



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

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## »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, University of Regensburg and Kyiv Mohyla Academy

April 9th – 11th 2026, D-06108 Halle (Saale), Emil-Abderhalden-Str. 26-27, R. 1.06.0

### PROGRAMME

– Thursday, 9 April 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

19.00 **Dinner – Altes Postamt, Bernburger Straße 25A**

– Friday, 10 April 2026 –

9.30 **Guido Hausmann** (Regensburg), Ukrainian Statehood, Germany, and Russia: 1918 and its Consequences – Project Presentation





10.15 **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

**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 1918ff and 1989ff**

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

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

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 **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

19.00 **Dinner, Viet Village, Bergstraße 1**

– 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

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