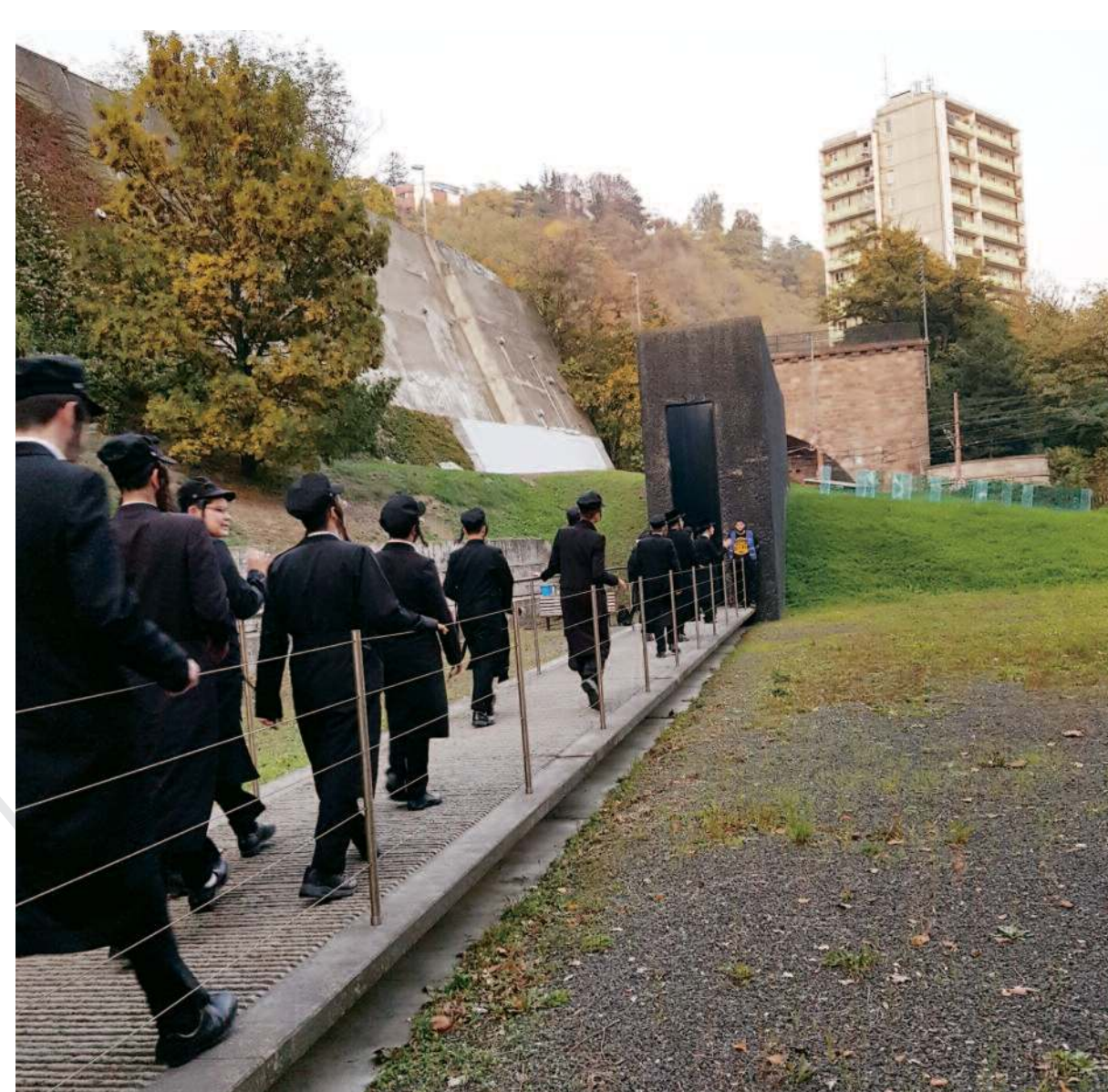
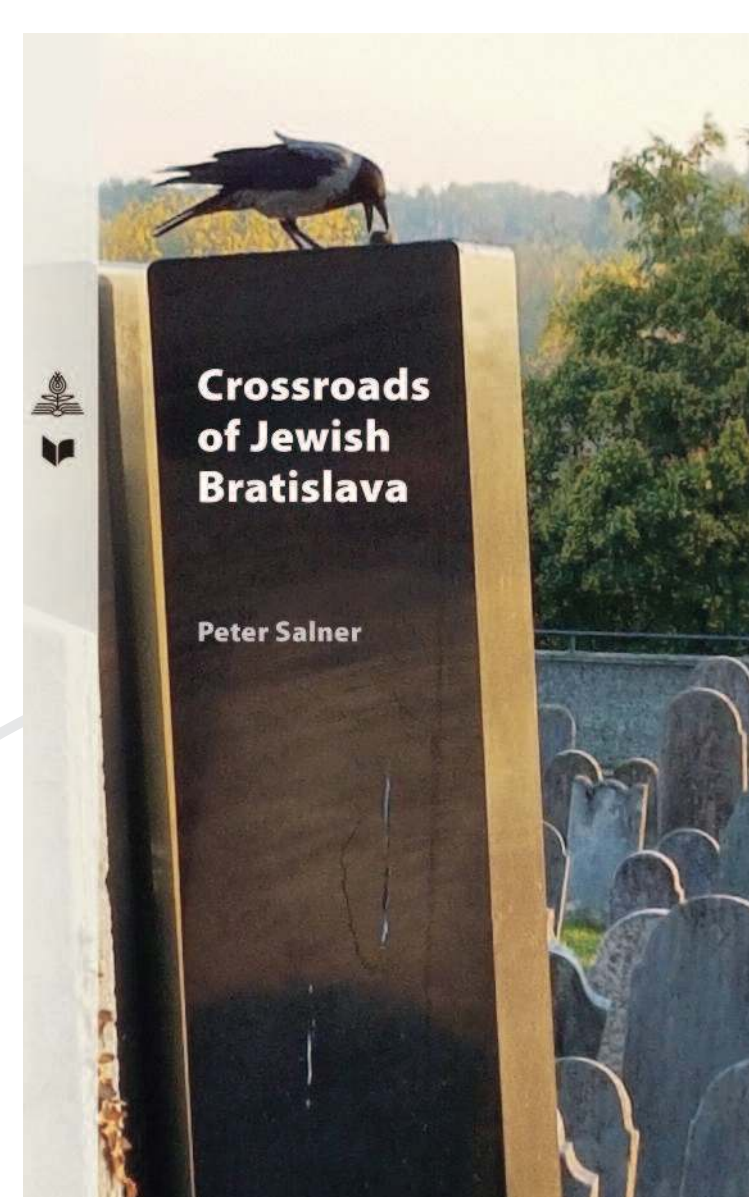


