

Politics of Monuments and Memory After Charlottesville

A Roundtable with the IU East Political Science Faculty

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- Why have Confederate monuments around the United States recently become sites of political protest?
- What can stakeholders do to decide what “should” be done with these types of monuments?
- What can be learned about memorializing the past from the experiences of other countries?



The monument to Confederate General Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia was temporarily covered in August 2017. Covering or removing statues has been controversial.



Lenin statues were toppled in many countries of the Soviet Union after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991



Despite the failure of Communism, not all of Lenin's monuments have been removed

After the recent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, the status of Confederate monuments around the United States has become controversial. In this roundtable discussion, three political scientists from Indiana University East discuss the role of war memorials in shaping public memory and how monuments can become politicized. Case studies discussed range from the United States to countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The roundtable will offer the opportunity for an open discussion about lessons to be learned from these examples and potential resolutions to monument controversies.