

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Transformations of Eastern Europe in the 20th Century 1945 – between war and peace

HISTORICAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW
November 20-21, 2025



Conference programme

Hybrid mode

Venue: Refectory (Ossolineum, Szewska Street 37, 50–139 Wrocław) and Zoom

Conference organizing committee: Dr hab. prof. UWrocław Małgorzata Ruchniewicz (Head of the committee), Dr Magdalena Gibiec, Dr hab. prof. UWrocław Grzegorz Hryciuk, Dr Aleksander Srebrakowski

Day 1, 20 November 2025 (Thursday)

8.20 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. – Online login of participants, registration of stationary participants

8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. – Opening ceremony

Section I

9.00 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

Chair: dr hab. prof. UWrocław Grzegorz Hryciuk

1. Prof. Galyna Starodubets (Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University), *The Sovietization of the Living Space of Poles in Volhynia in the 1920s–1930s: Main Markers of Everyday Life Changes*
2. Dr Piotr Olechowski (University of Silesia in Katowice / Jan Karski Institute of War Losses in Warsaw), *The Activities of Soviet Special Services (NKVD) Toward Poles in the Ukrainian SSR in 1933–1936 and 1937–1938: An Attempt to Compare the Bases of Repression*
3. Prof. dr hab. Piotr Cichoracki (University of Wrocław), *Belarusians in the Second Polish Republic and the Issue of Subcarpathian Rus in 1938–1939*

4. Prof. Aliaksandr Smalianchuk (Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences), *The Countryman Michał Römer (1880–1945): Between Poland, Lithuania, and Belarus*
- Discussion

10.50 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. – coffee break

Section II

11.10 a.m. – 12.40 p.m.

Chair: prof. Piotr Cichoracki

1. Dr Pavel Ablamski (University of Silesia in Katowice), *Poland and the Poles in the Pages of the Magazine “Bielaruskaje Žyćcio” (1919–1920)*
2. Prof. Andriy Slesarenko (Rivne State University for the Humanities), *Antisemitism in Nazi Germany in Soviet Feature Films of the 1930s*
3. Dr Oksana Hysa (Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University), *The Composer and Musicologist Myroslav Skoryk (1939–2020) – A Portrait of the Artist in the Mirror of His Era*

Discussion

12.40 p.m. – 1.40 p.m. – lunch

Section III

1.40 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.

Chair: dr Aleksander Srebrakowski

1. Prof. Mišo Dokmanović (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University), *From Liberated Territory to a People’s Republic: Macedonia in 1945*
2. Dr Jerzy Rohoziński (Pilecki Institute), *The Year 1945: The Birth of Soviet Islam and the Sacralization of the “Great Patriotic War” (The Case of Kazakhstan)*
3. Dr Vitalija Stravinskienė (Institute of History of Lithuania), *The Year 1945 in the Vilnius Region: National Transformations*

Discussion

3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. – coffee break

Section IV

3.30 p.m. – 5.40 p.m.

Chair: dr hab. Prof. UW r Małgorzata Ruchniewicz

1. Doc. Stsiapan Zakharkevich, (European Humanities University in Vilnius), *“United Brothers–Ukrainians and Brothers–Belarusians”: The Production of Knowledge by Soviet*

Ethnography in 1939–1941 as a Means of Epistemological Service to Ideology and Propaganda

2. Prof. Oleh Razyhryayev (Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University in Lutsk), *Accounts and Memoirs of the Polish Soviet Partisans as a Source for Research on the Polish–Ukrainian Conflict during the Second World War*
3. Prof. Victor Shadurski (University of Wrocław), *The Events of the Second World War in the Propaganda of the Belarusian Authoritarian Regime after 2020*
4. Prof. Leonid Zaszkilniak (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv), *Discussions on the Colonial Status of Ukraine in the USSR in Contemporary Ukrainian Historiography*
5. Prof. Dieter Pohl (University of Klagenfurt), *The Forgotten Occupation: (West) German Historical Consciousness and Research on the War Occupation in Eastern Europe*

Discussion

5.40 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. – coffee break

Section V

6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Chair: prof. Victor Shadurski

