



## Student Conference

### Thematic DAAD Network “Zones of Cultural Contact and Conflict in Eastern Europe” “Cultural Contact and Conflict Regions in Eastern Europe”

Organizers: German Academic Exchange Service/DAAD Network “Zones of Cultural Contact and Conflict in Eastern Europe”, at the Giessen Centre for Eastern European Studies, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen

Venue: Justus-Liebig-University Giessen

Date: 14th – 16th April 2014

Languages: German, English

Target group: advanced master’s students

Disciplines: linguistics, literary studies, history, political studies, sciences, cultural studies

## Call for papers

Regions of cultural contact and conflict are understood here as imperial and linguistic peripheral zones, transitional zones and contact zones, as well as urban spaces characterized by linguistic, ethnic, confessional or other contact and conflict scenarios which can be defined as cultural. Also taken into consideration will be such zones of conflict and contact which are no longer characterised by their former cultural pluralism, but in which this pluralism nevertheless continues to play a major role in memory politics and identity politics or in the historical-literary reflection. The range of zones of contact and conflict runs from low-conflict co-existence (as in Kazan between Russians and Tatars or in Minsk between Belarusians and Russians), through confrontational rivalries over historical and political identity (e. g. Cluj-Napoca in the 1990s), to violent escalations of cultural conflict patterns (as happened in Łódź between 1939-1945 and in the former Yugoslavia between 1991-1995). The focus here is on a broad geographic definition of Eastern Europe, which includes not only Central Eastern, South Eastern and Eastern Europe but also zones of interaction with Turkic-speaking nations and communities in the successor states of the Soviet Union.

Topic presentations should be related to the focus areas of the Thematic DAAD-Network:

- 1) Imperialism and nationalism
- 2) Multilingualism and language contacts



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- 3) Regionalism and regional studies
- 4) Urban history and urbanisation
- 5) Translation and cultural transfer
- 6) Text types of narrative studies

Topic presentations should be 20 minutes in length, and should be accompanied by a Power Point presentation (or similar). Each presentation will be followed by 10 minutes of group discussion.

Participants will also be offered the opportunity to participate in an extensive cultural programme.

Applications:

- Deadline: Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- Application: abstract of your topic/presentation (circa one page), topic of the presentation, short CV; please inform us in which language you will give your presentation and which focus area of the Thematic DAAD-Network it relates to
- Submissions to [Netzwerk@gizo.uni-giessen.de](mailto:Netzwerk@gizo.uni-giessen.de)