

**Memory Policy and Memory Laws:
Naming and Renaming. Part 2**
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(Summary)

In the modern and postmodern world, a variety of practices can be observed through which collective memory is shaped and moderated. These practices reveal a specific form of memory governance exercised through memory policies and memory laws. The study offers a legal and an anthropological observation in the Bulgarian context by focusing on selected cases of naming and, in particular, renaming of streets in periods of change of the political regimes. The naming and renaming are examined within the theoretical framework of what legal scholars refer to as memory laws. The analysis traces the legal framework that enables such practices, as well as its ongoing updating, amendment, and adaptation in order to align with the prevailing political context. On the basis of the cases and examples observed, the study proposes a possible periodization and analytical synthesis.

The text is structured in two parts. The second part covers the fourth and fifth stage of the proposed analytical framework, as well as a section devoted to the “special cases” of renaming, observed during the period under study, including also a comparative perspective.

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