

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	<u>PANEL 3.A.</u> Migration as a Resource for Economic and Social Transformation: Insights from Ukraine, Kosovo and Bulgaria	<u>PANEL 3.B.</u> Literary and Historical Perspectives on Identity and Space in East-Central Europe
			10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
			11:00 – 12:30	<u>PANEL 4.A.</u> Paths to Market Economy: Lessons from Ukraine, Poland, and China	<u>PANEL 4.B.</u> 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 ConferenceProf. Dr. Eduard Mühle, President of European University ViadrinaProf. Dr. Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast, Director of the Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies		14:00 – 15:30	<u>PANEL 5.A.</u> Systemic Transformations and European Integration: Political, Economic, and Techno-logical Perspectives	<u>PANEL 5.B.</u> Feminist Forces: Emancipatory Initiatives Shaping Modernisation in Poland and Central Eastern Europe
14:30 – 16:00	<u>PANEL 1.A.</u> Modernisierungsblockaden in Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft der DDR (Mod-Block-DDR)	<u>PANEL 1.B.</u> Migration I	15:30 – 16:00	Conference Summary	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break				
16:30 – 18:00	<u>PANEL 2.A.</u> Modernization, Legitimacy, Mobility, and Institutional Challenges	<u>PANEL 2.B.</u> Migration II			
18:00	Opening of the Mod-Block-DDR Exhibition and aperitif				
19:30	Dinner at Villa Casino Restaurant				

Detailed Program

<p style="text-align: center;">Mod-Block-DDR Moderation: Olga Zaitseva-Herz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Modernization, Legitimacy, Mobility, and Institutional Challenges Moderation: Falk Flade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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>

<p>Migration as a Resource for Economic and Social Transformation: Insights from Ukraine, Kosovo and Bulgaria</p> <p>Moderation: Yuliana Palagnyuk</p>	<p>Literary and Historical Perspectives on Identity and Space in East-Central Europe</p> <p>Moderation: Elsa Tulmets</p>
<p><u>Prof. Dr. Olga Nosova</u> Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania Economic and social effects of labor migration in Ukraine</p> <p><u>Dr. Carolin Leutloff-Grandits</u> European University Viadrina, Germany Migrant entrepreneurs as pioneers in the development of post-war economies: What can be learned from Kosovo for Ukraine?</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Ildiko Otova</u> New Bulgarian University Exit and/or Voice: Mobile Bulgarians in the EU</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Juliana Vassileva</u> New Bulgarian University Economic and Social Impact of Returning Mobile Bulgarians on Bulgaria's Development</p> <p><u>Vanina Ninova</u> New Bulgarian University Mobile Bulgarian Youth: Returning to Bulgaria after Completing Higher Education Abroad</p>	<p><u>Dr. Aleksandra Konarzewska</u> University of Tübingen, Germany Against Every Nationalism: East-Central European Transformation(s) in Ziemowit Szczerek's Literary Reportages</p> <p><u>Yultuz Savrova</u> 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</p> <p><u>Aleksandra Tobiasz</u> 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)</p> <p><u>Felix Schmidtke</u> University of Mainz, Germany Ukrainian Perspectives on the own Past in the Soviet Union, 1956-1985 Historical Narratives Between Conformity and Opposition</p>
<p>Paths to Market Economy: Lessons from Ukraine, Poland, and China</p> <p>Moderation: Johannes Kleinmann</p>	<p>Society and Culture in Times of Crisis and Transition</p> <p>Moderation: Claire Taylor</p>
<p><u>Jun. Prof. Dr. Michael Dobbins</u> University of Konstanz, Germany Ukraine: The long, rocky road to a liberal market economy</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Oleksii Chugaiev</u> Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine International economic and multidisciplinary research on Ukraine and Poland in the XXI century: comparative content analysis</p> <p><u>Dr. Zhengdong Li</u> Ningbo University, China From Planned to Market Economy: A Comparative Perspective on China's Reform and Poland's Transition</p> <p><u>Dr. Sonja Priebus / Dr. Elsa Tulmets</u> European University Viadrina, Germany Return to the West? Europe, the West and the Post-Communist Region</p>	<p><u>Katarzyna Szarla</u> University of Warsaw, Poland The Crisis within the Crisis: HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the Times of Transformation, 1985-1995</p> <p><u>Mateusz Lewalski / Kamil Stawiany</u> SWPS University, Poland Street Ambulatory and Housing Integration: Collaborative Partnerships for Sustainable Homelessness Solutions</p> <p><u>Zuzanna Kapciak</u> SWPS University, Poland Life Paths of Young Adult Poles from Transnational Families: The Case of Germany</p> <p><u>Dr. Olga Zaitseva-Herz</u> Kule Folklore Centre, University of Alberta, Canada Sounding the Transformation: Ukrainian Pop Music's Role in European Integration and Cultural Realignment Amidst the War</p>

Systemic Transformations and European Integration: Political, Economic, and Technological Perspectives Moderation: Robert Geisler	Feminist Forces: Emancipatory Initiatives Shaping Modernisation in Poland and Central Eastern Europe Moderation: Laura Loew
<p><u>Aleksandre Buzaladze</u> University of Georgia Lustration in Poland and its impact on EU integration: Lessons for Georgia</p> <p><u>Dr. Grzegorz Konat</u> SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland Post-1989 Systemic Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe as “Bourgeois Revolutions”</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Olena Trofymenko / Prof. Dr. Svitlana Kashuba</u> 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</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Olga Degtiareva / Olena Gorlova</u> 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</p>	<p><u>Dr. Katharina Kinga Kowalski</u> Berlin University of Technology (Dis)Continuities in Gender Research from the Polish People's Republic to System Transformation: Changing Perspectives within Modernisation Ambitions</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Natalia Jarska</u> Polish Academy of Sciences Women experts and feminist knowledge production in East Central Europe: transnational conversations (1960s)</p> <p><u>Dr. Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz</u> Polish Academy of Sciences The League of Women – between party-state politics and modernization of women’s lives</p> <p><u>Prof. Dr. Monika Rudaś-Grodzka</u> Polish Academy of Sciences The Women's Archive Research Team's digital initiatives - documenting and memorializing the legacy of women's activism</p>