

Annual Conference of the Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies (VCPU)

Between Hope and Reality. Modernization and Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe

May 22 – 23, 2025

European University Viadrina

Logenhaus, Logenstraße 11, 15230 Frankfurt (Oder), Germany

PROGRAM

22.05.2025 Thursday		23.05.2025 Friday	
		From 8:30	Registration
		9:00 – 10:30	PANEL 3.A. Migration as a Resource for Economic and Social Transformation: Insights from Ukraine, Kosovo and Bulgaria
			PANEL 3.B. Literary and Historical Perspectives on Identity and Space in East-Central Europe
		10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
		11:00 – 12:30	PANEL 4.A. Paths to Market Economy: Lessons from Ukraine, Poland, and China
			PANEL 4.B. Society and Culture in Times of Crisis and Transition
From 13:00	Registration	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch at the Europa-Universität Viadrina
14:00 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the Conference Prof. Dr. Eduard Mühle, President of European University Viadrina Prof. Dr. Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast, Director of the Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies 	14:00 – 15:30	PANEL 5.A. Systemic Transformations and European Integration: Political, Economic, and Techno-logical Perspectives
			PANEL 5.B. Feminist Forces: Emancipatory Initiatives Shaping Modernisation in Poland and Central Eastern Europe
14:30 – 16:00	PANEL 1.A. Modernisierungsblockaden in Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft der DDR (Mod-Block-DDR)	PANEL 1.B. Migration I	15:30 – 16:00
			Conference Summary
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break		
16:30 – 18:00	PANEL 2.A. Modernization, Legitimacy, Mobility, and Institutional Challenges	PANEL 2.B. Migration II	
18:00	Opening of the Mod-Block-DDR Exhibition and aperitif		
19:30	Dinner at Villa Casino Restaurant		

Detailed Program

<p>Mod-Block-DDR Moderation: Olga Zaitseva-Herz</p>	<p>Migration I Moderation: Konrad Walerski</p>
<p><u>Dr. Ann-Marie Sommerfeld / Prof. Dr. Michael Fritsch / Prof. Dr. Michael Wyrwich</u> Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany The Dynamics of Innovation Activity in Europe over the Early 21st Century: A Tale of Concentration and Transformation</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Michael Wyrwich / Prof. Dr. Michael Fritsch / Dr. Ann-Marie Sommerfeld</u> Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany The impact of Socialist legacy on innovation activities: Evidence from Germany, Czech Republic, and Poland</p> <p><u>Dr. Moritz Hennicke</u> University of Bremen, Germany The long-run impact of remaking institutions - Evidence from East Germany's Collective Farms</p>	<p><u>Prof. Dr. Robert Geisler</u> University of Opole, Poland Ukrainian Migrants and Refugees on the German Labour Market. Between Adaptation and Isolation</p> <p><u>Claire Taylor</u> University of Cambridge, United Kingdom Shared and Dissonant Heritage: The Case of Poland and Ukraine since 2022</p> <p><u>Jakub Niewiński</u> University of Zielona Góra, Poland Refugees – my co-citizens? Decolonial approaches for peace education, histories and healing</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Yuliana Palagnyuk / Prof. Dr. Svitlana Soroka</u> University of Silesia in Katowice / Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland Adaptation of Ukrainian Refugee Children in Polish Schools: Exploring Challenges and Media Coverage</p>
<p>Modernization, Legitimacy, Mobility, and Institutional Challenges Moderation: Falk Flade</p>	<p>Migration II Moderation: Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz</p>
<p><u>Dr. Naum Trajanovski</u> University of Warsaw, Poland Sociologists to the Rescue: Experimenting in the Wake of a Disaster, the Case of the 1963 Skopje Earthquake</p> <p><u>Laura Loew</u> Justus Liebig University Gießen, Germany “Compensating for the Injustice Suffered by the Popular Masses” – Social Upward Mobility in the Polish People’s Republic</p> <p><u>Dr. Natalia Kononenko</u> National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Democratic instruments of legitimization of power in Ukraine during the period of martial law</p>	<p><u>Dr. Oksana Borodina</u> National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Warsaw Institute of Banking, Poland Adaptation of Ukrainian Forced Migrants in Poland: Economic and Social Aspects</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Iryna Shvetsova / Dr. Nataliia Aliabieva</u> Kherson State Maritime Academy, Ukraine / Donetsk University of Economics and Law, Ukraine, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany Migration and integration with the EU. Education and Labor Migration: Dual-Vector Integration of Ukrainians Amid Global Challenges and Adaptation Processes</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Olha Morozova</u> University of Warsaw, Poland, The Bohdan Khmelnytsky National University of Cherkasy, Ukraine Migration of Ukrainian scientists abroad and integration with European scientific community</p> <p><u>Christian Sørlien Molstad</u> Statistics Norway Prospects for integration and return: Ukrainian refugees in Norway</p>

Migration as a Resource for Economic and Social Transformation: Insights from Ukraine, Kosovo and Bulgaria

Moderation: Yuliana Palagnyuk

Prof. Dr. Olga Nosova

Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

Economic and social effects of labor migration in Ukraine

Dr. Carolin Leutloff-Grandits

European University Viadrina, Germany

Migrant entrepreneurs as pioneers in the development of post-war economies:

What can be learned from Kosovo for Ukraine?

