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I. Scientific Conferences & Conventions

Religious Freedom Conference

JOENSUU, FINLAND | 22-24 FEBRUARY 2018

Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in panels during Religious Freedom Conference. Katarzyna Stokłosa was leading two panels as chairperson, while Gerhard Besier gave a presentation on the topic "*The Co-operation Between Church and State in Germany*".



Fig. I Participants of the panel on "*General Concepts*". From the left to right Ina Merdžova (Trinity College Dublin), Ilkka Huhta (University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu), Patricia Duval (Attorney-at-Law, Paris), Ringo Ringvee (Religious Affairs Department, Tallin), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg).



Fig. II From left to right: Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute, Berlin/Dresden/Flensburg), Ilkka Huhta (University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu)

“Castle Talks” on Cross-Border Cooperation

CHÂTEAU DE POURTALÉS, STRASBOURG | 19-20 MARCH 2018

In March 2018, Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the “Castle Talks” on Cross-Border Cooperation in Strasbourg. They were keynote speakers on the topic “*Polish-Czech Borders*”.



Fig. III Katarzyna Stokłosa and Gerhard Besier during their talks.

Conference of Europeanists

CHICAGO, US | 28-30 MARCH 2018

Katarzyna Stokłosa and Gerhard Besier participated in the panel “*Migrants, Borders and Security*” and presented about “*Borders and Security: The End of ‘Europe without Borders’?*”.



Fig. IV From left to right: Kaija Schilde (Boston University), Francisco Beltran (University of Toronto), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute), Eleftheria Markozani (University of Piraeus), Snezana Vasiljevic (University of Zagreb), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark)

European Social Science History Conference

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | 04-07 APRIL 2018

Katarzyna Stokłosa gave a talk about *“Public Controversies of Memory with a Focus on Border Regions”* as part of the panel *“The Public Dimension of Memory – Concepts, Approaches, Fields of Research”*.



Fig. V Katarzyna Stokłosa during her talk.

Association for Borderlands Studies 2nd World Conference 2018

VIENNA & BUDAPEST, AUSTRIA & HUNGARY | 10-14 JULY 2018

Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa gave talks during the first session „*So close and yet so far? Cross-border cooperation and regional integration in Central and East European Countries*”, about the topics *“Borders on the Move”* and *“So close and yet so far? Experiences from the Polish-Russian and Ukrainian-Russian border regions”*. Katarzyna Stokłosa was also the organizer of two sessions. Furthermore, Besier and Stokłosa presented their book *“How to Deal with Refugees? Europe as a Continent of Dreams”*.



Fig. VI Participants in the panel 'So close and yet so far'? Cross-border cooperation and regional integration in Central and East European Countries II from left to right: Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław), Daria Voyloshnikova (University of Fribourg), Ilya Solomeshch (Petrozavodsk State University), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark), Hynek Böhme (Technical University Liberec), Anna Mielczarek Żejmo (University of Zielona Góra), Joanna Frątczak-Müller (University of Zielona Góra), Wojciech Opiola (University of Opole).



Fig. VII Presentation of the book "*How to Deal with Refugees? Europe as a Continent of Dreams*" from left to right: Ekaterina Mikhailova (Lomonosov Moscow State University), Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark), Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute).

Workshop ‘The Effects of World War I on the Christian Churches in Europe – 1918-1925’

ROME, ITALY | 12-14 NOVEMBER 2018

In November 2018, Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa participated in the workshop in Rome, where Gerhard Besier was a keynote speaker on the topic “*Religion and Resilience – Christians and the challenges of WWI*”.



Fig. VIII From left to right: Dr. Kim Christiaens (KADOC KU Leuven), Gerhard Besier (Sigmund Neumann Institute).

II. Book Presentations

Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart, Band III

FRANKFURT/M., GERMANY | 13-14 OCTOBER 2018

In October 2018, Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa presented the last volume of their trilogy “*Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart*” at the Saalbau BiKuZ Höchst and at the Frankfurt book fair.

Fig. IX Gerhard Besier speaks at the book presentation.

