

## Planned Events

### 2013

- Opening Conference in Kazan on “Multilingualism in Times of Radical Political Change”
- Master Class at the Herder Institute Marburg in cooperation with GiZo and GCSC on “Concepts of Regionalism and Urbanism in Multicultural Contexts”

### 2014

- Student conference in Giessen aimed at potential future doctoral students
- Workshop in Giessen on the transnational development of the structured doctoral programme, in cooperation with the GCSC
- Interdisciplinary German-Polish Summer School “Constructions of Identity in Contact Zones and Conflict Regions” in Łódź
- Master Class at the GCSC in Giessen on “Narrative Studies”

### 2015

- Summer school in Giessen on “Multiculturalism: Concepts, Scenarios, Politics”
- Workshop at the Herder Institute Marburg on “New Media in the Context of Eastern Europe”

### 2016

- Master Class “Researching Multilingualism” in cooperation with GCSC and Leibniz Graduate School (HI) in Giessen
- Final Conference “Zones of Cultural Contact and Conflict in Eastern Europe” in Giessen

### Under the Auspices of:

Giessen Centre for Eastern European Studies (GiZo)

### Cooperation Partners:

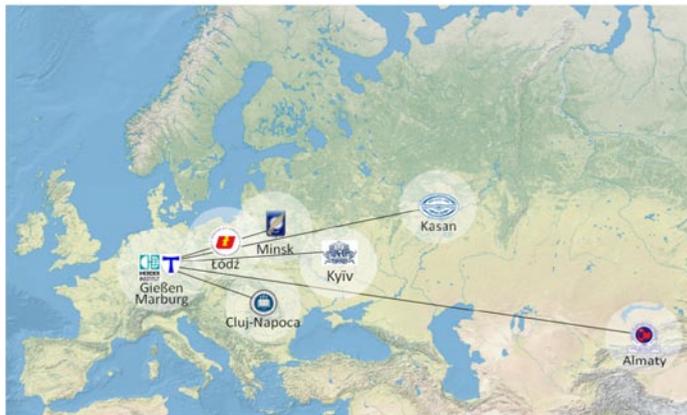
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International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC)  
Research Unit For Holocaust Literature  
Centre for Media and Interactivity (ZMI)

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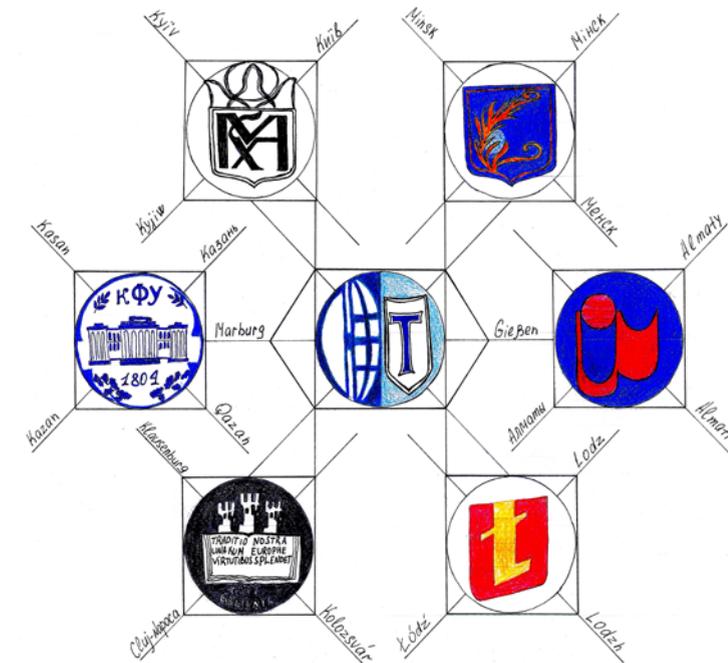
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## Thematic Network

# Zones of Cultural Contact and Conflict in Eastern Europe



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Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst  
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The Thematic Network explores imperial and national-linguistic border zones, transitional regions and conflict zones as well as urban areas that are characterised by ethnic, linguistic, denominational and other culturally-shaped scenarios of contact and conflict. We also take into account those zones of conflict that no longer exhibit the rich cultural diversity they once possessed but in which this former diversity nevertheless still plays a significant role in memory and identity politics, as well as in historical and literary reflection.

