



International Conference ‘Teaching entangled history. A multilateral dialogue on teaching Ukrainian history in schools in the context of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine’

17-19 November 2024

**Location: Willy Brandt Center for German and European Studies
University of Wrocław; ul. Strażnicza 1–3; 50-206 Wrocław**

The Willy Brandt Center for German and European Studies (WBZ), the Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute in Braunschweig (GEI), and the Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin, as part of the EFREC-program that supports cooperation between bi- and multilateral history education initiatives in Europe, would like to extend this invitation to participate in the international conference ‘Teaching entangled history. A multilateral dialogue on teaching Ukrainian history in schools in the context of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine’.

The full-scale war started by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in February 2022 prompted negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU. Ukrainian authorities, academics and educators are working intensively on new curricula and school textbooks that present the history of Ukraine in a broader European and global context. This process has highlighted the challenges for Ukraine’s historical self-understanding as part of Central European history and the need to react to the falsifications of history by Russian historians and politicians. The war against Ukraine has also forced the mass emigration of Ukrainian schoolchildren to European Union countries, which has brought new challenges for school history education. It raises the question of how best to teach Ukrainian history in EU countries.

The primary goal of the conference is to discuss how the history of Ukraine is and has been presented in the textbooks of Central and East European countries and to introduce new initiatives and projects on teaching Ukrainian history in the broader context of European history.

Invitations to the three-day conference are being extended to representatives of bilateral textbook and history commissions, academics whose research on the perspectives of shared and entangled history can contribute to the improvement of history teaching, as well as history educators from Ukraine and Central and Eastern European countries involved in various national and transnational history teaching projects on Ukrainian history.

The main topics of discussion will be:

1. What do we understand as the history of 'Ukraine'? Is it the history of Ukraine as a nation or a state, or the history of the Ukrainian people within and outside the territory of today's Ukraine? Or the history of Ukrainians?
2. Which key events in Ukrainian history are depicted in the textbooks? Which facts are marginalised or omitted?
3. What turning points in Ukrainian history are referenced in textbooks in connection with Poland-Lithuania, Tsarist Russia, the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation?
4. Which conflicts related to Ukrainian history are addressed in textbooks?
5. Does Ukrainian history contribute to a shared history of Europe and/or Central Eastern Europe?
6. Is the history of the Ukrainian borderlands, known as 'regions which divide and connect', also covered by the textbooks?

The conference will be held in English and Polish with simultaneous translation. Selected presentations and panel discussions will be also available online via ZOOM.

New Deadline for proposal submissions: 30 September 2024

Please send your proposals to: wojtaszyn@wbz.uni.wroc.pl

Deadline for contributor submissions: 1 November 2024

Funding: Travelling costs up to 250€ and accommodation for invited participants will be covered by the organisers

Planned output: Publication of an edited volume