BUCHVORSTELLUNG

Gerhard Besier/Katarzyna Stokłosa (Hgg.)
Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart
Band 3: Albanien, Bulgarien, Deutschland, Jugoslawien, Liechtenstein, Österreich, Polen, Schweiz, Tschechoslowakei, Ungarn

Samstag, 13. Oktober 2018, 18 Uhr
(Einlass ab 17 Uhr)

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Fig.
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Katarzyna Stokłosa
signing books at the
2018

and Gerhard Besier
Frankfurt Book Fair



III. Other Presentations&Lectures

Lectures at the University of Eastern Finland

JOENSUU, FINLAND | JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

In January and February 2018, Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa spent one week at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu in line with Erasmus plus.

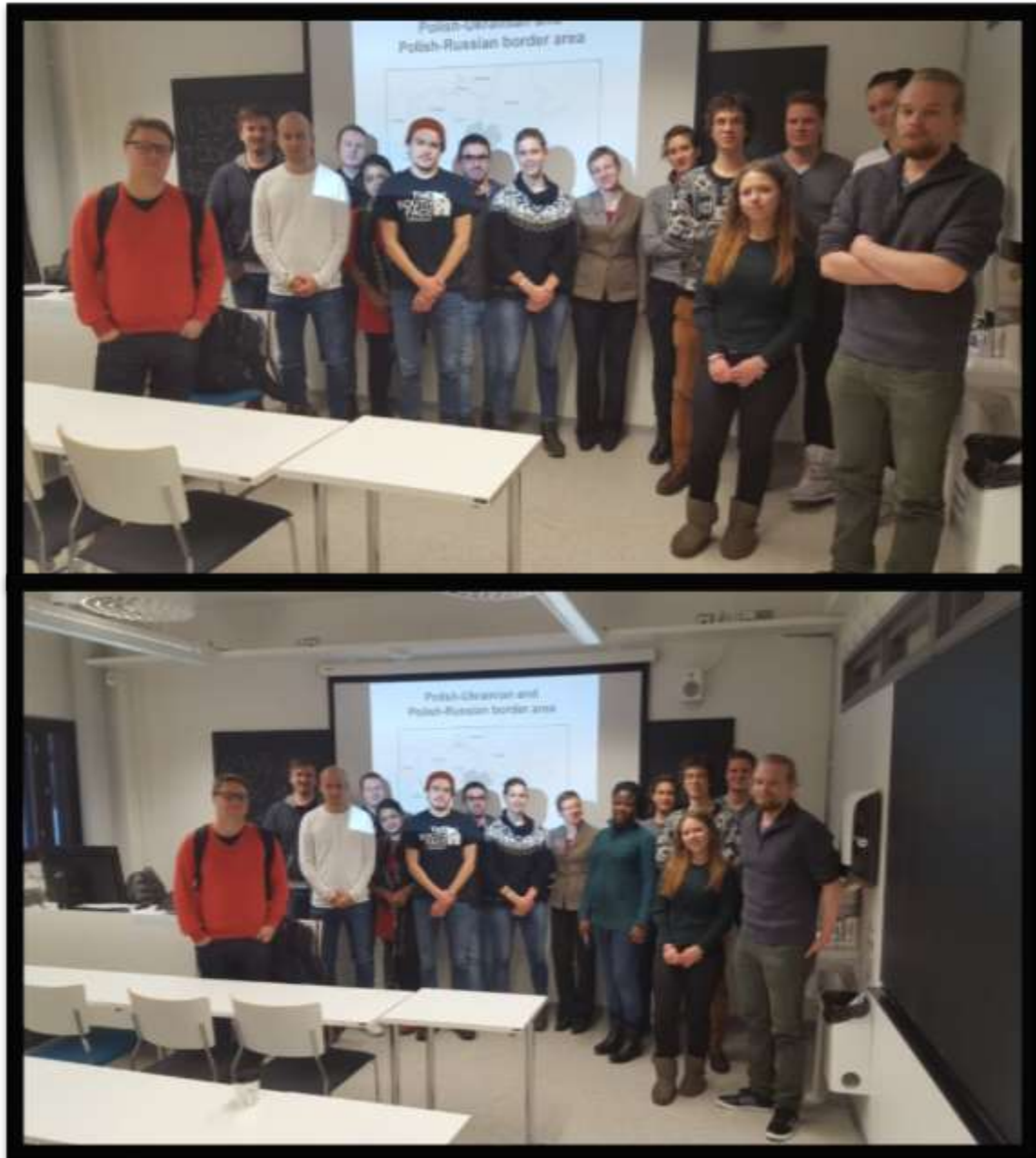


Fig.XI Katarzyna Stokłosa (University of Southern Denmark) with students at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu.

