

(De-)constructing Central Europe: From Mitteleuropa to Visions of a Common Europe, 1918-2018

Conference Program

Thursday, 18 October 2018, Frankfurt (Oder)

- 6pm Introduction to the exhibition “Between National Style and Modernity. Architecture of the Interwar-Period in Poznan and Frankfurt (Oder)” with Uwe Rada and Szymon Piotr Kubiak (in German) (**Hanse-Saal, Bolfrashaus**)
- 7pm Inauguration of the exhibition with Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal, President of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), and Prof. Dr. Andrzej Lesicki (tbc), President of Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan (**square in front of Auditorium Maximum**)
- 7:30pm Guided tour through the exhibition for conference participants (with English translation)
- 8:30pm **Conference Dinner: Restaurant EinsBe, Gartenstraße 1b**

Friday, 19 October 2018, Auditorium Maximum 03, Europa-Universität Viadrina

- 8:30am Conference registration
- 9am-9:30am **Opening:** Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast (Frankfurt Oder); Jörg Hackmann (Szczecin); Dariusz Wojtaszyn (Wrocław)
- 9:30am-11.20am **Panel 1:** Discourses on the Central Europe Debate I
Moderation: Małgorzata Szajbel-Keck (Frankfurt Oder)

1: Jörg Hackmann (Szczecin), “The End of *Ostmitteleuropa* and the Return of *Zwischeneuropa*?”

2: Ljubica Ilić (Novi Sad), “Central Europe at the Borders: The Place as a Refuge, the Self as the Other”

3: Tomasz Kamusella (St Andrews), “Pluricentric and Monocentric Languages in Central Europe: Between Nationalisms and Points of View”

11.20am-11:50am **Coffee Break**

11:50am-1.40pm **Panel 2:** Hegemonic Visions of Central Europe
Moderation: Mark Keck-Szajbel (Frankfurt Oder)

1: Aliaksandr Piahanaou (Toulouse), “Danubian Triangle—a Failed Project at uniting Central Europe in the Interwar. Hungarian Attempts at Political-Economic Rapprochement with Austria and Czechoslovakia”

2: Ádám Sashalmi (Budapest), “The Italian Perspective Related to Central Europe between the Two World Wars”

3: Peter Polak-Springer (Doha), “(Upper) Silesia as Germany’s Peninsula: Regional Representations of the ‘German East’ in the Context of Interwar German Revisionism”

Commentary: Tim Buchen (Dresden)

1.40pm-3.10pm **Lunch Break**

3.10pm-5pm **Panel 3:** Actors in the Central Europe Debate
Moderation: Anna Labentz (Frankfurt Oder)

1: Maciej Górny (Warsaw), “Albrecht Penck—Mapping Lebensraum in the East”

2: Anja Jahn (Leipzig), “Spread the Word! Mina Witkojc’s Attempts at Sorbian Nationhood and the Press”

3: Miłosz Cybowski (Poznan), “Alternative Histories of Central Europe in Polish Popular Culture: Wolski, Parowski, Dukaj and others”

Commentary: Timm Beichelt (Frankfurt Oder)

6pm-7:30pm **Keynote, Mała Aula, Collegium Polonicum, Słubice**
Andrii Portnov (Frankfurt Oder), “‘Central Europe(s)’ to the East of the Oder: History and Politics”
Introduction: Julia von Blumenthal (Frankfurt Oder)

8pm **Conference Dinner: Villa Casino, Mickiewicza 11**

Saturday, 20 October 2018, Mała Aula, Collegium Polonicum

9am-10:50am **Panel 4: Economic Visions of Central and Eastern Europe**
Moderation: Falk Flade (Frankfurt Oder)

1: Erik Radisch (Passau), “From the Stalinist Adviser-System to a Collective Leadership. The COMECON-Reforms from 1953-1971 from an Imperial Perspective”

2: Ivan Obadić (Zagreb), “An Eastern OECD? Yugoslav Vision of Economic Integration of Central Europe”

3: Jiří Janáč (Prague), “Constructing Central Europe across the Iron Curtain: Geopolitics and Economics of a Waterway Integration Project”

Commentary: Uwe Müller (Leipzig)

10:50am-11:20am **Coffee Break**

11:20am-1.10pm **Panel 5: Discourses on the Central Europe Debate II**
Moderation: Frank Grelka (Frankfurt Oder)

1: Kai Johann Willms (Munich), “Constructing (East) Central Europe in exile: The scholarly and political activities of Polish émigré scholars in the US after 1945”

2: Daria Voyloshnikova (Fribourg), “The Concept of Central Europe in the Post-War Soviet Academic Discourse”

3: Weronika Parfianowicz (Warsaw), “What Kind of Central Europe do Central Europeans Need?”

Commentary: Peter Polak-Springer (Doha)

1.10pm-1:20pm **Coffee Break**

1:20pm-2pm **Conclusions**

3pm-5pm **Boat Tour on the Oder (optional)**

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