



Annual Report 2017

**Sigmund Neumann Institute for the
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I. Scientific Conferences & Conventions

The 59th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, USA | 12-15 APRIL 2017

Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in two panels during the 59th Annual WSSA Conference. They gave presentations on the topics "Alternatives to border walls" and "Ukraine and Russia in Crisis: A Polish View".



*Fig. 1 Participants of the panel on "Borders on the Move". From left to right: Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Steen Bo Frandsen (University of Southern Denmark), Katarzyna **Stokłosa** (University of Southern Denmark), Ioanna Tsoni (Malmö University), Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute).*

The Life and Legacy of Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Movements in Scholarly Perspective

ANTWERP, BELGIUM | 29-30 MAY 2017

Gerhard Besier participated in the international conference on The Life and Legacy of Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Movements in Scholarly Perspective. He gave a presentation on the topic "The Unification Church in Germany".

The Rise of National Conservative Parties in EU Democracies

ODENSE, DENMARK | 31 MAY 2017

Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the "SILBA Fyn Conference" on the topic "The Rise of National Conservative Parties in EU Democracies".

Anders Jarlert Symposium

LUND, SWEDEN | 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Gerhard Besier participated in the "Anders Jarlert Symposium" at Lund University in Sweden. He gave a presentation on the topic "The Churches and National Socialism between Hitler's Religious Equivocation and Rosenberg's Myth: Ambiguities, Fascination and Self-Assertion".



Fig. II From left to right: Aila Lauha (University of Helsinki), Anders Jarlert (Lund University), Silke Lehmann (Kiel), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute) and David Gudmundsson (Lund University).

Dinámica de las fronteras en periodos de conflicto. El imperio español (1640-1815)

CÁCERES, SPAIN | 17-19 OCTOBER 2017

Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the international conference "Dinámica de las fronteras en periodos de conflicto. El imperio español (1640-1815)" in Cáceres. She gave a presentation on the topic "Polonia: del Imperio hasta la desaparición del mapa de Europa?".



Fig. III Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark) during her presentation.

Devotion and Memory: Conference of Contemporary Church History

LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND | 16-17 NOVEMBER 2017

Gerhard Besier participated in the international conference "Devotion and Memory – Conference of Contemporary Church History" in Lucerne. He gave a presentation on the topic "Gebrauch von Gedächtnis in religiös-nationalen Riten mit Beispielen aus der römischkatholischen Nationalkirche und der russisch-orthodoxen Staatskirche".

1917 and the Consequences

AKADEMIE SANKELMARK, GERMANY | NOVEMBER 24-26 2017

Beyond doubt, the Russian Bolshevik Revolution in October 1917 was one of the most defining events in the history of the 20th century. It has coined the past century and the consequences – including its myths – have remained noticeable until today. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark) and Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute) hosted an international conference at the Akademie Sankelmark (Flensburg, Germany) in November 2017. It dealt primarily with the different histories of reception and resonances of this history-making year. The focus laid on different national perceptions, interpretations and historiographic views of the "Red October" as well as its far-reaching consequences – especially in a European perspective.

Katarzyna Stokłosa gave an introductory talk to the topic of the conference, while Gerhard Besier gave a presentation on the topic "Whites and Reds in Finland and the German Intervention".

The conference was supported by the German "Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur" (Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship), whose emphasis for 2017 lied on "Communism: Utopia and Reality".

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Fig. IV Katarzyna *Stokłosa* (University of Southern Denmark) during her introductory speech.



Fig. V Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute) and Stefan Troebst (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe / Leipzig University).

II. Book Presentations

Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis

SØNDERBORG, DENMARK | 1 MARCH 2017

On 1 March, Katarzyna Stokłosa and Gerhard Besier presented their latest book, "Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?" at the University of Southern Denmark. The event was covered with a detailed report on the German website "H-Soz-Kult" as well as in the April Newsletter of the University's Department of Political Science and Public Management.

*Fig. VI From left to right:
Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University), Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), James Scott (University of Eastern Finland), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute), Katarzyna **Stokłosa** (University of Southern Denmark), Jaume Castan Pinos (University of Southern Denmark).*



*Fig. VII From left to right:
Henryka Mościcka-Dendys (Ambassador of Poland in the Kingdom of Denmark), Katarzyna **Stokłosa** (University of Southern Denmark), Artem Vladymyrov (Chargé d'Affaires of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Denmark).*

III. Other Presentations & Lectures

Lectures at the University of Eastern Finland

JOENSUU, FINLAND | JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

In January and February 2017, Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa spent one week at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu in line with Erasmus plus. They gave some lectures on 'Europe, borders, prejudices and stereotypes'.