IV. Book Releases

The latest book edited by Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, *How to deal with Refugees? : Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, has been published by LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London.

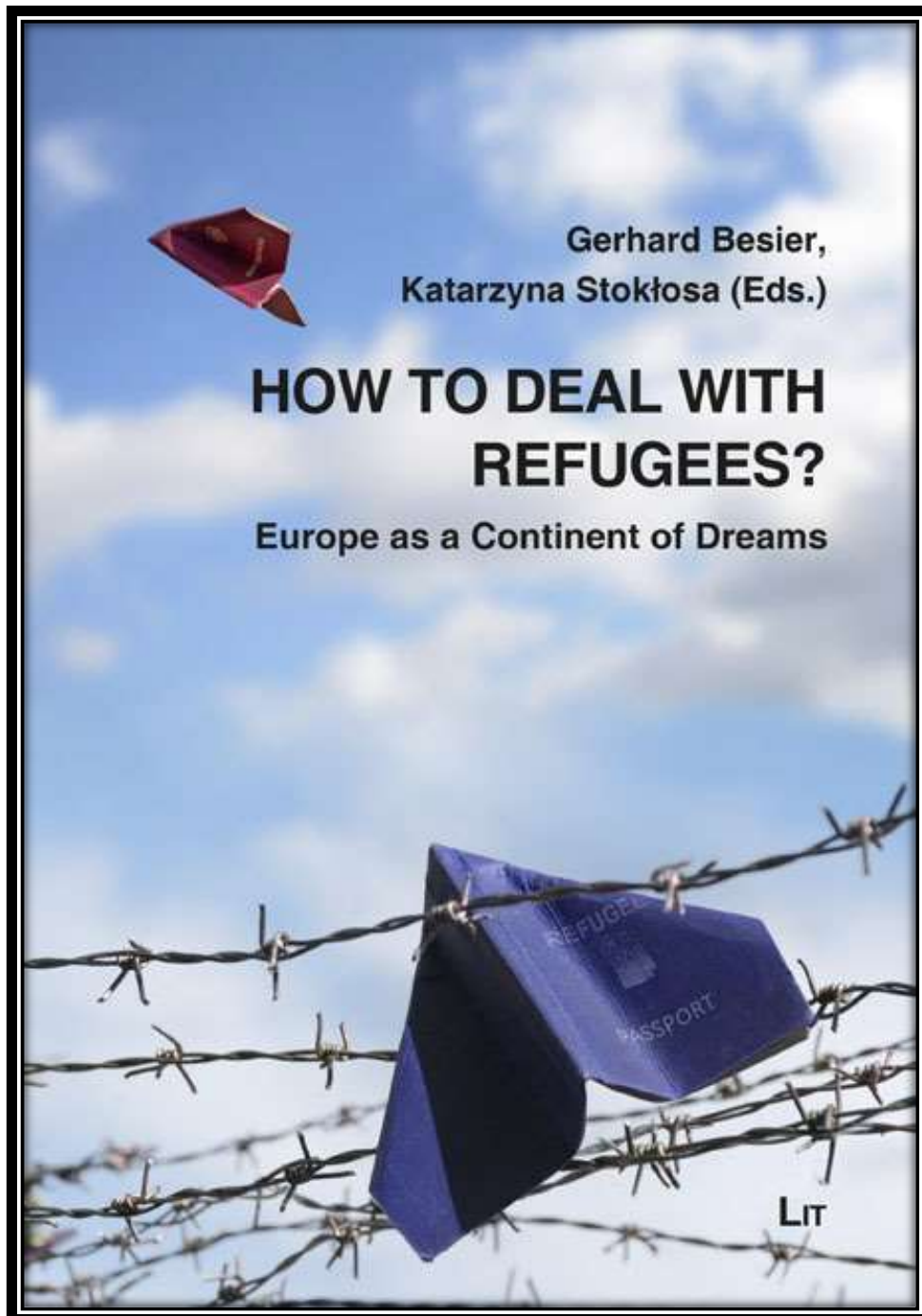


Fig. XII Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, Eds., *How to deal with Refugees? : Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London, 2018.
(ISBN 978-3-643-91005-9)

