

# PROGRAM

## VIRTUAL YOUNG SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP

organized by Herder-Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe (Marburg, Germany), the Institute for the Culture and History of Germans in Northeast Europe - IKG (Lüneburg, Germany) and the Institute for Lithuanian History (Vilnius, Lithuania)

## Security in the Baltic Sea Region in Historical Perspective

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As a result of the recent Russian attack on Ukraine, general awareness of the possibility of armed conflict and the importance of maintaining security has increased. This is especially true for countries such as Germany, which is experiencing a "turning point" in the public perception of these issues. Countries of East-Central Europe have generally given them high priority for a long time already.

Conflicts and security are inextricably intertwined with history. On the one hand, current politics of aggression or security often have historical justifications that in some cases go back centuries, and in other cases involve the immediate pre-history of current security arrangements. On the other hand, the history of conflict and security itself provides important insight into how international security arrangements work. Therefore, studying the conflicts of earlier centuries is also of great value.

The workshop aims to integrate these two aspects. It will be based on a broad definition of international relations: in addition to hard factors like military organizations, international treaties, or political and economic power, also soft factors are taken into account, like cultures, collective identities, personal networks and many more. The focus is on the regions and states of the Baltic Sea Region that historically had to find ways to secure their existence between the great powers in the East and the West. Doing so, the workshop wants to discuss current methodological concepts on conflict and security.

10.00 am **Heidi Hein-Kircher** (Marburg), **David Feest** (Lüneburg), **Aurimas Svedas** (Vilnius):  
Welcome and short Introduction: Security and Conflict Studies

### CONFLICT AND SECURITY IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

- 10.30 am **Miglė Lapėnaitė** (Vilnius):  
A Micro Level Perspective in Conflict Analysis: An Ethnographic Study of Ukraine
- 11.00 am **Christina Stremming** (Greifswald):  
Germany's Assumption of a Leadership Role in Enhanced Forward Presence.  
The Influence of Political Parties on the Discussion of Germany's Commitment  
in the German Bundestag
- 11.30 am **Tim Salzer** (Gießen):  
Securitization and Social Differentiation. Michel Dobry's Political Sociology in Dialogue  
with Critical Security Studies
- 12.00 pm Break

## CONFLICT AND SECURITY AS RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR HISTORY

- 1.00 pm **Marina Bantiou** (Thessaly):  
Baltic Chain: The Peace Protest in 1989 and its Extensions to International Developments
- 1.30 pm **Thomas Rettig** (Greifswald):  
The West Russian Volunteer Army. A History of Imperial Entanglements in Europe after the Fall of Empires (1917-1923)
- 2.00 pm **Heiko Brendel** (Passau):  
Modelling Sea Power in the Baltic Sea Region from the 16th to the 21st Century
- 2.30 pm **Donivor Mutalov** (Tashkent):  
Lessons of Cold War for Sweden and Finland
- 3.00 pm Break

## CONFLICT AND SECURITY IN URBAN HISTORY

- 3.30 pm **Aaron Blüm** (Marburg):  
The Galician Oil Industry as a "Jewish" Industry and Its End Through Securitization
- 4.00 pm **Kajetan Stobiecki** (Marburg):  
Securing the Region—Pilsen as 'Czech Watchtower in the West
- 4.30 pm Break

## KEYNOTE

- 5.00 pm **Thorsten Bonacker** (Marburg):  
Current Challenges for Conflict and Security Studies



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