



Poland's Wars of Symbols

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15th May 2017 | EuropaPunkt

Round Table Discussion | 17:00

The panel discussion with **Jan Kubik**, director of the School of Slavonic and East-European Studies at the University College London and **Agnieszka Graff** from the University of Warsaw will be devoted to the current symbolic clashes in Poland, the rising skepticism about the EU in Eastern Europe and the future of the European project. Moderated by **Magdalena Waligórska**.

16th May 2017 | Haus der Wissenschaft

Keynote | 9:00 - 10:00

Jan Kubik and **Marta Kotwas** (University College London): "Polish Symbolic Wars: from Unity in Diversity of the Solidarity Era to the Polarization of 'the Fourth Republic'"

Coffee break | 10:00 - 10:30

Panel 1 | 10:30 - 12:15

Chair: Wolfgang Kissel (Universität Bremen)

Agnieszka Graff (Uniwersytet Warszawski): "Claiming the Anchor, the Shipyard and the Cowboy Hat for Women. Polish Feminism in Dialogue (and Struggle) with National Symbolism"

Silke Plate (Forschungsstelle Osteuropa Bremen): "Virgin Mary on the Polish Underground Postage Stamps of the 1980s"

Agnieszka Balcerzak (Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München) "Between the Cross and the Rainbow: Protest Culture in the Polish LGTB Movement"

Lunch break | 12:15-13:45

Panel 2 | 13:45 - 15:30

Chair: Hans-Henning Hahn (Universität Oldenburg)

Simon Lewis (FU Berlin): "Symbols of War: Recent Polish War Cinema and Critical Cosmopolitanism"

Marcin Napiórkowski (Uniwersytet Warszawski): "Merchandising the Past: Did Warsaw Uprising Become a Cultural Franchise?"

Bartłomiej Różycki (Instytut Studiów Politycznych PAN): "A Collective Memory in Arms: The Militarized Political Culture in Poland and its Symbols"

Coffee break | 15:30 - 16:00

Panel 3 | 16:00 - 17:45

Chair: Rüdiger Ritter (Universität Bremen)

Wojciech Wilczyk (Kraków), "Introduction of the Project: 'Polish-Polish Dictionary'"

Kornelia Kończal (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt): "The Post-War Partisan Struggle as a Western Movie: 'Damned Soldiers' in the Polish Politics of Memory"

Magdalena Waligórska (Universität Bremen) "Symbol of the Cross in the Polish Political Imagination"

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10:00 (optional) A guided tour of Research Centre for East European Studies and its archive. Please register with Silke Plate: splate@uni-bremen.de