Fig. VIII Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark) and Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute) with students at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu.

Presentation: "Sekten? Die kleinen christlichen Religionsgemeinschaften"

BERLIN, GERMANY | 14 FEBRUARY 2017

On Tuesday, February 14, Gerhard Besier gave a presentation on the topic "Sekten? Die kleinen christlichen Religionsgemeinschaften" at Kreuzkirche Berlin.

Lectures at Lund University

LUND, SWEDEN | 8-9 MARCH 2017

On March 8-9, Gerhard Besier held two lectures on the topics "False Memories" and "The Role of the Russian Orthodox Church in Political Affairs (1914-2014)" at the University of Lund in Sweden.

Discussion: Trump - Putin - Erdoğan

AKADEMIE SANKELMARK, GERMANY | 13 MARCH 2017

On March 13, Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in a discussion on the topic "Trump - Putin - Erdoğan. Consequences for Europe?" at the European Academy in Sankelmark.



Fig. IX From left to right: Heiko Hiltmann (European Academy Schleswig-Holstein), Samet Yilmaz (Institute for Security Policy Kiel), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark), Josef Braml (German Society for Foreign Policy Berlin), Christian Pletzing (European Academy Schleswig-Holstein).

Discussion: What's next for Ukraine?

WROCŁAW, POLAND | 19 MARCH 2017

On March 19, Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in a discussion on the topic "What's next for Ukraine? The Ukrainian-Russian conflict and its impact on neighbourhood relations" at Panato Café in Wrocław. The event was hosted by the Institute of Sociology at the University of Wrocław.



Fig. X From left to right: Julita Makaro (University of Wrocław), Monika Sus (European University Institute, Florence / Hertie School of Governance, Berlin), Elżbieta Opitowska (University of Wrocław), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark).

Lecture: European Crises and their Consequences for the European Neighbourhood Policy

WROCLAW, POLAND | 20 MARCH 2017

On 20 March, Katarzyna Stokłosa gave a lecture on the topic "European Crises and their Consequences for the European Neighbourhood Policy" at the Institute of Sociology at the University of Wrocław.

Lecture: Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis

BERKELEY, CA, USA | 11 APRIL 2017

On 11 April, Katarzyna Stokłosa and Gerhard Besier participated in a lecture on the topic of their most recent book, "Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?" at the University of California in Berkeley. They were joined by Jussi Laine and James Scott (University of Eastern Finland). The event was hosted by the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES).



Fig. XI From left to right: James Scott (University of Eastern Finland), Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Jeffrey Pennington (University of California), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute).

Discussion: Forum Democracy

POTSDAM, GERMANY | 2 JULY 2017

Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the "Forum Democracy" of Phoenix Television, Germany, on the topic "The World in Chaos – Europe looks for her Place". Other participants of the round table were Günter Verheugen (European Commissioner for Enlargement from 1999 to 2004), Brendan Peter Simms (Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge) and Manfred Görtemaker (Potsdam University). The full broadcast can be watched on the website of the channel (in German).

Discussion: Cuadriga - La Tertulia Internacional

BERLIN, GERMANY | 15 JUNE 2017

Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the discussion "Cuadriga - La tertulia internacional" at Deutsche Welle in Berlin. The full broadcast under the topic "Macron y May: ¿oportunidad para Europa?" can be watched on the website of the channel (in Spanish).

Lecture: Twin Towns in Eastern Europe

LUND, SWEDEN | 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Following an invitation by Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, Katarzyna Stokłosa gave a guest lecture on the topic "Twin Towns in Eastern Europe: On the Way from Bordering to the Cross-Border Identity?" at Lund University in Sweden.



Fig. XII Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark) and Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund University) in the library of the local Centre for Languages and Literature.

IV. Book Releases

Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis

The latest book edited by Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?*, has been published by Routledge Publishing, London/New York.

