

Day 3: Saturday, 17th May 2025

10.00–14.00

Guided science tour: *Toruń – a border town on the edge of the empire*

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Day 1: Thursday, 15th May 2025

11.30–11.50 Inaugural Lecture

Prof. Michael Gehler

(University of Hildesheim)

Empires and the imperial turn: Previous findings and challenges for future research

11.00 Conference Opening

11.50–12.10 Discussion

Session 1

12.10–12.30

Prof. Maciej Górny

(Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw)

“Nature itself demands Austria’s existence”: Geography’s contribution to late imperial propaganda

12.30–12.50

Dr. Alicja Bartnicka

(Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

The dream of a perfect nation? The SS as a racial empire

12.50–13.10 Discussion

13.10–13.30 Coffee break

13.30–13.50

Prof. dr. Aurimas Švedas

(Lithuanian Institute of History)

Nikita Michalkov’s film 12 (2007) as a handbook on putinism

13.50–14.10

Prof. Malte Rolf

(University of Oldenburg)

Provincializing the Center: Radical Russian Nationalists in the okrainy and the “National Turn” of Political Discourse in the Late Romanov-Empire

14.10–14.30

Mgr. Piotr Oliński

(University of Gdańsk)

The reception of German imperial economic policy in the writings of the ordoliberals

14.30–15.00 Discussion

15.00 Dinner

20.00 Supper

Day 2: Friday, 16th May 2025

Session 2

10.00–10.20

Prof. Michael Sommer

(University of Oldenburg)

A dream of Rome. How to make – and maintain – an empire

10.20–10.40

Dr. Antonietta Castiello

(University of Oldenburg)

Filling the Cracks Between Fighting Empires: Tadmor and the Tadmoreans

10.40–11.00

Prof. Szymon Olszaniec

(Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

Provinces in the structure of the Empire (IV–VI A.D.) – discussions and problems

11.00–11.20

Prof. Teresa Wolińska

(University of Łódź)

The Arabs as a tool in the hands of empires? Ghassanids and Lachmids in the relations between Byzantium and Persia

11.20–11.40 Discussion

11.40–12.00 Coffee break

Session 3

12.00–12.20

Prof. Thomas Bohn

(University of Giessen)

Who owns Western Polesia? A mystery in the cartography and ethnography of the Tsarist Empire

12.20–12.40

Prof. Paweł Hanczewski

(Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

Colonial empires as composite states

12.40–13.00

Prof. Matthias Weber

(University of Oldenburg / Federal Institute for Culture and History of Eastern Europe)

The Piasts. A symbol of the Polish Kingdom in Europe in the 19th and 20th century

13.00–13.20 Discussion

13.20–14.00 Summary and conclusion

14.00 Dinner