

Interdisciplinary Conference

„Self-positioning of Eastern European Societies in Global Relations –
Conceptions of Space and Self-presentations in School Textbooks”

Call for Papers and Presentations - Deadline: 25 August 2017

Date: November 6, 2017, 5 pm – November 7, 2017, 4:30 pm

Venue: Saxon Academy of Sciences in Leipzig (SAW) / GWZO Leipzig

Organizer: Representatives of the Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA (in charge: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Lentz), The German Association for East European Studies (DGO), Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research (GEI), Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and the University of Münster with international guests.

Short description:

The German Association for East European Studies (DGO) in co-operation with several Institutes of the Leibniz Association and the Leibniz Science Campus “Eastern Europe – Global Area” holds this interdisciplinary conference that is jointly organized by the EEGA and the DGO branch in Leipzig.

Topic and objective of the symposium:

The core objective of the interdisciplinary symposium is to raise awareness for the autonomy of Eastern European countries and societies with regard to processes of globalization. These processes can be social, economic or cultural. The special focus of discussion, empirical material and findings should be on textbooks, as they are highly influential in the self-representation of nations. Papers with historical perspectives, e.g. on the agenda of a transnational socialist globalization, are as welcome as the countries’ own perspectives at present time.

The conference intends to highlight that such self-positioning partly constitutes national/collective identities in Eastern Europe. They are in turn, constantly utilised, reproduced, contested and adjusted. In this regard, history, geography, political/civic education and social studies textbooks as well as school curricula/syllabi are expected to give interesting insight to (national) self-positioning.

Call for papers:

Please send your proposals for papers, panels and/or presentations (CV, abstract of 250 – 500 words) to leibniz-eega@ifl-leipzig.de until **25 August 2017**. Papers are invited in English, German, French, Polish and Russian. The conference language for presentations and discussions will be English. Presentations should last no more than 20 minutes and be open to discussion afterwards. We would like to encourage panel organizers to engage in innovative presentation and discussion formats.

Selection of papers and presentations will take place in September, applicants will be informed by the end of September. Travel and accommodation expenses of participants invited for presentation will be covered by the organizers. Presenters are invited to publish a summary of their paper online in the EEGA@connections series of the journal “Connections – A Journal for Historians and Area Specialists” (<http://www.connections.clio-online.net/>) and may have the option to publish their papers in an edited print/open access format as well.

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