



CENTER FOR ●
GERMAN
STUDIES ●

EHU Center for German Studies

Established with German support in 1998 in Minsk

Reestablished in 2011 in Vilnius

Dedicated to promoting academic excellence

Supported by German Academic Exchange Service

The Center for German Studies was erected at the European Humanities University (EHU) in Minsk in 1998 as the *Institut für Deutschlandstudien*. It was re-opened in exile in Lithuania in 2011 with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), which established a DAAD Associate Professorship of Applied Humanities at EHU. The Center's aim is to promote academic excellence in teaching and research on German intellectual tradition and its perception in Central and Eastern Europe. It establishes interdisciplinary cooperation with partners in Germany, Lithuania, and Belarus. The Center offers a contemporary curriculum of German Studies that examines the transnational impact of German thought on Eastern and Central European societies.





Bildung Is Our Vision

Promoting German as an academic language

Assessing the perception of German heritage

Practicing a culture of interdisciplinary dialog

Developing new transnational learning methods

European Humanities University's Center for German Studies links discursive fields located between philosophy, sociology, cultural studies, history, and anthropology. Its aim is to create new spaces of academic exchange and dialog on ideas, methods, and issues that are relevant to academia in Lithuania, Belarus, Germany, and beyond. The Center warmly invites to take part in Center events and to cooperate with the Center on current and future projects.

Active academic cooperation with all EHU departments and other universities in Vilnius as well as with partners in Germany, Belarus, and beyond is a core principle of the EHU Center for German Studies.



Certificate of German Studies

Analyzing German History in Film

Introduction to the Social Market Economy

Post-War History in Autobiographical Narratives

Bildung & Migration: A Long Term View

The Center offers a Certificate of German Studies program designed to promote German language skills, active engagement in German academic discourse, and a general understanding of the most important German political, cultural, and historical events. EHU's Certificate of German Studies program is taught by native speakers and offers the opportunity to acquire a solid foundation in German as an academic language. It prepares students for academic and professional exchanges with German-speaking countries.

It is offered in cooperation with EHU's Foreign Languages Center, Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Dresden, and EHU Förderinitiative e.V., with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Four Seasons of Academia

Spring Academy: Exploring Transformations

Baltic Summer School: Comparative Business Law

Fall Academy on Transformation in Dresden

Winter School: Mapping Post-Socialist Urban Spaces

The Summer and Winter Schools initiated by the Center bring together students and lecturers from Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Germany, and Russia in the framework of the GoEast support program of the German Academic Exchange Service. In cooperation with the Center, the EHU Förderinitiative e.V. organizes Fall and Spring Academies devoted to topics like political, economic, and social transformation, the social market economy and others.

The schools are conducted in partnership with EHU Förderinitiative, the EHU Laboratory of Critical Urbanism and Department of Law, Mykolas Römeris University, Tartu University, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Laimikis.lt, and Archfondas.lt, and with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and other



A German Perspective

Hans-Gert Pöttering, Pres. of the European Parliament ret.

Timm Beichelt, European University Viadrina

Sören Urbansky, Ludwigs-Maximilian-Universität

Karl Schlögel, European University Viadrina

One important aim of the EHU Center for German Studies is to bring together scholars and public figures from Germany, Belarus, and Lithuania for discussions in Vilnius. A recent highlight was the visit of Hans-Gert Pöttering, MEP, former President of the European Parliament, and current head of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. In his public lecture, Hans-Gert Pöttering laid out a vision for “Our European Way.”

The public lecture by Hans-Gert Pöttering was organized and supported by Konrad Adenauer Foundation. Other lectures have been supported by the Goethe-Institut Lithuania, the Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Center for Oriental Studies, and the Department of History of Vilnius University.

