

Contacts and Cultural Transfer in the Historical Region of East Prussia (1700 – 2000)

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Place: Nida (Lithuania)

Organizers: Centre for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technical University of Berlin, Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology at the University of Klaipėda, Thomas-Mann-Kulturzentrum, Academia Baltica

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- 18.00 Address of welcome (Silva Pocyté, head of the Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology, University of Klaipėda)
- 18.30 The History of the Thomas-Mann-Haus in Nida (Lina Motuzienė, Thomas-Mann Cultural Centre)
- 19.00 Key-note speech by Andreas Kossert (Berlin): “East Prussia and its afterlife. The persistence of a historical phenomenon.”
- 20.30 *Dinner*

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- 9.00 – 9.45 Introductory remarks by Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (Berlin), Vasilijus Safronovas (Klaipėda), Klaus Richter (Birmingham)
- 9.45 – 10.00 *Coffee break*
- 10.00 – 11.15 Session 1 – Loyalty and identity politics in East Prussia
- Chair: Vacys Vaivada (Klaipėda)
- Arūnas Baublys (Klaipėda): From court church to intellectual elite. The reformed preachers in Prussia, 17th to 18th cet.
- Darius Barasa (Klaipėda): Confessionalization as a means of social and cultural integration in East Prussia in the 18th cet.
- Commentary: Esther-Beate Körber (Berlin)
- 11.15 – 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 13.15 Session 2: Border regions and cultural transfer
- Chair: Klaus Richter (Birmingham)

Jan Musekamp (Frankfurt/O.): The royal Prussian Ostbahn and German-Polish cross-border relations in the 19th cet.

Anna Zglińska (Toruń): "Ein Blick nach Russland". Myth and reality of border and borderland between Prussia and Russia in 19th century

Felix Heinert (Köln): A trans-imperial biography? Dr. Adolph Ehrlich between Mitau, Halle, Berlin, Riga and Tilsit

Commentary: Christian Pletzing (Sankelmark)

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.15 Session 3 – Defining and practicing space in East Prussia

Chair: Lina Motuzienė (Klaipėda)

Axel Walter (Osnabrück): (Re-)Constructions of Old Prussian identities in East Prussia. The beginnings of the writing of a regional cultural history (Arnoldt, Lilienthal, Pisanski) in the 18th cet. and their repercussions

Nijolė Strakauskaitė (Klaipėda): East Prussian health resorts in the context of the popularization of tourism (19th cet. – 1st half of 20th cet.)

Vasilijus Safronovas (Klaipėda): The creation of a national space in Prussian Lithuania at the turn of the 20th cet.

Commentary: tbd

16.15 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.15 Session 4 – Intercultural contacts and the change from imperial to national order

Chair: Silva Pocyte (Klaipėda)

Charles Perrin (Atlanta): Between German and Lithuanian Culture, Between the Intelligentsia and the Peasantry. The Intellectual Development of Martynas Jankus (1858 – 1946)

Romualdas Adomavičius (Klaipėda): The port of Klaipėda as a place of cultural contact in the interwar period

Andrzej Kopiczko (Olsztyn): The Catholic Church in the Memelland, 1923 – 1939

Commentary: Ruth Leiserowitz (Warsaw)

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10.00 – 11.15 Session 5 – Consequences of annexations

Chair: Werner Bergmann (Berlin)

Stefan Thierfelder (Freiburg): The East German Heimatdienst and the plebiscite period in East Prussia. The beginning of the end of peaceful co-existence?

Machteld Wenken (Vienna): Polish children's forced labour experiences in ego documents and testimonies

Commentary: Andrzej Sakson (Poznań)

10.45 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.45 Session 6 – Transcribing East Prussia

Chair: Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (Berlin)

Bert Hoppe (Berlin): Kaliningrad as a „Prussian Atlantis“

Ilya Dementyev (Kaliningrad): From “Ancient Slavialand” to “Paradise Lost”. Rehabilitation of cultural heritage in cultural memory of Kaliningrad citizens (end of 1940s – beginning of 1980s)

Lina Motuzienė (Klaipėda): The past as a basis for cultural contacts. Initiatives of social groups in Kaliningrad in the late 20th cet.

Commentary: Alvydas Nikžentaitis (Vilnius)

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.30 Concluding discussion

Moderation: Ruth Leiserowitz (Warsaw)