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Diasporas, Exile Scholars and Knowledge Production in Area Studies

GERMAN HISTORICAL
INSTITUTE WARSAW*

Monday — 20 April 2026

09.00–09.30

Welcome and Opening Remarks:
Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich),
Kai Willms (Basel)

PANEL 1

Russian Perspectives

Chair: **Anton Liavitski** (Munich)

09.30–11.35

Alexander Dmitriev (Prague)
Dmytro Chizhevsky and Roman
Jakobson in European and Global
Slavic Studies (1926–1945–1968)

Andrei Yakovlev (Berlin)
The Role of the Russian Academic
Diaspora: Before and After 2022

Ivan Boldyrev (Nijmegen)
Mapping The Diaspora of Russian
Economists: Preliminary Thoughts

Yulia Sineokaya (Paris)
Russian Studies: The Impact
of the Invasion of Ukraine

Commentary: **Jan Musekamp**
(Warsaw)

Discussion

11.35–11.55 — **Coffee Break**

PANEL 2

Caucasus Perspectives

Chair: **Michal Kopeček** (Vienna)

11.55–13.45

Giorgi Meladze (Berlin)
Exile Academics and the Circulation
of Knowledge: Between Participation
and Exclusion

Argpine Maniero (Munich)
Armenian Studies Between Diaspora
and Armenia: Knowledge Production,
Politics, and National Narratives

Zaur Gasimov (Istanbul)
Co-Shaping an Area Studies: Polish
Turkology in the Twentieth Century

Commentary: **Guram Kvaratskhelia**
(Berlin)

Discussion

13.45–15.15 — **Lunch Break**

PANEL 3

Ukrainian Perspectives

Chair: **Dorothee Bohle** (Vienna)

15.15–17.05

Ostap Sereda (Lviv/Berlin)
Between American Academia
and Ukrainian Émigré Community:
Ukrainian Studies at Harvard
and the Changing Framework of
East European Historical Studies

Maria Kovalchuk (Munich)
A Man Who Foresaw the Collapse
of the Soviet Union: Roman Szporluk
and His Contributions to Area Stud-
ies and the Theory of Nationalism

Oleksandr Avramchuk (Warsaw)
The Ukrainian Contribution to Cold
War Area Studies on the Soviet
Union: The Munich Institute as a
Case Study

Commentary: **Tomasz Hen-Konarski**
(Warsaw)

Discussion

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PANEL 4

Polish Perspectives

Chair: **Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska**
(Warsaw)

09.00–10.50

Kai Willms (Basel)
Opportunities and Challenges of
East–West Knowledge Transfers:
The Case of Cold War Polish Émigré
Scholars in the United States

Śławomir Łukasiewicz (Lublin)
Sovietologists From Poland and
Their Cold War Networks

Beata Halicka (Poznań)
Exile, Gender and Knowledge
Production: Polish Scholars
in Postwar American Academia

Commentary: **Claudia Kraft**
(Vienna)

Discussion

10.50–11.10 — **Coffee Break**

11.10–13.00

FINAL DISCUSSION

Introducing Remarks:
Alexander Libman (Berlin)

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