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Recommended readings

If you want to read more about processes of accountability, memorialization – or forgetting – after famines, we have put together some recommendations below. There is much more out there, but these are works that we find particularly worthwhile reading. In addition to this, we of course also recommend the articles in our special issue (see above).

Memory after famines

General or comparative studies

- Corporaal, M., & de Zwart, I. [Heritages of hunger: European famine legacies in current academic debates](#). *International Journal of Heritage Studies* (2022).
- Richter, J. [Famine, Memory, and Politics in the Post-Soviet Space: Contrasting Echoes of Collectivization in Ukraine and Kazakhstan](#). *Nationalities Papers* (2020).
- Wemheuer, F. [Regime Changes of Memory: Creating the Official History of the Ukrainian and Chinese Famines under State Socialism and after the Cold War](#). *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, (2009).

The Great Irish Famine

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The Great Leap Forward Famine in China

- Manning, K. E., & Wemheuer, F. [Introduction](#). In K. E. Manning & F. Wemheuer (Eds.), *Eating Bitterness: New Perspectives on China's Great Leap Forward and Famine* (pp. 1–27). UBC Press. (2011).

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The Holodomor

- Applebaum, A. [Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine](#). Allen Lane. (2017).
- Himka, J.-P. [Encumbered Memory: The Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33](#). *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*. (2013).
- Kasianov, G. [The Holodomor and the Building of a Nation](#). *Russian Social Science Review*. (2011).
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- Ogiienko, V. [The Memorial Topography of the Holodomor Between Cumulative and Cultural Trauma: A Genealogical Approach](#). In M. Haake & P. Juszkiwicz (Eds.), *Image, History and Memory: Central and Eastern Europe in a Comparative Perspective*. Routledge. (2022).
- Zhurzhenko, T. ["Capital of Despair": Holodomor Memory and Political Conflicts in Kharkiv after the Orange Revolution](#). *East European Politics and Societies*. (2011).

The Hunger Years in Finland

- Forsberg, H. [Masculine Submission: National Narratives of the Last Great Famine, c. 1868-1920](#). *Journal of Finnish Studies*. (2017).
- Kraatari, E., & Newby, A. G. [Memory of the Great Hunger Years Revisited: Finland's 1860s Famine Memorials, Mass Graves and a Commemorative Craft Initiative](#). *Thanatos*. (2018).

Other famines

- al-Qattan, N. [When Mothers Ate Their Children: Wartime Memory and the Language of Food in Syria and Lebanon](#). *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. (2014).
- Fahy, S. [Recalling What Was Unspeakable: Hunger in North Korea](#). In J. Skinner (Ed.), *The Interview: An Ethnographic Approach* (pp. 229–244). Bloomsbury. (2012).
- Igreja, V. [Negotiating Relationships in Transition: War, Famine, and Embodied Accountability in Mozambique](#). *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. (2019).

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Accountability after famines

General or comparative studies

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- Kearney, Diana. [Food Deprivations as Crimes against Humanity](#). NYUJ Int'l L. & Pol. (2013)

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Case studies

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