Symposium of Justus Liebig University Giessen and Herder Institute, Marburg

February 22-24, 2023

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The Symposium »Languages of War: Interpretive Knowledge and Debates on the Perspectives of the War in Ukraine« is part of the Volkswagen Foundation's Thematic Week: War in Ukraine – Scholarly Perspectives.

The symposium focuses on language(s) as a medium of war, as verbal war, media staging, legitimation strategies and speaking about war as well as future scenarios for the post-war era. It asks about the far-reaching paradigm shift and the reorientation of research on Eastern Europe.

The program includes: keynote lectures, podium discussions, a panel of the Ukraine guest lecturers from the LOEWE research cluster »Conflict Regions in Eastern Europe« as well as a panel of young researchers and more.







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	Wed	lnesday,	February	22
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09:00-11:00 11:00-12:00	Registration Welcome reception (by VolkswagenStiftung)
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Organizers
14:00-14:30	Introductory Input on Languages of War
	Andrea Gawrich (Giessen),
	Monika Wingender (Giessen),
	Peter Haslinger (Giessen/Marburg)
14:30–15:30	Chair: Andrea Gawrich (Giessen)
	Ukrainian Identities
	Mychailo Wynnyckyj (Kyiv, online)
15:30–16:00	Coffee Break
16:00–17:15	Chair: Thomas Daiber (Giessen)
	Culture and Religion in Wartimes
	Iryna Fenno (Lviv/Munich),
	Andriy Danylenko (New York)
17:15–18:00	Chair: Nicole Immig (Giessen)
	A Year of Archiving the War: From Emergency
	Response to a Challenge of Sustainability
	Taras Nazaruk (Lviv, online)
18:00–19:30	Dinner
19:30–20:30	Chair: Peter Haslinger (Giessen/Marburg)
	Journalists and Scholars in Dialogue:
	Moritz Gathmann (Berlin),
	Anna Veronika Wendland (Marburg)

Thursday, February 23

09:00-10:00	Chair: Monika Wingender (Giessen)	
03.00 10.00	Myths and Narratives on War	
	Liudmyla Pidkuimukha (Giessen),	
	Bohdan Azhniuk (Kyiv, online)	
10:00–11:00	Chair: Monika Wingender (Giessen)	
	Language and Identity	
	Volodymyr Kulyk (Kyiv, online),	
	Nadiya Kiss (Giessen)	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30–13:00	The Russian-Ukrainian War: a Challenge for	
	Humanities and Social Sciences	
	Ukrainian Guest Lecturers of the LOEWE research	
	cluster »Regions of Conflict in Eastern Europe«:	
	Orysia Demska (Kyiv, online), Gelinada Grinchenko	
	(Kharkiv/Wuppertal), Valeria Korablyova (Prague),	
	Tetiana Malyarenko (Odesa/Regensburg),	
	Oleksandr Osipian (Berlin)	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00–17:30	Young Researchers on Languages of War	
	in Media and Culture:	
	Chair: Gleb Kazakov (Giessen)	
	I: Narratives of Russo-Ukrainian War in Media and	
	Culture (Ukraine, Russia, Germany)	
	Susanne Spahn (Berlin), Sebastian Christ (Berlin),	
	Oleksandr Chertenko (Giessen)	
	Chair: Nadiya Kiss (Giessen)	
	II: Speaking under Bombing: Current Language	
	Situation in Ukraine	
	Ivanna Tsar (Kyiv), Oleksandra Didukh (Vienna),	
	Oksana Turkevych (Berlin, online),	
	Natalia Matveeva (Ternopil, online)	
18:00	Evening Event (by VolkswagenStiftung)	

Friday, February 24

09:00-10:00	Chair: Andreas Langenohl (Giessen) Implications of the >Zeitenwendex: Transforming the Worldview after February 2022 Valeria Korablyova (Prague)
10:00–11:00	Chair: Andrea Gawrich (Giessen) Geopolitical Challenges for the EU Inna Melnykovska (Vienna/Delmenhorst), Susann Worschech (Giessen/Frankfurt (Oder))
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–12:45	Chair: Andrea Gawrich (Giessen) Paradigmatic Changes in Explaining the War – Panel Discussion
	Alexander Wöll (Potsdam) Slavonic Studies,
	Timm Beichelt (Frankfurt (Oder))
	Cultural and Political Studies,
	Peter Haslinger (Marburg/Giessen) History
12:45–13:00	Concluding Remarks and Future Perspectives Andrea Gawrich (Giessen), Monika Wingender (Giessen), Peter Haslinger (Giessen/Marburg)
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:00	Conclusion and Commemoration (by VolkswagenStiftung)
15:00	Departure