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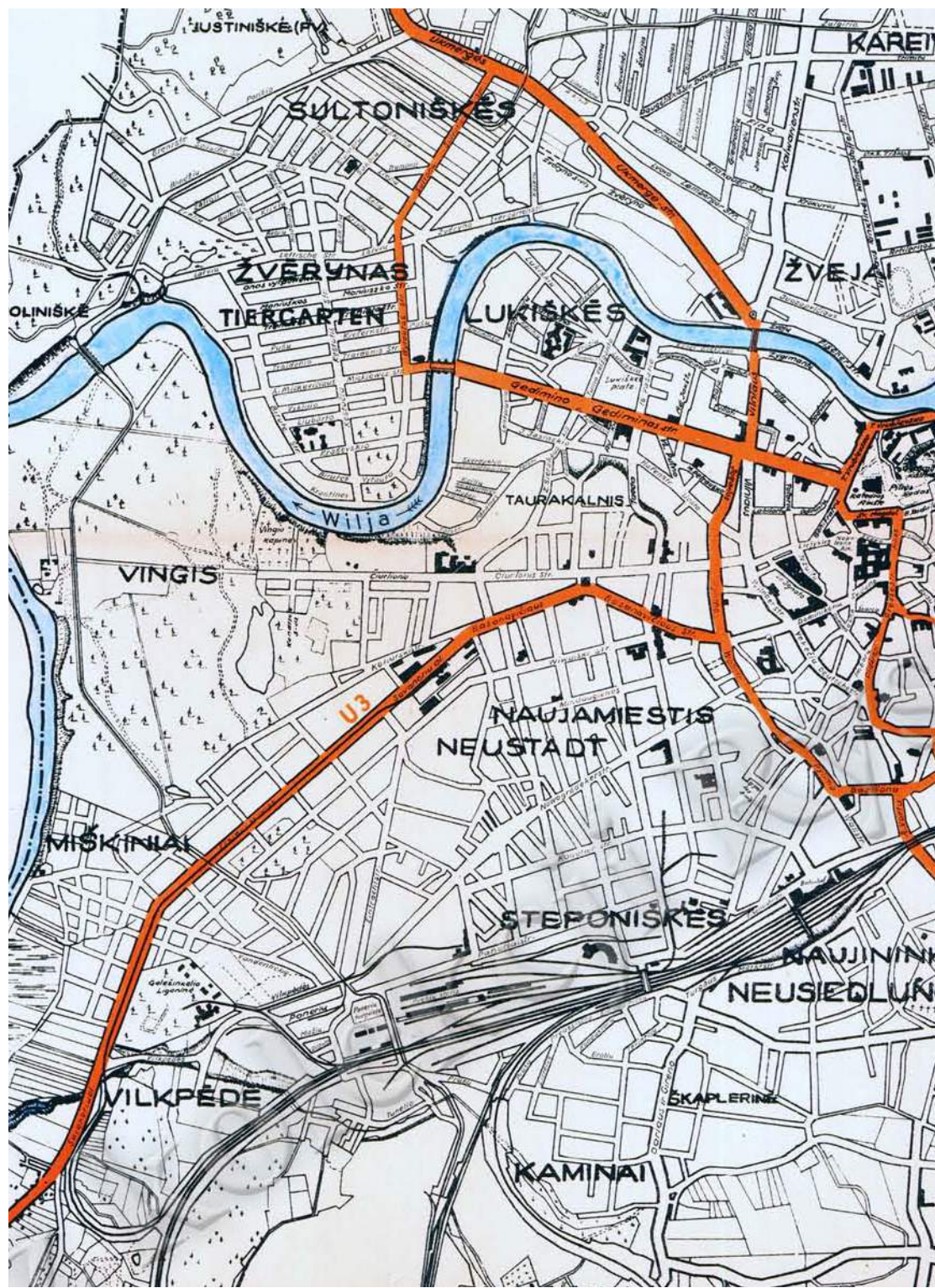


Recent *Agora Baltica* Speakers

Bernhard Waldenfels, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Anatoli Mikhailov, European Humanities University
Christoph Jamme, Leuphana-Universität Lüneburg
Mintautas Gutauskas, Vilnius University

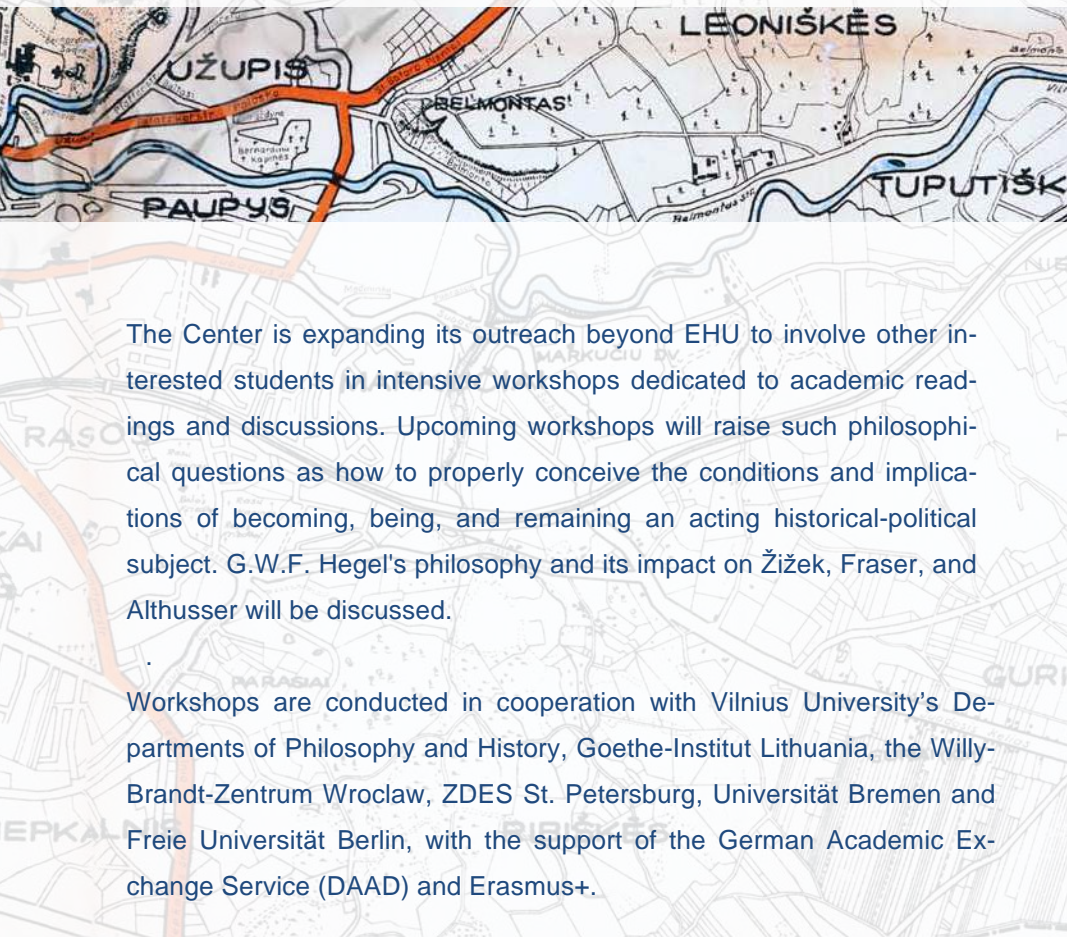
Agora Baltica is an experiment to create a space for dialog in German between philosophers. During the first session, philosophers Olga Shparaga, Mintautas Gutauskas, and Bernhard Waldenfels discussed social, political, and cultural aspects of normativity and its implications for everyday life in regional post-Soviet societies. In October 2013, the debate “Beyond the Ivory Tower? Contemporary Philosophy between Speculative Thinking and Practical Knowledge” was shaped by EHU’s Founding Rector Anatoli Mikhailov and Christoph Jamme of Leuphana University.

