

Eastern Europe - Global Area / Eastern Europe in Global Relations

Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and the Leibniz ScienceCampus "Eastern Europe – Global Area" (EEGA) in Leipzig, 3 – 5 July 2018

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Eastern Europe's societies and states were integrated in large-scale interactions through trade relations and migrations since the Middle Ages. Due to the first wave of globalisation, these global relations intensified since the mid-nineteenth century. They were severely modified in the era of global Cold War as well as in the subsequent period of transformation. Nowadays, these manifold transregional linkages are taking place in the context of an approaching multipolar world order and are shaped by digitalisation and acceleration of communication. The societies of Eastern Europe, equally to societies of other world regions, are facing a double challenge of on the one hand positioning themselves in and towards these relations and the arising chances and impositions, while on the other hand simultaneously being repositioned by these relations.

This double challenge is the subject of the joint Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and the Leibniz ScienceCampus "Eastern Europe – Global Area" (EEGA) in Leipzig.

It is important to us to interrelate as many facets of these processes as possible and to encourage the comparison between both different eras and different disciplinary approaches. The conference aims for emphasising ranges and sustainabilities of globalisation projects in Eastern Europe. We are inviting contributions especially to the following subject areas, which shall be discussed in preferably coherent panels:

- The imprint of Eastern Europe through cultural encounters, transfers and interactions
- The economic linkages of Eastern Europe and its relation to processes of migration
- The approach to ecological challenges (environmental history) in Eastern Europe
- Eastern Europe in public international law and the dynamics of international organisations
- The relations of Eastern Europe with Africa, Asia and Latin America
- Scepticism towards globalisation and interdependencies in the present

This transdisciplinary and topical as well as chronological widespread examination with Eastern Europe as a global area is inspired by the pursuit of a differentiated understanding of current developments in the region, which shall not be considered isolated, but in relation to other parts of the world.

Proposals for single contributions with a length of 20 minutes are requested with an abstract (300 words) until 15 April 2018 to

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A publication of contributions is envisaged subsequent to the conference.