Remembrance in the Borderland—shared, difficult, dissonant?

Pamięć na pograniczu – wspólna, trudna, kłopotliwa?
Пам'ять на прикордонні — спільна, складна, незручна?
Erinnerung im Grenzraum – gemeinsam, schwierig, unbequem?

German – Polish – Ukrainian Conference in Lublin, Poland,
23 - 26 November 2026

Organizers

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Some presentations will be in Polish and Ukrainian
With simultaneous interpreting available:
Polish to English, Ukrainian to English, English to Polish

PROGRAM

Monday, 23 November 2026,

Arrival & Check-in Hotel **Dom na Podwalu**
ul. Podwale 15
20-117 Lublin

Tuesday, 24 November 2026
(Venue: Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre Centre, 21 Grodzka St, Lublin)

11:00 AM –1:00 PM	**Curator-led tour of the exhibition *Lublin. Memory of the Place* and meeting with Tomasz Pietrasiewicz**, Director of the Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre Centre
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Registration / Welcome / Coffee
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	**Keynote *On the loneliness of a non-national historian in contemporary borderland studies***
	Prof. Dr Andrii Portnov, Institut Pilecki
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Coffee break + Finger Food
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	**Panel 1: Education—on joint textbook projects as a tool for working with borderland memory**
	Prof. Dr Igor Kąkolewski, Director of the Centre for Historical Research Berlin of the Polish Academy of Sciences
	Dr Oksana Khomiak, Assistant Professor at the Department of History, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, and Board Member of the Ukrainian Oral History Association
	Moderator: **Dr Roman Romantsov**, Expert at the Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre Centre in Lublin
7:00 PM	Conference Dinner

Wednesday, 25 November 2026
(venue: UMCS, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, 45 Głęboka St, Lublin)

9:00 AM –9:30 AM	Opening remarks by **Prof. Dr Katarzyna Radzik-Maruszak**, Director of the Institute of Political Science and Administration UMCS
9:30 AM –10:30 AM	**Panel 2 : Local Memory Policies in Border Regions / Can we build a heritage community around a dissonant heritage?**
	Dr Elżbieta Kwiecińska, Assistant Professor, Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences
	Dr Petro Dolhanov, Rivne Regional Institute of Postgraduate Pedagogical Education
	Prof. Konrad Zieliński, Institute of International Relations UMCS (tbc)
	Moderator**: Dr Teresa Klimowicz**, Department of Jewish Culture and History, Institute of Cultural Studies UMCS
10:30 AM –11:30 AM	**Panel 3: Experiences and initiatives of local authorities in the border region**
	Dr Jakub Olchowski, Director of the UMCS Centre for European Competences
	Krzysztof Stanowski/Marta Wójtowicz, Lublin Municipality (tbc)
	Lidia Voytiuk, Rivne Municipality (tbc)

	Moderator**: Prof. Dr Katarzyna Radzik-Maruszak**, Institute of Political Science and Administration UMCS of Institute of Political Science and Administration UMCS
11:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Coffee Break and Finger Food
12:00 AM – 1.00 PM	**Panel 4: Cross-Border Cooperation and Memory and Heritage—Experiences from Projects**
	Dr. Magdalena Abraham-Diefenbach, Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies
	Piotr Eros, Zielona Góra University
	Michal Schuster, NGO „Antikomplex" Czech Republic (online)
	Anna Yatsenko, NGO "After Silence" Ukraine (tbc)
	Moderator: **Susanne Orth**, Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies
1:00 PM – 2.00 PM	**Panel 5: How to tell the shtetl story ? On building heritage communities around the multicultural heritage of borderland towns**
	Daria Sydorchuk, Sofia Svyryda, Zdolbuniv Museum (tbc)
	Dorota Bida, Chełm Museum (tbc)
	Liana Blikharska, Lviv Center for Urban History
	Moderator: **Emil Majuk,** UMCS / Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre Centre
2:00 PM –2:30 PM	Summary
2:30 PM –3:30 PM	Lunch

(venue: Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre Centre, 21 Grodzka St, Lublin)

6:00 PM –8:00 PM	**Public debate *Borderland memory—shared, difficult, or troublesome?***

Thursday, 26 November 2026

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM	**Study tour *Chełm, Sobibór, Włodawa*** organised in cooperation with UMCS Centre for European Competences Chełm

Friday, 27 November 2026

Departure