

## SCIENCE IN A COLLECTIVE EUROPE

The transfer project "Science in a Collective Europe" is a subproject of the LOEWE Research Cluster "Conflict Regions in Eastern Europe". The transfer project aims to cultivate new forms of East-West scientific communication and pass on the project results to the interested public. The subproject divides the most important aspects of scientific communication into five rubrics. The fifth subproject is directed expressly towards the general public.

- C1 Annual conferences and workshops in Germany and at partner locations in Kazan and Kyiv promote dialogue between researchers.
- C2 The East-West Tandem Authorship addresses transnational publication formats that will be conducted between colleagues and partners from the wider network.
- C3 This subproject involves the implementation and development of tandem seminars, online courses and university curricula together with international partners.
- C4 Dialogue symposiums in established formats are also scheduled in cooperation with the associated partners of the LOEWE Research Cluster: The Hessian Foundation for Peace and Conflict Studies (HSFK), the Schrader Foundation in Frankfurt, the German Poland Institute (DPI) in Darmstadt as well as the Center for Conflict Studies in Marburg.
- C5 Media Partnerships: Print and other media will accompany the project and its milestone activities.

Follow the activities of the LOEWE Research Cluster on our blog: [www.konfliktregionen.wordpress.com](http://www.konfliktregionen.wordpress.com)

The structure of the LOEWE Research Cluster can be found here:



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## LOEWE-Research Cluster Regions of Conflict in Eastern Europe





The dramatic developments in Ukraine in 2013/2014, the Crimean annexation in 2014 and the subsequent Western sanctions against Russia thrust the continent into a renewed East-West conflict. Despite the Ukrainian-Russian crisis being the most tangible element of this conflict, the other regional conflicts in Eastern Europe which have remained unresolved have also garnered attention. The continued existence of conflict has led to the present-day conclusion that previous miscalculations were caused by inadequate interpretations rather than a lack of factual knowledge. The new LOEWE Research Cluster examines historical as well as modern-day conflict regions in Eastern Europe including and beyond the current Ukrainian-Russian crisis.

## RESEARCH MISSION

The aim of this LOEWE Research Cluster is to advance a new typology of conflict regions through direct dialogue with partners in Eastern Europe on the basis of a multi-perspective analysis of past and present conflict regions and using frames of reference from historical, linguistic, cultural and social studies.

## KEY QUESTION

The LOEWE Research Cluster "Conflict Regions in Eastern Europe" is guided by the principle to establish interpretative insight as a criterion for resolution strategies and to develop new forms of scholarly communication between the East and West, thereby mending the renewed rift in Europe.

- Through which actors and media are conflicts constructed?
- How do conflicts manifest?
- Which dynamics characterize courses of conflict?
- How can competing interpretations be evaluated?

## THREE POSTDOC PROJECTS Theory and Methods Base Project

The base project's objectives are comparative in nature, although additional thematic cross-sections are included with a focus on Ukraine. All three objectives focus on the substantial themes of conflict constellations. LOEWE's three fundamental disciplines – social sciences, history and linguistics – encapsulate the research field which is supported by three other adaptable interdisciplinary subjects.

- A1 International Conflict Management and European Integration amidst the New East-West Conflict. Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova – comparative international strategies  
Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich, Dr. Vera Axyonova
- A2 Media (and Knowledge) Representations of Interethnic and Legacy Conflicts: West-Ukraine, Transylvania, Southern Slovakia since 1980  
Prof. Dr. Peter Haslinger, Dr. Eszter Gantner
- A3 Language and Nationality Policies within Internationalization, Nationalization and Regionalization – ethnic conflicts in Ukraine, Russia and other eastern States of the Council of Europe  
Prof. Dr. Monika Wingender, Dr. Nadiya Trach

The nine empirical-qualitative case-studies focus on the current Russian-Ukrainian conflict as well as other past conflicts that persist today on the basis of their conditions, development and actors.

## NINE DOCTORAL PROJECTS Case Studies on Past and Present

- B1 Memory Politics, Identity Economics and Integration Concepts as Constitutive Factors in the Russian-Ukrainian Crisis Zone (1945-2015)  
Dr. Anna Veronika Wendland, Iryna Lysenko, M.A.
- B2 Elections, Polls and Surveys as Factors in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Langenohl, Sophie Schmäing, M.A.
- B3 Ukraine. Overlapping Region and Norm Export in the Cultural Sciences  
Prof. Dr. Thomas Daiber, Ruben Biewald, M.A.
- B4 White Russification and Sovietization. Belarus between Polish-Russian tensions 1905-2015  
Prof. Dr. Thomas Bohn, Mark Berman, M.A.
- B5 A Part of the Russian World? Discourse constructions of a Kazakh national history as a strategy to bolster post-Soviet sovereignty  
Prof. Dr. Mark Kirchner, Güldane Akbaş, M.A.
- B6 Loyalty and Minority Conflicts in the Baltics from the Turn of the Century until 1940  
PD Dr. Heidi Hein-Kircher, Vera Volkmann, M.A.
- B7 Macedonia as an International Intervention and (Dis-) Integration Environment: global and local actors (1890-2015)  
Prof. Dr. Stefan Rohdewald, Denis Ljuljanović, M.A.
- B8 Contrasting Concepts of Governance: The Free City of Danzig and the League of Nations between local and transnational conflict management (1918-1939)  
PD Dr. Christian Lotz, Adrian Mitter, M.A.
- B9 From a Cosmopolitan Melting Pot to an Ethnically Segregated Society: the Lodz region 1905-1949/2015  
Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg, Michal Turski, M.A.