Prof. Dr. Ildiko Otova

New Bulgarian University

Exit and/or Voice: Mobile Bulgarians in the EU

Prof. Dr. Juliana Vassileva

New Bulgarian University

Economic and Social Impact of Returning Mobile Bulgarians on Bulgaria's Development

Vanina Ninova

New Bulgarian University

Mobile Bulgarian Youth: Returning to Bulgaria after Completing Higher Education Abroad

Literary and Historical Perspectives on Identity and Space in East-Central Europe

Moderation: Elsa Tulmets

Dr. Aleksandra Konarzewska

University of Tübingen, Germany

Against Every Nationalism: East-Central European Transformation(s) in Ziemowit Szczerek's Literary Reportages

Yultuz Savrova

Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

The Geopoetic Symbolism of Cities in Ziya Samedi's Historical Novel "The Mystery of the Years":

A Uyghur Soviet Writer's Perspective

Aleksandra Tobiasz

Institute of Civilisation and Culture in Ljubljana, Slovenia

From geopolitics and regional identity to geopoetics and self-identification – sensory topographies of Central Europe (Andrzej Stasiuk and Yurii Andrukhovych)

Felix Schmidtke

University of Mainz, Germany

Ukrainian Perspectives on the own Past in the Soviet Union, 1956-1985 Historical Narratives Between Conformity and Opposition

Paths to Market Economy: Lessons from Ukraine, Poland, and China

Moderation: Johannes Kleinmann

Jun. Prof. Dr. Michael Dobbins

University of Konstanz, Germany

Ukraine: The long, rocky road to a liberal market economy

Prof. Dr. Oleksii Chugaiev

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine

International economic and multidisciplinary research on Ukraine and Poland in the XXI century: comparative content analysis

Dr. Zhengdong Li

Ningbo University, China

From Planned to Market Economy: A Comparative Perspective on China's Reform and Poland's Transition

Dr. Sonja Priebus / Dr. Elsa Tulmets

European University Viadrina, Germany

Return to the West? Europe, the West and the Post-Communist Region

Society and Culture in Times of Crisis and Transition

Moderation: Claire Taylor

Katarzyna Szarla

University of Warsaw, Poland

The Crisis within the Crisis: HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the Times of Transformation, 1985-1995

Mateusz Lewalski / Kamil Stawiany

SWPS University, Poland

Street Ambulatory and Housing Integration: Collaborative Partnerships for Sustainable Homelessness Solutions

Zuzanna Kapciak

SWPS University, Poland

Life Paths of Young Adult Poles from Transnational Families: The Case of Germany

Dr. Olga Zaitseva-Herz

Kule Folklore Centre, University of Alberta, Canada

Sounding the Transformation: Ukrainian Pop Music's Role in European Integration and Cultural Realignment Amidst the War

Systemic Transformations and European Integration: Political, Economic, and Technological Perspectives

Moderation: Robert Geisler

Aleksandre Buzaladze

University of Georgia

Lustration in Poland and its impact on EU integration:
Lessons for Georgia

Dr. Grzegorz Konat

SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Post-1989 Systemic Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe as “Bourgeois Revolutions”

Prof. Dr. Olena Trofymenko / Prof. Dr. Svitlana Kashuba

National Technical University of Ukraine /

WSG University of Bydgoszcz, Poland

Strategic priorities of economic and energy sustainability of Ukraine: Prospects for Polish-Ukrainian cooperation to ensure post-war recovery

Prof. Dr. Olga Degtiareva / Dr. Olena Gorlova

Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, Odessa National University of Economics, Ukraine /

SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Hope and reality of energy system's transformations in Ukraine: energy security and logistics aspects

Feminist Forces: Emancipatory Initiatives Shaping Modernisation in Poland and Central Eastern Europe

Moderation: Laura Loew

Dr. Katharina Kinga Kowalski

Berlin University of Technology

(Dis)Continuities in Gender Research from the Polish People's Republic to System Transformation: Changing Perspectives within Modernisation Ambitions

Prof. Dr. Natalia Jarska

Polish Academy of Sciences

Women experts and feminist knowledge production in East Central Europe: transnational conversations (1960s)

Dr. Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz

Polish Academy of Sciences

The League of Women – between party-state politics and modernization of women's lives

Prof. Dr. Monika Rudaś-Grodzka

Polish Academy of Sciences

The Women's Archive Research Team's digital initiatives - documenting and memorializing the legacy of women's activism