CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



TEACHING TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY: GERMANY – POLAND – UKRAINE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Meeting Halfway...

A Review of the Preliminary Results of the Project

"Teaching Transnational History: Germany – Poland – Ukraine"

November 16–17, 2026

Humboldt University of Berlin
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PROJECT CONTEXT

Humboldt University of Berlin, together with the team carrying out the research project “Teaching Transnational History: Poland – Ukraine – Germany” (2025–2028), invites to a two-day conference, during which preliminary research findings from the aforementioned project will be presented. The project is being realized by the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw and the Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute in Braunschweig, in collaboration with the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and the Center for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

The project (see: https://sharedhistoryedu.com/en/home) aims to achieve two objectives. The first is to conduct sociological research on the current state of knowledge and educational needs regarding the dissemination of knowledge about the history of Polish-Ukrainian relations. The second objective is to develop teaching recommendations for a future joint Polish-Ukrainian textbook for history, as well as pilot modules for joint Polish-Ukrainian history educational materials on the history of Poland and Ukraine within the broader context of Central and Eastern European history from the early modern era to the present day. The starting point is the inspiration and experience gained from work on the Polish-German textbook series “Europa. Nasza historia / Europa – Unsere Geschichte” (vols. 1–4, Warsaw–Wiesbaden 2016–2020).

The main focus of the conference will be the presentation and discussion of the results of interviews conducted as part of the project in Poland, Ukraine, and Germany with parents and teachers, as well as research on historical discourse and textbook narratives. The findings of this research enable an analysis of expectations, the scale of challenges, and areas of tension associated with transnational history education. In addition, the conference will present pedagogical guidelines for the development of joint Polish-Ukrainian educational materials, as well as the status of work on a pilot module about the development of democratic opposition movements in the People’s Republic of Poland and Soviet Ukraine until 1989–1991, set against the backdrop of dissident movements in the countries of the former Eastern Bloc.

The conference is intended to be a working forum and discussion platform on the project results achieved so far and the prospects for further project work. It brings together members of the project team and international guests, including members of bilateral textbook commissions from Poland, Ukraine, and Germany, as well as representatives of European history education networks, such as the joint Council of Europe and European Union project HISTOLAB (Transnational History Education and

Cooperation Laboratory) and the European Association of History Educators (EuroClio). Within this broad forum, current challenges related to transnational history education will be discussed, along with experiences gained from previous European educational projects. This will allow the project “Teaching Transnational History: Germany – Poland – Ukraine” to be presented within the broader context of modern European history education.

MONDAY

16 November 2026

Venue: Lichthof, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin · Unter den Linden 6 · 10099 Berlin · Campus Mitte

Conference languages: English, Polish, Ukrainian

09:30–10:00

Welcome and Introduction

Representatives of the Institute for Slavic and Hungarian Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Polish Academy of Sciences; Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute; National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy; Center for Polish and Ukrainian Studies, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

10:00–11:30

Keynote Session (1)

Moderator: Igor Kąkolewski (Center for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin), Marcin Wiatr (Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute, Braunschweig)

10:00–10:45	Eckhardt Fuchs (Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute) – **Transnational History Between Research and Teaching Practice**
10:45–11:30	Tetiana Portnova (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) **– Teaching Transnational History through Fiction, Film and Music**
11:30–12:00	**Coffee break**

12:00–12:45

Keynote Session (2)

Moderator: Igor Kąkolewski (Center for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin), Marcin Wiatr (Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute, Braunschweig)

12:00–12:45	Włodzimierz Mędrzecki (Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) – **The Perspective of Social History in History Education**
12:45–14:30	**Lunch break**

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14:30–16:30 — Panel I · Sociological Research Findings: Surveys among parents regarding transnational history teaching and national history — one's own and that of neighbours

Moderator: Tomasz Stryjek (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)