1. Olena Datsiuk (National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War), *“Communist Modernization in Eastern Europe”: Promises and the Reality of Social Change*
2. Mariusz Fornagiel (Jagiellonian University), *Agrarian Reform as an Element in Building Internal Security in Slovakia and Southern Poland (1945–1948)*
3. Prof. Svitlana Soroka (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz), *Regional Referenda during the Dissolution of the USSR as a Reflection of Socio-Political Contradictions (The Case of Ukraine and Moldova)*

Discussion

Day 2, 21 November 2025 (Friday)

Section I

9.00 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

Chair: dr Wojciech Marciniak

1. Dr hab. prof. UWr Grzegorz Hryciuk (University of Wrocław), *The Real End of the War? Poles in the Former Eastern Borderlands of the Second Polish Republic in the Face of the End of Military Operations in Europe and Asia in 1945*
2. Prof. Jarosław Syrnyk (University of Wrocław), *The Expulsions of Polish Citizens of Ukrainian Nationality in 1944–1947 – A Change of Paradigm*
3. Dr Joanna Hytrek-Hryciuk (The Ossoliński National Institute, Pan Tadeusz Museum), *To Poland – But Where Exactly? Students of the Junior Volunteer Schools and Their Reflections on Coming to Poland*
4. Dr hab. Grzegorz Sokołowski (Archdiocesan Archive in Wrocław), *A Universal Church? Nationality and Religion in the Context of the Lower Silesian Resettlements of 1945*

Discussion

10.50 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. – coffee break

Section II

11.10 a.m. – 12.40 a.m.

Chair: dr Joanna Hytrek-Hryciuk

1. Prof. Mikoła Kuczerepa (Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University in Lutsk), *Volhynia 1944–1947: War after the War*
2. Dr Aleksander Srebrakowski (University of Wrocław), *Fates of the Academic Staff and Employees of Stefan Batory University in Vilnius after 1944*
3. Dr Anna Kurpiel (University of Wrocław), *The Half-Sheepskin Coat with Embroidery as a Witness and Participant of Social Changes in Lower Silesia after the Second World War*

Discussion

12.40 p.m. – 1.40 p.m. – lunch

Section III

1.40 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.

Chair: dr hab. prof. UWr Barbara Techmańska

1. Dr Wojciech Marciniak (University of Łódź), *Difficult Greetings with the Homeland: The First Days in Postwar Poland in the Accounts and Memories of Siberian Deportees*
2. Dr Marcelina Jakimowicz (University of Wrocław), *Collectivization of the Western Ukrainian Countryside in Memoir Narratives*

3. Dr. Oleksandra Stasiuk (I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), *Transformations of Collective Ukrainian Perceptions of the Second World War*
4. Dr hab. prof. UWr Robert Klementowski (University of Wrocław), *The Year 1945 – Eighty Years Later: Imaginations – Myths – Idiosyncrasies*
5. Kamil Gleń (Commission of National Education University in Kraków), *Between Nostalgia and Reckoning: Social Memory of the USSR in Armenia after 1991*

Discussion

3.50 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. – coffee break

Section IV

4.10 p.m. – 6.20 p.m.

Chair: dr hab. prof. UWr Robert Klementowski

1. Tamara Kutsaieva (National Historical-Architectural Museum “The Fortress of Kyiv”), *The Concept of “Crisis / Military Museology” for Ukraine*
2. Mateusz Jasik (Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk), *The Pitfalls of Popularization: Questions about the Boundary between Activation and Trivialization of Historical Education in Museums*
3. Dr hab. prof. UWr Barbara Techmańska (University of Wrocław), *Historical Education in Poland on the Topic of the Second World War (Schools)*
4. Prof. Oksana Danylenko (independent researcher), *The Specifics of Presenting Second World War Events in Ukrainian History Textbooks: A Narrative and Conflictological Content Analysis*
5. Dr Olena Rosińska (Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University), *National Discourse in Ukrainian and Polish Films about the Second World War*

Discussion

6.20 p.m. – 6.40 p.m. – Conclusion, closing of the conference