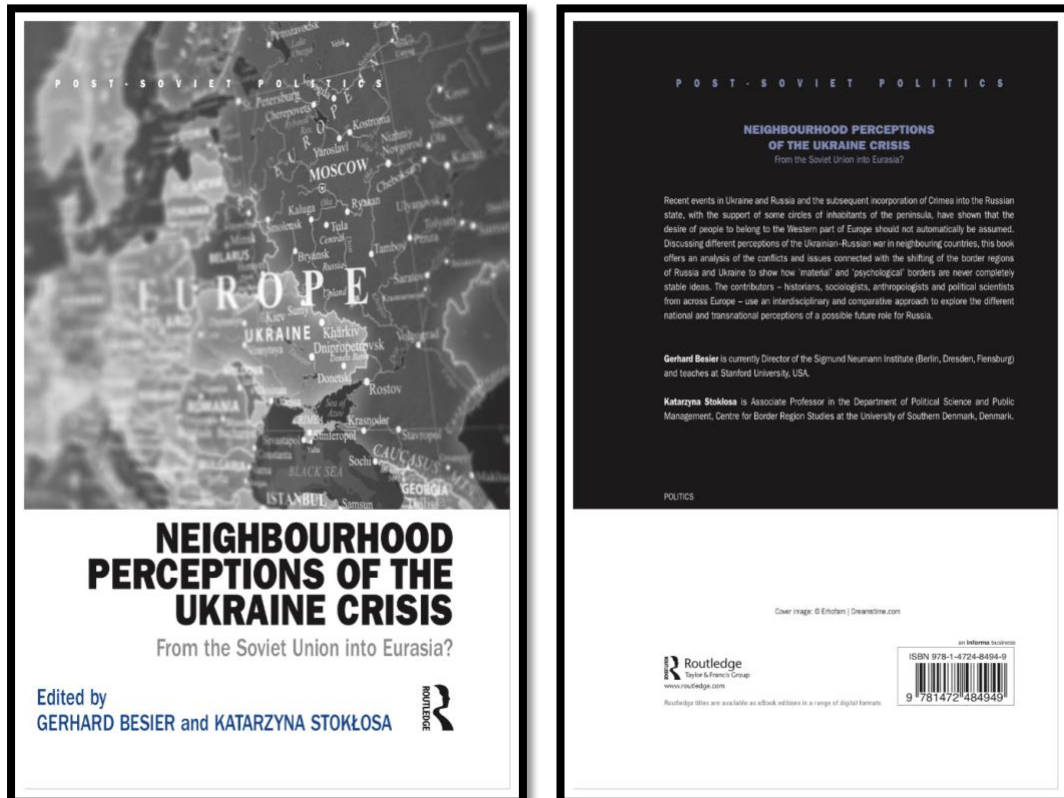


Fig. XIII Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, Eds., *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?* London ; New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017 (ISBN 978-1472484949).

V. Essays

Gerhard Besier

1. 'Crossings and Crosses. Borders, Educations, and Religions in Northern Europe', *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, pp. 1–2, Jul. 2017 (with Katarzyna Stokłosa).
2. 'Expanding Religious Borders? The New Influence of Some Old State Churches: The Russian Orthodoxy', in *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?*, G. Besier and K. Stokłosa, Eds. London ; New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017, pp. 223–243.
3. 'Introduction', in *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?*, G. Besier and K. Stokłosa, Eds. London ; New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017, pp. 1–10 (with Katarzyna Stokłosa).
4. 'The Churches and National Socialism between Hitler's religious equivocation and Rosenberg's Myth: Ambiguities, Fascination and Self-Assertion', in *Classics in Northern European Church History over 500 Years. Essay in Honour of Anders Jarlert*, David Gudmundsson/Alexander Maurits/Martin Nykvist, Eds. Frankfurt/M.: Peter Lang, 2017, pp. 153–198.
5. 'The World Council of Churches – Theological, Political and Societal Ambiguities', *KZG/CCH*, no. 30, 2017.

Katarzyna Stokłosa

1. 'Borderscaping: Imaginations and Practices of Border Making', *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, pp. 1–2, Jun. 2017.
2. 'Crossings and Crosses. Borders, Educations, and Religions in Northern Europe', *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, pp. 1–2, Jul. 2017 (with Gerhard Besier).
3. 'Introduction', in *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?*, G. Besier and K. Stokłosa, Eds. London ; New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017, pp. 1–10 (with Gerhard Besier).
4. 'Przez Budapeszt, Pragę i Warszawę do Republiki Federalnej Niemiec', in *Jak Patrzeć Na Polskę, Niemcy I Świat?*, J. Szymoniczek and E. C. Król, Eds. Warszawa: Bellona, 2017, pp. 299–310.
5. 'Twin Towns in Eastern Europe: On the Way from Bordering to the Cross-Border Identity?', in *Advances in European Borderlands Studies*, Z. Kurcz, E. Opilowska, and J. Roose, Eds. Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG, 2017, pp. 307–316.
6. 'Ukraine and Russia in Crisis: A Polish View', in *Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From the Soviet Union into Eurasia?*, G. Besier and K. Stokłosa, Eds. London ; New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2017, pp. 171–184.