14:30–14:50	Poland – Joanna Konieczna-Sałamatin (University of Warsaw): **Results of Focus Group Interviews with Parents (FGIs)**
14:50–15:10	Ukraine – Anna Prokhorova, Oksana Khomiak (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy): **Results of Focus Group Interviews with Parents (FGIs)**
15:10–15:30	Germany – Marcin Fronia: **Results of Focus Group Interviews with Parents (FGIs)**
15:30–15:45	Poland – Grzegorz Demel (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw): **Results of In-Depth Interviews with Teachers (IDIs)**
15:45–16:00	Germany – Marcin Fronia: **Results of In-Depth Interviews with Teachers (IDIs)**
16:00–16:10	**Commentary** – Barbara Markowska-Marczak (Civitas University, Warsaw)
16:10–16:30	**Discussion**
16:30–17:00	**Coffee break**

17:00–18:30 — Panel II · Sociological Research Findings: Discourse Analysis

Moderator: Joanna Konieczna-Sałamatin (University of Warsaw)

17:00–17:15	Poland – Barbara Markowska-Marczak (Civitas University, Warsaw): **Findings from a discourse analysis of Poland's memory policy toward Ukraine**
17:15–17:30	Ukraine – Anna Ivanova (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen): **Findings from a discourse analysis of Ukraine's memory policy toward Poland**
17:30–17:45	Germany – Jakub Sawicki (Center for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin): **Ukraine in German historical politics from 2019 to 2025**

17:45–18:00	Judith M. Rösch – **Narratives on the shared history of Ukraine in school textbooks in Germany**
18:00–18:10	**Commentary** – Tomasz Stryjek (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
18:10–18:30	**Discussion**
18:30	**Evening reception**

TUESDAY

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09:00–11:00

Panel III · Analysis of Narratives in Textbooks and Academic Literature

Moderators: Ihor Shchupak (Tkuma Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies, Dnipro) and Karol Sanojca (University of Wrocław)

09:00–09:15	Panel opening and introduction to the two strands of analysis
09:15–09:30	Ukraine – Anna Prokhorova, Oksana Khomiak (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy): **Narratives on the shared history of Poland and Ukraine in school textbooks**
09:30–09:45	Poland – Dagmara Moskwa (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw): **Narratives on the shared history of Poland and Ukraine in school textbooks**
09:45–10:00	Poland and Ukraine – Roman Romancow (Brama Grodzka, Lublin): **Academic narratives on the conflict over Eastern Galicia in 1918-1923**
10:00–10:25	**Commentary** — Piotr Kroll (University of Warsaw) and Dmytro Mazin (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)
10:25–11:00	**Discussion**
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**

11:30–13:00

Panel IV · Pilot Teaching Modules

The development of democratic opposition movements in the People's Republic of Poland and Soviet Ukraine up to 1989/1991 against the backdrop of dissident movements in the countries of the former Eastern Bloc.

Moderators: Igor Kąkolewski (Center for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin) and Marcin Wiatr (Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute, Braunschweig)

Oleh Bazhan (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv)

Andrzej Dusiewicz (Warsaw)

Yulia Kravchenko (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)

Liubov Krupnyk (National Museum of Ukrainian History, Kyiv)

12:30–13:00	**Discussion**
13:00–14:00	**Lunch break**

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14:00–15:30

Workshop · Developing a Road Map

Teaching Recommendations for Joint Polish–Ukrainian Educational Materials for History Instruction.

Moderator: Maksym Yaremenko (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)

Participants: Kateryna Dysa, Natalia Federovych, Ihor Hyrych, Agnieszka Jaczyńska, Svitlana Liakhovets, Zoriana Lutsyshyn, Jacek Staniszewski, Ihor Teslenko

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:00

Closing Remarks

Larysa Dovga (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy),
Stanislav Kulchytsky (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine),
Henryk Litwin (University of Warsaw),
Grzegorz Motyka (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), Natalia Starchenko (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv)

Summary of the workshop and conference