

Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine has created a substantial overlap between two interdisciplinary fields of expertise that have had little in common for the last thirty years: peace and conflict studies and East European studies in general and Ukrainian studies in particular.

Experts from both areas are contributing substantially to the public debates, and both fields have been reshaped by Ukrainian refugee scholars who were forced to leave their country. While the effects of these shifts on research are difficult to ascertain, they have had immediate effects on university teaching and the public sphere. The number of scholarly seminars and public events dealing with the Ukrainian past and present has grown exponentially. The question, now, is how the new status of Ukraine as an object of professional and public interest can and should change not only peace and conflict studies on the one hand and East European studies on the other but also the relationship between them.

By focusing on the case of Germany, this symposium will critically examine the recent developments in and between peace and conflict studies and East European studies, including different disciplinary approaches, old and new controversies, fruitful encounters and missed opportunities. First, we want to discuss with German and Ukrainian scholars how the professional interest in Ukraine has changed in and between their fields of expertise. Second, we want to draw lessons from the ways in which experts' voices have co-created German public debates about Ukrainian affairs and which challenges they face when attempting to bring scholarly expertise to highly political debates. Third, by bringing together scholars from Ukraine and German-speaking countries, this event hopes to intensify the existing and create new intellectual ties – both individual and institutional.

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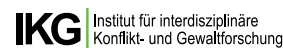
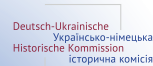
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12-13 October 2023

Bielefeld University

WAR AND PEACE

in Ukraine:

Reflecting, Studying and Engaging Across

Disciplines



Venue: Bielefeld University
Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology
Building X | Floor 2 | Room A2-103
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**For participating (both on site and online) please register
until 10 October: war-and-peace@uni-bielefeld.de**

12 October 2023 | Thursday

4.00 – 4.15 p.m. opening by
Frank Grüner | Bielefeld University
Gelinada Grinchenko | University of Wuppertal
Yaroslav Zhuravlov | NASU Institute of History of Ukraine, Kyiv & Bielefeld University

4.15 – 6.00 p.m. evening lectures by
Guido Hausmann | Regensburg University: **“Ukrainian History/Studies in Germany and Beyond: Conjunctures, Traps, Chances”** and
Valeria Korablyova | Charles University, Prague: **“Russia’s War as an Epistemological Challenge: “Banal Imperialism(s)” in the (Inter-)Disciplinary Knowledge-Production”**
Chair: Gabriele Freitag | German Association for East European Studies

6.00 – 6.15 p.m. technical break

6.15 – 7.00 p.m. Q&A with
Oleksandra Matviichuk | Center for Civil Liberties, Kyiv (online)
Chair: Kornelia Kończal | Bielefeld University

7.15 p.m. dinner

13 October 2023 | Friday

9.00 – 10.30 a.m. **PANEL 1. Interdisciplinary Encounters and Entanglements: Academic Perspectives**
Panel debate with:
Julia Eichenberg | University of Bamberg & University of Bayreuth
Yevhen Mahda | Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute & Institute of World Policy, Kyiv (online)
Svitlana Potapenko | Goethe University Frankfurt & National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv
Andreas Zick | Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence, Bielefeld
Chair: Kornelia Kończal | Bielefeld University

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 p.m. **PANEL 2. Rethinking Ukraine’s Past for a Common European Future**
Panel debate with:
Kateryna Kobchenko | University of Münster
Jurko Prochasko | NASU Ivan Franko Institute, Lviv
Tatiana Zhurzhenko | Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin
Benjamin Schenk | Ukrainian Research in Switzerland - URIS, University of Basel
Chair: Ricarda Vulpius | University of Münster

12.30 – 2.00 p.m. lunch break

2:00 – 3.30 p.m. **PANEL 3. Ukraine in German public debate from 2014 to the present**
Panel debate with:
Nataliya Butych | Leibniz University Hannover
Franziska Davies | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Steffen Dobbert | DIE ZEIT
Anna Veronika Wendland | Herder-Institut Marburg
Chair: Fabian Baumann | University of Heidelberg

3.40 – 4.00 p.m. coffee break

4.00 – 5.30 p.m. **PANEL 4. Rebuilding Ukraine: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Peacebuilding and Reconstruction**
Panel debate with:
Julian Bergmann | German Institute of Development and Sustainability
Olena Kovalenko | Ukrainian Institute, Kyiv
Viktoriya Sereda | Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin
Tetiana Vodotyka | The Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University & Kyiv School of Economics
Chair: Ulrich Schneckener | Osnabrück University

5.30 – 6.00 p.m. concluding remarks by
Gelinada Grinchenko | University of Wuppertal
Frank Grüner | Bielefeld University
Ulrich Schneckener | Osnabrück University
Nataliia Sinkevych | Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Leipzig

6.15 p.m. dinner