

PROGRAMME

28–29 MAY 2026



ZIF RESEARCH GROUP

POSTCOLONIAL AND POSTSOCIALIST INTERDEPENDENCIES ACROSS BORDERS

ZIF RESEARCH GROUP WORKSHOP I

A POSTSOCIALIST LENS TO IMPERIALITY AND COLONIALITY

Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology)

Venue: Long Table

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

18:00-20:00

PRE-WORKSHOP DINNER

THURSDAY 28 MAY

09:30-10:00

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY ROUND BY ZIF GROUP CONVENORS

Speakers:

Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology)

Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld University)

Karolina Barglowski (Luxembourg University)

10:00-12:00

IMPERIALITY AND COLONIALITY: CORE DEBATES

Chair: Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham)

Madina Tlostanova (Linköping University): Not by Leviathan Alone. An Exercise in Post-Nation State Worlding

	<p>Encarnacion Gutierrez Rodriguez (Goethe-University Frankfurt): Revisiting the Coloniality of Migration: The Eastern Europe-Afrika Link</p> <p>Tetiana Havlin (BTU Cottbus- Senftenberg): Uncertain Transition: Postcolonial and Postsocialist Entanglements in the Tension between Future, Present and Past</p> <p>Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology): Postsocialisms between Postcoloniality and Decoloniality</p>
12:00–13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30–15:30	<p>GENDER AND DIASPORA AFTER SOCIALISM</p> <p>Chair: Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology)</p> <p>Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt): Colonial Differences, Imperiality and Gender: Poland’s Long History of In-Between-Ness and Its Consequences for the Situation of Migrant Female Workers in Western Europe</p> <p>Yaroslav Zhuravlov (Yena University): Diasporic Holocaust Narratives and Postsocialist Memory Politics</p> <p>Maria Mayerchyk (Hochschule Rhein-Waal): Coloniality of the Indecent: Erotic Folklore in the Modern Design of Sexuality</p> <p>Nino Aivazishvili-Gehne (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg/FHAB): The War in Ukraine and the Reconfigurations of (Post-)Soviet Belonging in Diasporic Milieus in Germany</p>
15:30–16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00–18:00	<p>UNEQUAL EUROPE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM MULTIPLE STANDPOINTS</p> <p>Chair: Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld University)</p> <p>Manuela Boatcă (Freiburg University): Coloniality and Inter-Imperiality in Unequal Europes</p> <p>Birgit Glorius (Chemnitz University of Technology): Overcoming Spaces of Subalternity: Experiences of Polish Migrants in East Germany During and After the Collapse of the GDR</p> <p>Alina Jasina-Schäfer (University of Maniz): Haunting, Urban Bordering and Belonging in East-West-Encounters: Post-Soviet Migration and Everyday Relations in Germany</p> <p>Aijan Sharshenova (Rīga Stradiņš University): Teaching Empire: Positionality and Postcolonial Reflections in the Classroom</p>
18:30–20:30	DINNER AT ZIF

FRIDAY 29 MAY	
09:30–11:30	<p>STUDYING BORDERS, RACE AND MOBILITY THROUGH A POSTSOCIALIST LENS</p> <p>Chair: Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt)</p> <p>Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld University): Rethinking Post-Socialist Borders: Theoretical and Conceptual Reflections in Light of the Russian War against the Ukraine</p> <p>Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham): (Post-)colonial Guilt and Responsibilities: Untangling Emotional Geographies of War-Induced Mobility from Russia</p>

	<p>Daria Krivonos (University of Helsinki): Race and Labour among Russian Migrants: Reclaiming Whiteness in Europe</p> <p>Rano Turieva (LMU München): Decolonising Migration Regimes through Multiple Imperialities: Reflections from the Post-Soviet Space</p>
11:30–11:45	<p>FINAL NOTES BY CONVENORS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt)</p> <p>Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology)</p> <p>Andreas Vasilache (Bielefeld University)</p> <p>Karolina Barglowski (Luxembourg University)</p>
11:45–13:00	LUNCH
13:00	END OF WORKSHOP