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The Politics of Memory in the Baltic Countries: Ethnicity, Class, and Power 20 Years after Independence

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In 1989, over 2 million Balts joined hands in the Baltic Way to protest Soviet occupation and the communist regime. Images and narratives of this signal opposition event have, in the 20 years that followed, become components of a deeply fragmented politics of memory in the Baltic countries of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. This project examines the fractured memory regimes of these states and the ethnic and political lines along which they have split, as well as the implications of Baltic/Russian and elite/mass cleavages for institutional legitimacy and civil society. As the Baltic countries near the 20th anniversary of full independence, it is important to recognize forces of both stability and instability, including those rooted in collective memories of the dramatic events of the last century.

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