Six Eastern-European partners of the Network are especially suitable for this research cooperation:

**Almaty (Kazakhstan):** place of interaction between Turkic- and Russian-speaking societies

**Kazan (Russian Federation, Tatarstan):** Russian-Tatarian contact zone

**Cluj-Napoca (Romania):** Romanian-Hungarian-German-Jewish contact zone

**Kyiv (Ukraine):** Ukrainian-Russian contact zone

**Łódź (Poland):** Polish-German-Jewish interaction

**Minsk (Belarus):** Belarusian-Polish-Russian-Jewish contact zone

Key Research Points of the Network:

- 1) Imperialism and nationalism
- 2) Multilingualism and language contacts
- 3) Regionalism and regional studies
- 4) Urban history and urbanisation
- 5) Translation and cultural transfer
- 6) Text types and narrative studies

more information at:  
[www.uni-giessen.de/gizo/netzwerk/projekt](http://www.uni-giessen.de/gizo/netzwerk/projekt)

## Our Partners in Eastern Europe

**The Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages (KazUMOiMYA)** in Almaty is a multidisciplinary research and educational centre of Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Memorandum of Understanding with JLU Giessen since 2010.

**The Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University (KFU)** is the second oldest university of the Russian Federation and, since its foundation in 1804, it has been one of the biggest and most important centres for the humanities and social sciences. Partnership agreement with JLU Giessen since 1989.

**The Babeş-Bolyai University (BBU)** in Cluj-Napoca is one of the biggest state universities in Romania. Trilingual since 1995 (Romanian, Hungarian and German), the university positions itself as multicultural and incorporates into its scientific practice the cultural diversity of Transylvania. University partnership in German Studies with JLU Giessen since 2007.

**The National University of Kyev-Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA)** is one of the oldest universities in Ukraine and was reopened in 1992. The University offers internationally oriented bachelor and master degree courses. Since 2012 consists one international agreement for exchange between researchers JLU and NaUKMA.

**The University of Łódź (UŁ)** is one of the biggest Polish universities. Since 1952 it has been offering the oldest course in Poland in Polish as a foreign language. Partnership agreement with JLU Giessen since 1978.

**The Belarusian State University (BSU)** in Minsk is the leading university of the country. Since its foundation in 1921 the BSU has been a significant scientific centre of the Republic, not least because of its research into the history, culture and languages of different countries and regions. Cooperation agreement with JLU Giessen since 2011.

## Institutions Responsible for the Project

**The Giessen Centre for Eastern European Studies (GiZo)**, founded in 2006, is the regional studies research and teaching centre for Eastern Europe in Hessen. It incorporates Slavic studies, the history of Eastern Europe and Turkology in combination with political science, law and economics. Combining cultural and social sciences, its research on Eastern Europe creates the optimal conditions for an interdisciplinary investigation of the region.

**The Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe – Institute of the Leibniz Association (HI)**, founded in 1950, is one of the key institutions in Germany for historical and cultural research on East Central Europe. The institute offers one of the best specialized libraries as well as a large collection of sources and carries out numerous research and development projects.

## Project Goals

- Extension of the previous partnerships to a multilateral thematic network
- Development of funding instruments for young researchers with partners in Eastern Europe
- Development of a trinational degree course with partners in Eastern Europe (in linguistics, literary studies and history)
- Development of modules for scientific communication within cross-border research and teaching
- Regular publications on the key research topics of the Network

## Cooperation Activities

- Study and research stays for doctoral students and young researchers in Germany and partner countries
- Short-term stays for visiting professors, block lectures
- Workshops, Summer Schools, Master Classes
- Conferences