The third and last volume of the trilogy, *Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart*, edited by Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, has been published by LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London.



Fig. XIII Gerhard Besier and Katarzyna Stokłosa, Hgg., *Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart*, LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London, 2018.
(ISBN 978-3-643-14127-9)

Gerhard Besier contributed to the Journal for the Study of Beliefs and Worldviews with his article about “*The Co-operation Between Church and State in Germany*” and gave a presentation on this on the Religious Freedom Conference in 2018. The journal was published by LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London.

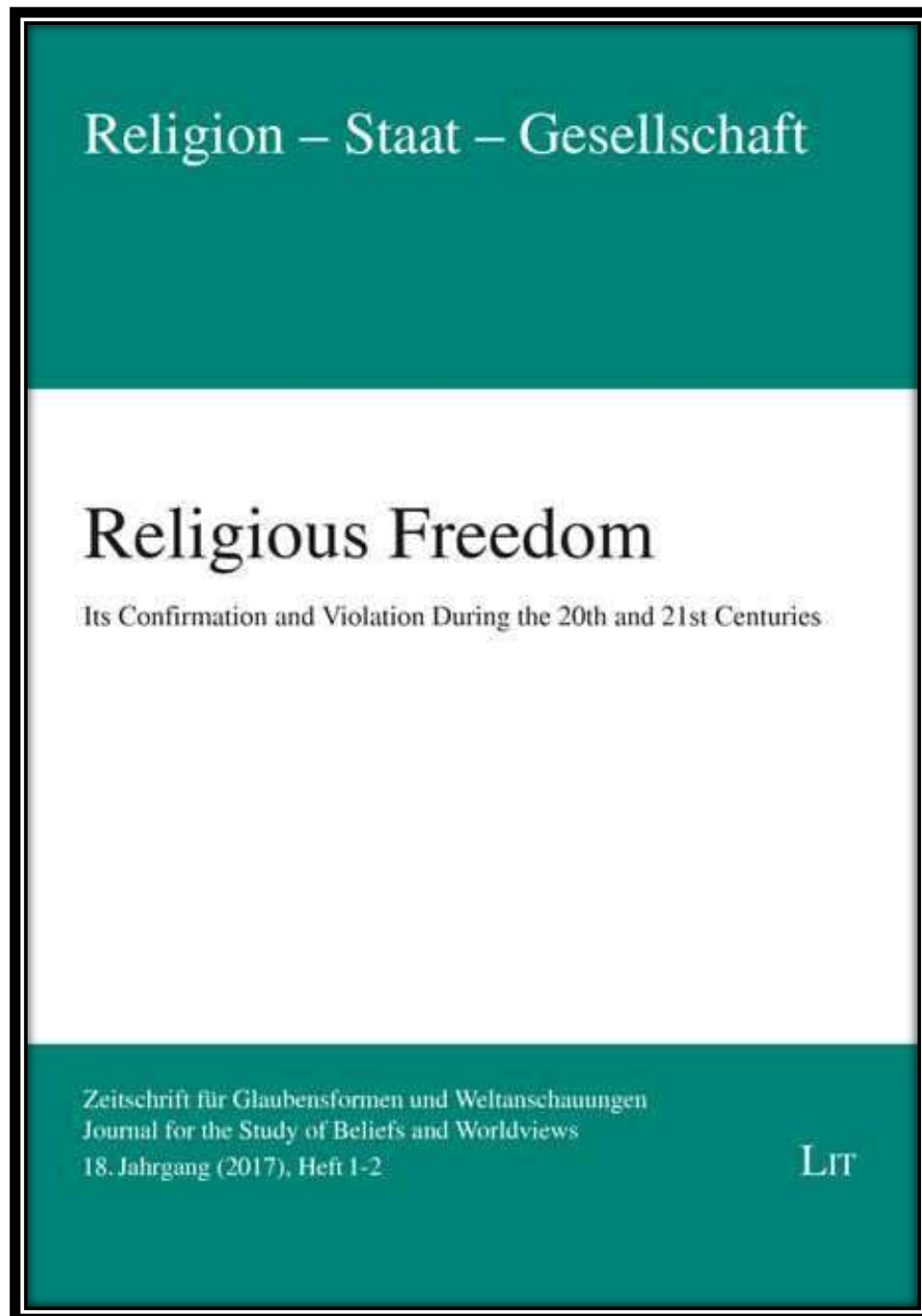


Fig.XIV Religious Freedom – Its Confirmation and Violation During the 20th and 21st Centuries, LIT Verlag, Berlin-Münster-Wien-Zürich-London, 2017.

V. Essays

Gerhard Besier

1. 'Crossings and Crosses. Borders, Educations, and Religions in Northern Europe', in: *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, pp. 1–2, Jul. 2018 (with Katarzyna Stokłosa).
2. 'Introduction', in *How to deal with Refugees? : Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, Besier, G. & Stokłosa, K. (eds.), pp. IX-XXVIII, Berlin 2018.
3. 'The "Clash of Civilizations" Has Happened – Refugees and Religion', in *How to deal with refugees? Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, Besier, G. & Stokłosa, K. (eds.), pp. 271-286, Wien; Zürich, 2018.
4. 'Jehovas Zeugen in Deutschland', in *Jehovas Zeugen in Europa – Geschichte und Gegenwart*, Bd. 3, Besier, G. & Stokłosa, K. (Hgg.), pp. 129-268, Berlin ; Münster 2018.
5. 'The Unification Church in Germany', in *Acta Comparanda Subsidia VI*, pp. 57-66, Antwerpen 2018.
