

Online Workshop Programme

18th of March 2024

Common New Agendas in Turbulent International Environments – German & Polish approaches towards the Eastern Partnership region

On the Topic:

The European integration faces several challenges in the current poly-crisis. There have been significant joint interests between Poland and Germany on how to proceed further within the EU and the EU's foreign policy. Germany and Poland show both strong divergences and overlapping interests. However, there is a lack of comparative foreign policy analysis of the different Europeanisation parameters of Germany and Poland about EU policy in the eastern neighbourhood. The planned workshop intends to focus on similarities and differences in the foreign policy preferences of Germany and Poland about different geostrategic preferences on the one hand and different approaches to democracy promotion in the EU's eastern neighbourhood on the other.

On the Project:

The joint Giessen-Krakow project “**A comparison of the politicisation of EU policy towards the Eastern Partnership countries in German and Polish foreign policy (EU-East-G-PL)**” is funded by the German-Polish Research Foundation.

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Within our project, we jointly set up a database on parliamentary debates and media discussions in the German Bundestag and the Polish Sejm on the related topic. We elaborate a joint methodological scheme to provide a MAXQDA-based analysis on the topic.

During the online workshop, we welcome several researchers, academics and practitioners working on German-Polish relations and/or on the Eastern Partnership.

We, as the **EU-East-G-PL** research team will introduce our preliminary research result.

Please see the draft program attached.

With kind regards

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Programme

Date	18 March 2024	
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Welcome Remarks		
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. habil. Magdalena Góra Jagellonian University Cracow • Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich Justus-Liebig-University Gießen 	
Session I: German-Polish Relations & Challenges in Eastern Europe		
9:20 – 10:15	Topic: Opening Speech Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Marzenna Guz-Vetter member of <i>Team Europe Direct</i> and former director of the European Commission Representation in Poland Discussant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bastian Sendhardt German Institute of Polish Affairs 	<i>Chair:</i> Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen
10:15 – 10:30	Break	

Session II: Round Table: Restarting Polish-German Cooperation on EaP & the Enlargement?		
10:30 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirk Schuebel EU Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership • Wojciech Przybylski Visegrad Insight, Warsaw • Małgorzata Kopka-Piątek Head of the European and Migration Policy Programme in the Institute of Public Affairs 	<p><i>Chair</i> Ilona Poseluzna M.A., Jagiellonian University Cracow</p>
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Break	
Session III: Politicization of EaP: The Cases of Germany & Poland		
12:30 – 13:45	<p>Paper 1: <i>Politicization of the EaP in the German Discourse</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich Justus-Liebig-University Gießen • Maraïke Nicole Vandergrift, M.A. Justus-Liebig-University Gießen <p>Paper 2: <i>Politicization of the EaP in the Polish foreign policy? The impact of Russian aggression on Ukraine.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. habil. Magdalena Góra Jagellonian University Cracow • Volodymyr Posviatenko, M.A. Jagellonian University Cracow <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Karolina Pomorska Leiden University 	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. Jan Grzymiski, Jagiellonian University Cracow</p>
13:45 – 14:00	Break	
Session IV: Perspectives on the Prospective EU Enlargement		
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Paper 1 <i>Enlargement scepticism: the Austrian perspective on the neighbourhood</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Doris Wydra Paris Lodron University Salzburg <p>Paper 2 <i>In search of a common agenda in the approach of Polish and German institutional actors towards the reconsideration of the EU Eastern policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. habil. Vadim Zheltovsky University of Warsaw <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich & Dr. habil. Magdalena Góra 	<p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. habil. Joanna Dyduch Jagiellonian University Cracow</p>

Concluding Session

15:20 – 15:45

Closing remarks by

- Dr. habil. Magdalena Góra, Jagellonian University Cracow
- Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen