

**Material Feelings:  
Population Displacement and Property Transfer in Modern Europe and Beyond  
Two-Day Workshop**

Date: 24-25 May 2018

Place: Leipzig

Organisers: Kornelia Kończal (Hannah Arendt Institute, TU Dresden) and Ewa Stańczyk (Department of History, University of Amsterdam)

In cooperation with: Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel (Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg) and Stefan Troebst (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Leipzig)

This workshop explores the emotional dimension of property transfers that accompanied expulsion and ethnic cleansing in Europe and other regions of the world in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. While much ink has been spilled over the fate of displaced people, the property that was left behind has attracted little attention. It is common knowledge that the property of displaced people – be it evacuees, refugees or expellees – was subject to confiscation, looting and destruction. Much less is known, however, about the emotional impact that losing and acquiring such belongings had on individuals and societies. The aim of this workshop is to investigate how emotions triggered by mass property transfers shaped the reconstruction of the social order in the affected states among the displaced and dispossessed people, and among their successors.

**Programme**

**24 May 2018**

Venue: Universität Leipzig, Strohsackpassage, Nikolaistraße 6-10 (5th floor: SFB 1199  
*Verräumlichungsprozesse unter Globalisierungsbedingungen*)

12.30-13.15: Arrival, registration and finger food lunch

13.15-13.30: Welcome and introduction:

**Stefan Troebst** (GWZO Leipzig)

**Kornelia Kończal** (Hannah Arendt Institute, TU Dresden)

**Ewa Stańczyk** (University of Amsterdam)

13.30-15.00: Keynote and discussion:

**Alice von Bieberstein** (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin): In Search for Trees and Treasures

Chair: **Elisabeth Gallas** (Dubnow Institute, Leipzig)

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

**15.30-17.00: *Affective Regimes of Ownership***

Chair: **Stefan Troebst** (GWZO Leipzig)

**Olga Sezneva** (University of Amsterdam): *Pride and Property: Emotions, Justice and the Changing Regimes of Ownership in Kaliningrad, the Former Königsberg*

**Olena Sobolieva** (National Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Kyiv): *Collective Memory, Moral Economy and Land Disputes after Repatriation of Crimean Tatars*

Comment: **Kerstin Brückweh** (Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam)

17.00-17.30: Coffee break

**17.30-19.00: *Exhibiting Material Feelings***

Chair: **Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel** (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg)

**Jakub Gawkowski** (CEU Budapest): *Displaying the Loss of the National Heritage on the Example of Warszawa Oskarża [Warsaw is Accusing] Exhibition in the National Museum in Warsaw (1945)*

**Sanja Ivanov** (University of Toronto): *Trinkets and Magpie's Treasures: Material Objects in Dubravka Ugrešić's *The Museum of Unconditional Surrender**

Comment: **Ljerka Dulibić** (Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb)

19.30: Dinner

After-dinner presentation of the project *TransCultAA: Transfer of Cultural Objects in the Alpe Adria Region in the 20th Century* (<https://www.transcultaa.eu>) by **Ljerka Dulibić** (Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb)

**25 May 2018**

Venue: Konferenzraum at the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Reichsstraße 4-6, Specks Hof (Eingang A), 04109 Leipzig

**9.00-11.00: *Personalizing Dispossessed Objects***

Chair: **Ewa Stańczyk** (University of Amsterdam)

**Cathleen M. Giustino** (Auburn University): *Emotions of a Dispossessor in the Bohemian Borderlands: The Passion and Fury of Josef Scheybal before and after 1945*

**Aneta Stępień** (Trinity College Dublin): *Strangeness and Resentment in Poland's Post-German Territories*

**Natasa Simeunović Bajić** (University of Belgrade): Colonization of Rural Vojvodina – Facts, Representation and Family Emotions

Comment: **Michael Schwartz** (Institute of Contemporary History, Munich – Berlin)

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

**11.30-13.30: *Objects and Homemaking***

Chair: **Kornelia Kończal** (Hannah Arendt Institute, TU Dresden)

**Nora Schmidt** (University of Erfurt): Readings Beyond Politics of Memory: Stefan Chwin's Affecting Little Things

**Marko Milosev** (Historical Society of Kikinda, Serbia): Remembering Home – Old and New Tenants of the Jewish property in Banat

**Anna Holzer-Kawalko** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Home Away from Home? Polish Expellees and German Property in Lower Silesia, 1945-1947

Comment: **Maruška Svašek** (Queen's University Belfast)

13.30-14.30: Final discussion over lunch

This workshop is supported by the Leibniz ScienceCampus Eastern Europe – Global Area. The workshop is open to the public. Admission is free. Please register with Ewa Stańczyk ([e.m.stanczyk@uva.nl](mailto:e.m.stanczyk@uva.nl)).



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