

TEACHING
TRANSNATIONAL
HISTORY: GERMANY –
POLAND – UKRAINE

JOINT TEXTBOOK PROJECTS IN THE CONTEXT
OF SOCIAL CHANGES FOLLOWING THE RUSSIAN
INVASION OF UKRAINE
IN 2022

Rethinking History for a Changing Europe

How can history education respond to war,
social transformation, and contested
memories?

This international research project brings together scholars from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine to develop a new model of transnational history education – one that moves beyond national narratives and fosters dialogue, critical thinking, and mutual understanding.

Building on the successful experiences of German–French and German–Polish joint history textbooks, the project focuses on the future Polish–Ukrainian history textbook, developed in response to the profound political and social changes triggered by Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

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Kick-off Workshop · Berlin February 9–10, 2026



The kick-off workshop marks the first stage of the project. Historians and sociologists will work collaboratively on:

- developing research instruments for public opinion surveys (parents, teachers, education professionals),
- analysing memory policies and textbook narratives in Poland and Ukraine,
- defining the methodological foundations for a future joint history textbook.

Working Languages:

Polish · Ukrainian · English

Project Website:

[Polish](#)

[German](#)

FROM RESEARCH TO TEXTBOOK:

2026–2027: Empirical research and public opinion surveys in Poland and Ukraine

2028: Publication of the methodological framework for the Polish–Ukrainian history textbook, along with teaching support materials

Following years: Development of the Polish–Ukrainian joint history textbook

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Workshop Program



9 February 2026

9.00–9.30 – Welcome by the Representatives of the Polish-German Foundation for Science and the Workshop Organizers

Morning session:

Chair: Igor Kąkolewski & Marcin Wiatr

9.30–11.00 Presentation: Experiences from the Polish-German Transnational History Textbook Project "Europe. Our History" (2016–2020)

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 Presentation: Poland and Ukraine: Shared History and Asymmetrical Memory... Towards a Common Polish-Ukrainian History Textbook for Schools

13.00–14.00 Lunch break

Afternoon session:

Chair: Tomasz Stryjek

14.00–15.30 Presentation: a) The Project's Academic Framework and Main Research Directions; b) Project's Research Questions (FGI, IDI, Discourse Analysis, Textbook Narrative Analysis) in Light of the Priorities of the Future Textbook's Curriculum and Methodology.

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.00 Plenary discussion

17.00 Dinner



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10 February 2026

Morning session:

Chairs: Leaders of the research components

9.30–11.00 Team-based work (two or three persons) on the preparation of research instruments for the research components. [The research instruments developed in writing to be prepared and submitted to the project management by the end of February to settle the remuneration for their preparation]

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 Team-based work (cont.)

13.00–14.00 Lunch break

Afternoon session:

14.00–15.00 Team-based work (cont.)

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00 Preparation of professional media and communication materials presenting the project and its objectives, with participation of the project members

17.00 Dinner



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