# MEMORY STUDIES – ORAL HISTORY

Both disciplines have been used in Eastern and Central Europe (including Slovakia) to reflect on the political and social changes that emerged after the collapse of the Communist regime, and both disciplines have been involved in reassessing the history of non-democratic pasts. The fall of the Iron Curtain released memories that had been silenced or distorted by the Communist regime. We are interested in how the memories of the non-democratic regimes that ruled Slovakia in the 20<sup>th</sup> century are constructed in contemporary society.

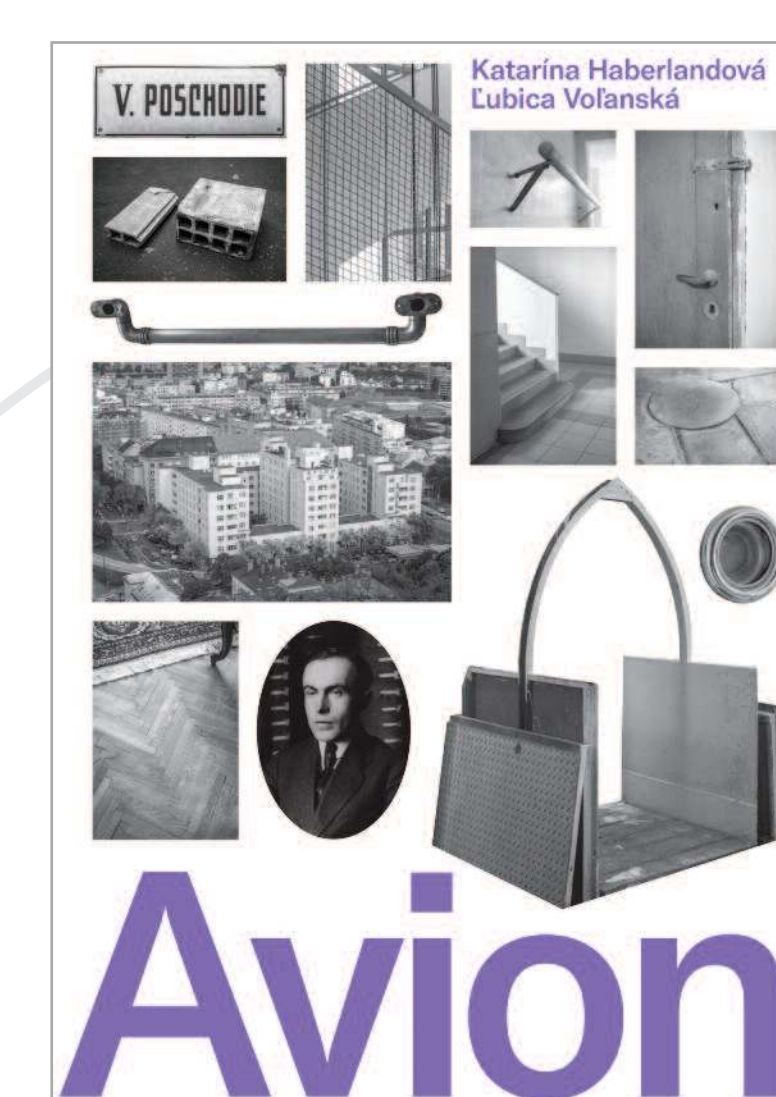
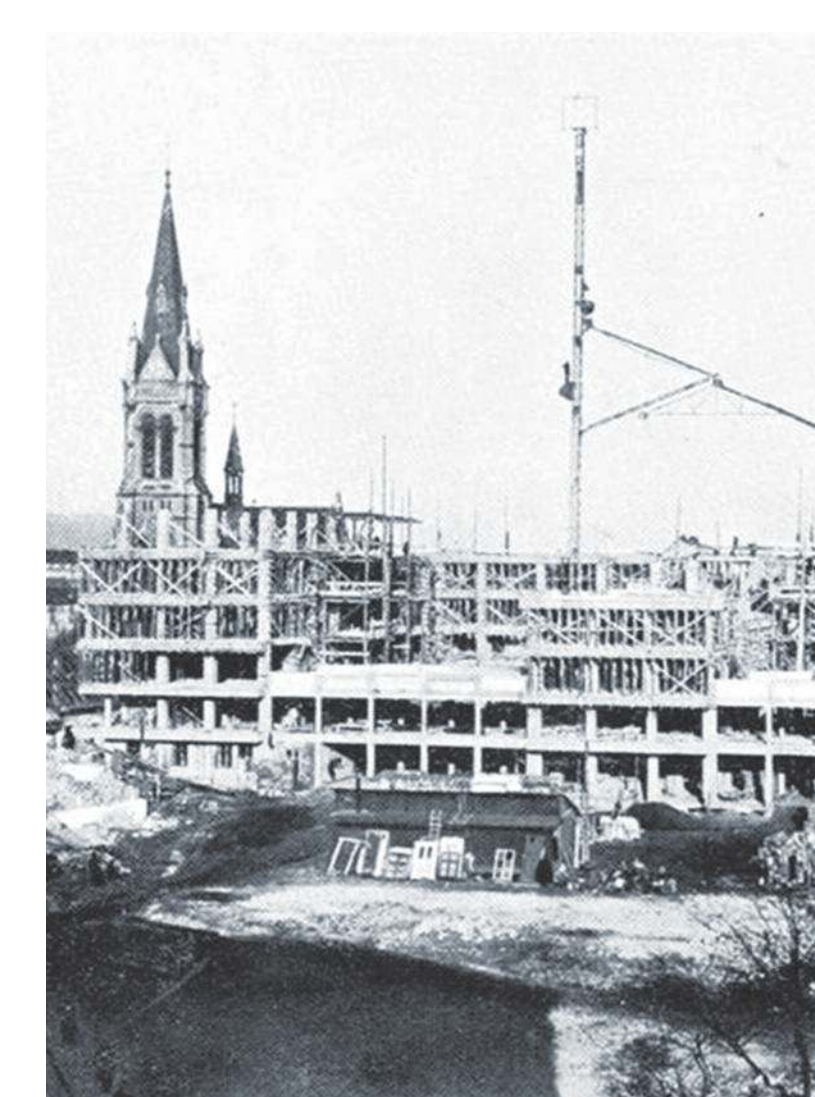


## TWO MAIN AREAS

- Holocaust studies
- The memory of the Communist past

## OUR RESEARCH FOCUSES ON

- Biographical, social/communicative, and collective/national/cultural memories.
- Subjectivity and intersubjectivity issues.
- Remembrance policies.
- Representations of the past.
- Family memory as a prospective field of memory (identity – values – relations).
- Inter-generational communication.
- Inter-generational transfer of the Holocaust trauma (family and community).
- Slow memory.



## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

### United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Oral History Documentation Project (2011–2016)

*Crimes against Civilian Populations during WW2: Victims, Witnesses, Collaborators, and Perpetrators.*

Audio- and videotaping of the non-Jewish eye-witnesses' testimonies in Slovakia focused on the fate of local Jews/Roma people during WWII and the Holocaust. Documenting the part role of local authorities and representatives of the regime.

### *Current Images of Socialism* (APVV project 16–0345) (2017–2021)

The project represents a unique, systematic basic research using the oral history method. The aim was to obtain current representations/images of the Communist past as communicated today in Slovak society. Collecting audio/video interviews focused on biographical narratives of the generation of experience.

### *Slow Memory: Transformative Practices for Times of Uneven and Accelerating Change* (SlowMemo) COST Action 20105 (2021–2025)

This Action addresses the need for increased interdisciplinarity in our understanding of how societies confront their past to cope with environmental, economic, and social changes brought by sudden events and by slow and creeping transformations. Slow memory seeks to undertake a reframing of how the past is made meaningful in the present, with implications for how we as memory scholars conceptualise memory, which methods we employ, and how we work together as a community of scholarship and practice.