Agora Baltica is conducted in partnership with EHU Mediahub, Vilnius University’s Philosophy Department, Center for Philosophical Anthropology *Topos*, and the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy, with the support of the German Embassy in Vilnius.



Critical German Studies Workshops

German Studies in Central Eastern Europe
Towards an Acting Historical-Political Subject
Wörter. Bilder. Aisthesis
Mapping Central-Eastern Europe



The Center is expanding its outreach beyond EHU to involve other interested students in intensive workshops dedicated to academic readings and discussions. Upcoming workshops will raise such philosophical questions as how to properly conceive the conditions and implications of becoming, being, and remaining an acting historical-political subject. G.W.F. Hegel's philosophy and its impact on Žižek, Fraser, and Althusser will be discussed.

Workshops are conducted in cooperation with Vilnius University's Departments of Philosophy and History, Goethe-Institut Lithuania, the Willy-Brandt-Zentrum Wroclaw, ZDES St. Petersburg, Universität Bremen and Freie Universität Berlin, with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Erasmus+.

Transnational Didactics of Higher Education

Heteroglossia Project Seminar

Wilna Lesen

German-Belarusian Café

Mythos Grill



The Center fosters research about implementing educational projects on international didactics in higher education. It participates in developing complex educational programs and new methodological approaches to combining academic reading and writing in philology, philosophy, history, arts, law, and the social sciences, with practical project work in an international setting. In recent cooperation with the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences on Heteroglossia, the Center explored the co-existence of languages in Vilnius as a resource for new forms of academic learning.

These activities are conducted in partnership with Goethe-Institut Lithuania, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Vilnius University, and the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).



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Colloquium Vilnense

2012: Urban Communities

2013: European Memory

2014: Jewish Everyday Life

2015: Violence and Social Change

Colloquium Vilnense provides a forum for scholars of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and generations to discuss their research. In 2012, it started to bring together scholars from Germany, Lithuania, Belarus, Russia, and the United States in order to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on urban studies. The following year, the Colloquium focused on memory. In 2014, *Colloquium Vilnense* initiated an interdisciplinary discussion about recent research on Jewish cultural histories in Central and Eastern Europe. In 2015, it will address the long-term impact of violence triggered and carried out by Germany in the region in the 20th century.

Colloquium Vilnense 2014 is organized jointly with Vilnius University's Department of History, the Center for the Study of the Culture and History of Eastern European Jews, and EHU's Department of History. Previous *Colloquia* were organized in cooperation with EHU's Laboratory of Critical Urbanism, the Lithuanian Institute of History, Laimikis.lt, and Archfondas.lt.

German Library

Philosophy: Phenomenology, Hermeneutics,
Psychoanalysis, and Philosophical Anthropology
Art History: Architecture and Contemporary Art
History: Germany and Central-Eastern Europe

In October 2014, EHU's German Library will reopen at Tauro g. 12. The books of this library were brought to Vilnius in an unusual way. Back in Minsk, EHU was host to an Institute for German Studies, which was famous in Minsk above all for its collection of German philosophy, social and political theory, psychology, and history of science. When EHU was forced to leave Minsk, the Institute stayed and became part of Belarusian State University. But the most relevant parts of the library were brought to Vilnius. This collection of books is not just of symbolical value to the EHU Center for German Studies. It also serves as a practical basis for the creation of new academic bonds between Belarus, Lithuania, and Germany.

The German Library will be reopened with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the German Embassy in Vilnius.



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