



Project »Entangled State-Building in Times of Transformation: Polish, Ukrainian and German Experiences in the Years after 1918 and 1989/91«

»State-Building in Poland, Ukraine and Germany in the Years after 1918 and 1989/91: Concepts and Terminology«

International Workshop

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg in cooperation with Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Warsaw University and University of Regensburg

Halle (Saale), April 9th – 11th 2026

PROGRAMME

– Thursday, April 9th 2026 –

14.00 **Introduction**

14.15 **PANEL 1: Debates on State Forms and Visions of »We« and »Them« in the 19th and early 20th Century**

Gennadii Korolov (Warsaw), From State and Empire to Federation and Sovereignty: The Evolution of Legal and Political Concepts in Polish–Ukrainian Intellectual Interactions (1831–1918)

Sven Jaros (Halle), Asiatic Muscovites and European Rus'. Hegemonial Claims and Racial Othering within Ukrainian-Polish-Russian Discourses

16.15 Coffee Break

16.45 **PANEL 2: Nationalities, Minorities, and Languages in Discourses since World War I**

Aleksandra Miaskowska (Jena), Naming Lands and Naming Peoples: Toponymy, Ethnonymy, and the Ideological Construction of Identity in Polish–Ukrainian Interwar Galicia as Reflected in the Press

Laura Krebs (Halle), Nationalities Policy and National Minorities: The Case of Polish POWs in World War I

Guido Hausmann (Regensburg), Ukrainian Statehood, Germany, and Russia: 1918 and its Consequences.





– Friday, 10 April 2026 –

9.30 **PANEL 3: Semantics of State Unification vs. Centrifugal Forces at the End of World War I**

Sebastian Elsbach (Jena), Two Sides of the Same Coin. Secessionism and Self-Government in German and Polish Sources, 1918-1923

Yvonne Kleinmann (Halle), From Subjects to Citizens? Understandings of Citizenship, Civil Rights and Duties in and around Constitutional Projects in Poland 1918-1921

Yevheniia Shyshkina (Leipzig), Coexistence and Competition of Monetary Systems in the Context of Post-WW I State-Building: The Concepts of ›Emergency Money‹, ›Private Money‹, and ›Currencies‹

12.00 Lunch break

13.30 **PANEL 4: Constitutional and Parliamentary Debates Following 1989**

Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel (Halle), Constitutional Continuities: references and visions in the Polish parliament around 1989

Anna Tarnowska (Toruń), Negotiating Constitutional Values: Preamble and Freedoms in Poland's 1990s Constitution-Making Process

Christopher Banditt (Potsdam), German Unification – (Constitutional) Debates and (People's) Expectations

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 **PANEL 5: People, Citizens and the Gender of Nation in Social Movements and Discourses during the early 20th Century**

Verena Laubinger (Göttingen), Norway as a Model: The Norwegian Constitution in Polish Debates Before Independence

Dobrochna Kałwa (Warsaw), Present, yet Invisible: Women in the First Parliaments of the Second Polish Republic – Expectations and Reality

– Saturday, 11 April 2026 –

9.15 **Preliminary Conclusions** (Dobrochna Kałwa, Yvonne Kleinmann, Anna Tarnowska)

10.00 Brainstorming and Planning of the Next Workshop

12.30 End of Workshop

