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ISSUES:

The aim of the conference is to facilitate the exchange of scholarly knowledge and to discuss the theoretical and methodological dimensions of contemporary interdisciplinary research on Eastern Europe. Particular emphasis will be placed on the transformations that have occurred in politics, society, and culture over recent decades—especially in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

We propose the following thematic areas.

Economic, Socio-Political, and Cultural Transformations across various regions of Eastern Europe within both global and European contexts. Memory Politics and Historical Narratives in the emerging geopolitical order. Post-Soviet Legacy: Deconstruction, continuity, and supremacy. New Dimensions of East-West Relations. Civil Societies in Eastern European Countries.

Case Studies. Ukraine: The Revolution of Dignity, the construction of a modern state, and the war with the aggressor. Belarus: Society before and after the 2020 protests. The Baltic States: Model examples of transformation amidst hybrid threats. Moldova: Between Europe and Russia. The Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan): Unresolved conflicts and the construction of new national identities.

Eastern Europe as a Source of Values. Reappraisals in light of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine. New Phenomena in the areas of security, migration, refugee movements, partnership, and cultural exchange. The Image of Russia as an Aggressor. Digital Public Space and Information Warfare: Russian political disinformation and trolling.

National and Regional Identities: Revival and redefinition.

New Trends in the Cultures of Eastern European Countries and in Language Policy. Contemporary Polish-Eastern European Relations in the socio-political, cultural, and academic spheres. Shifts in the Global and Regional Geopolitical Context of Poland's partnerships with Eastern European countries. Emerging Trends in Academic Cooperation. New Principles and Limitations in Russian Studies. Russian Studies in Poland Today: Realities and prospects.

The Image of Eastern European Countries in media, literature, film, and theatre.

Russian Culture and the Russian Language in Poland Today.

The conference will also feature special sessions, including discussions with writers, artists, and activists from Eastern Europe, as well as plenary debates.

Selected post-conference papers are planned to be published in the journal "Przegląd Wschodnioeuropejski" (100 pts, Scopus, EBSCO, CEEOL, CEJSH etc.)

Conference participation costs are to be covered by the participants. The conference fee is 700 PLN. This fee includes: meals (lunches and coffee breaks on June 18-19, a gala dinner on June 19), publication, and conference materials.

The conference will take place in Olsztyn, on the campus of the University of Warmia and Mazury, one of the most scenic academic centers in Poland and Europe. In addition to educational facilities, the campus features: two lakes (one with a beach and water sports rental), a forest park, a stadium, a swimming pool, a horse stable, and an ultramodern Center for Aquaculture and Ecological Engineering, with a unique rooftop cultivation of energy plants.

We kindly request that you submit your application for participation by December 30, 2025. **The application form is attached.**