

Transatlantic PhD Workshop in History

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Bielefeld University, 18–21 May 2026 (Room X B2-103)

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026

9:30–9:45 Welcome — **Silke Schwandt** (BI)

9:45–11:15 Session 1 – Chair: **John Deak** (ND)

Colin Crawford (ND), “American Catholic Representations of India, 1830–1863”

Discussant: **Angela Gutierrez-Wolthaus** (BI/BGHS)

Nikita Malinovskii (BI/BGHS), “Partnerships and Uncertainties in the Baltic Region: Riga, Reval and Dorpat within the System of Hanseatic Trade with Novgorod from the 14th to the 17th Century”

Discussant: **Marirose Osborne** (ND)

11:30–13:00 Session 2 – Chair: **Kornelia Kończal** (BI)

Yelyzaveta Usachova (UCU), “Decolonising Ethnographic Museums’ Heritage in the 21st Century: From Colonial Displays to Spaces of Negotiation, Politicization, and Transformation”

Discussant: **Denys Dyazhur** (BKNUC)

Ella Hadacek (ND), “‘So unpopular a Cross as Catholicity’: The Costs of Conversion under Coverture”

Comment: **Solomiia Rozlutska** (UCU Lviv)

15:00–17:00 Workshop – Emotional Documents: Emotions and Methods in Historical Research

Chair: **Bettina Brandt** (BI)

Keynote: **Ostap Slyvynskij** (UCU), “Poetry as emotional document”

Inputs: **Emiliano Aguilar** (ND), **Irit Back** (TAU/BI), **Kornelia Kończal** (BI), **Nataliia Zemzulina** (BKNUC)



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TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026

9:15–10:45 Session 3 – Chair: **Nataliia Zemzulina** (BKNUC)

Will O’Brien (ND), “Departure and Development: The Dissolution of the American Presbyterian Mission to Egypt, 1950–1970”

Comment: **Maksym Shcherbakov** (BKNUC)

Olha Maletska (UCU), “The Discourse of Ukrainian-Polish Historical and Cultural Unity in Galicia in the Early Twentieth Century”

Comment: **Victoria Basulto** (ND)

11:15–12:45 Session 4 – Chair: **Vladyslava Moskalets** (UCU)

Liudmyla Batalova (UCU), “The Motif of ‘Returning Home’ in Dreams During the Full-Scale Russo-Ukrainian War”

Comment: **Ella Hadacek** (ND)

Stephanie Truskowski (ND), “The Three Crowns of 1863: Plebiscites, Uprisings, and Popular Sovereignty in Practice”

Comment: **Omar Sierra Cháves** (BI/BGHS)

14:00–15:30 Session 5 – Chair: **Emiliano Aguilar** (ND)

Omar Sierra Cháves (Bielefeld/BGHS), “Racialized Geographies of Power: Maroonage, German Colonization, and the Legacies of the Tovar Domains in Aragua, Venezuela”

Comment: **Yelyzaveta Usachova** (UCU)

Angela Gutierrez-Wolthaus (BI/BGHS), “The Black Press in Cuba’s Early Republic: A Community of Practice Negotiating Racial and National Identity (1880–1912)”

Comment: **Olha Maletska** (UCU)



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WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026 — Excursion Day

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026

09:15–10:45 Session 6 – Chair: **Bettina Brandt** (BI)

Victoria Basulto (ND), “¿Macho or Mocho?: Representations of Masculinity in Mexican Catholic Conservative Print Culture (1930–1975)”

Comment: **Liudmyla Batalova** (UCU)

Solomiia Rozlutska (UCU), “Spanish images about the Russian Empire in the middle of the 19th century”

Comment: **Stephanie Truskowski** (ND)

11:15–12:45 Session 7 – Chair: **Alexander Martin** (ND)

Markiian Liubart Kyrchiv (UCU), “Administrative organization and socio-economic space within the framework of German municipal law in East-Central Europe (13th–17th centuries)”

Comment: **Colin Crawford** (ND)

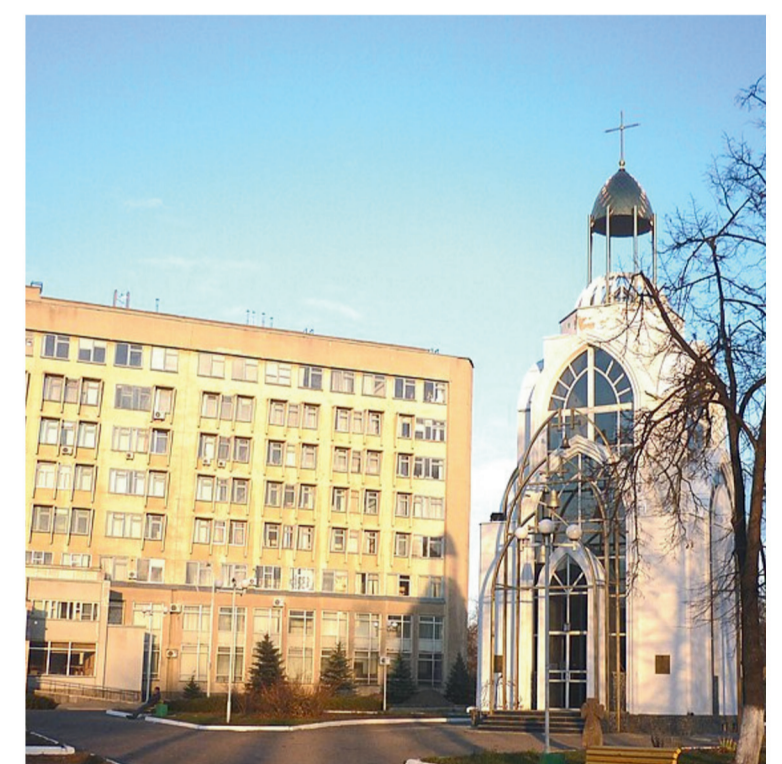
Marirose Osborne (ND), “The Patronage of Sanctity: Noblewomen and Holy Women in France and the Kingdom of Naples, 1250–1500”

Comment: **Markiian Liubart Kyrchiv** (UCU)

16:00–17:00 Faculty Talk

Chair: **Antje Flüchter** (BI)

John Deak (ND), **Peter Kramper** (BI), **Oksana Makhynia Memish** (BKNUC), **Vladyslava Moskalets** (UCU)



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