6. 'Mental Borders Create Limited Minds. How To Overcome Prejudices, Stereotypes And the Concept of an "Enemy" in the Second Decade of the 21st Century', in *Castle-talks on Cross-Border Cooperation*, Wassenberg, B. (ed.), Stuttgart, 2018, Franz Steiner Verlag, pp. 256-280.
7. 'Harmonizing Conflicting Demands and Emotions: Christian Believers During the First World War', in *KZG/CCH 31*, 2018, pp. 81-94.

Katarzyna Stokłosa

1. 'The Finnish-Russian Border between Myth and Reality', in *Castle-talks on Cross-Border Cooperation*, Wassenberg, B. (ed.), Stuttgart, 2018, Franz Steiner Verlag, pp. 321-330.
2. 'Refugee Crisis in Hungary: Then and Now', in *How to deal with Refugees? : Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, Besier, G. & Stokłosa, K. (eds.), Berlin, 2018, LIT Verlag, Vol. 5, pp. 41-60.
3. 'Introduction', in *How to deal with Refugees? : Europe as a Continent of Dreams*, Besier, G. & Stokłosa, K. (eds.), Berlin, 2018, LIT Verlag, Vol. 5, pp. IX-XXVIII.
4. 'Crossings and Crosses. Borders, Educations, and Religions in Northern Europe', in *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, pp. 1–2, Jul. 2018 (with Gerhard Besier).
5. 'Andrea Komlosy: Grenzen', in *Zeitschrift fuer Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung*, pp. 435-536, 2018.
6. 'Foranderlige grænser mellem øst og vest', in *Europas Grænser*, Frandsen S. B. & Jagetić Andersen, D. (eds.), Aarhus, Oct. 2018, Aarhus Universitetsforlag, pp. 129-145,

7. 'Catholicism and Patriotism in Poland during the First World War', in Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte/Contemporary Church History, pp. 184-193, Nov. 2018.
8. 'Grenzen: Räumliche und soziale Trennlinien im Zeitenlauf', in Journal of Borderlands Studies, pp. 1-2, Dec. 2018.