

**Ambivalences of transformation –  
How do people and societies grow  
when faced with change and upheaval?**

**European Cities' Forum  
in the Twin Cities of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice  
8 - 10 May 2022**

## Programme

Unless otherwise indicated, simultaneous interpretation into English, Polish and German will be provided at all Forum events.

### SUNDAY, 8 MAY

**2 pm – 4 pm**            **Boat trip on the River Oder, “Onkel Helmut”, Holzmarkt**

**7 pm – 10 pm**        **Twin Cities' Reception, Kleist Forum**

Dr. Dietmar Woidke, Prime Minister of the Land of Brandenburg,  
Patron of the Forum (welcome speech video)

Welcome address: Lord Mayor René Wilke, Frankfurt (Oder), and  
Mayor Mariusz Olejniczak, Słubice and Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal, President of  
the European University Viadrina – Short videos from participating cities

Keynote speeches by Dr. Marek Prawda, Former Ambassador of the Republic of  
Poland, and Prof. Dr. Constantin Goschler, Ruhr University Bochum: “Who were we  
and who will we be? – European cities in the post-transformation era”

Discussion with panel guests

Music: “Europe Variations”, Søren Gundermann, Piano

Buffet

### MONDAY, 9 MAY – EUROPE DAY

<b>7.30 am - 8.30 am: Boat trip on the Oder with refreshments, “Onkel Helmut”, Holzmarkt</b>	<b>8.45 am – 9.05 am: Multilingual ecumenical morning prayers, Marienkirche (Church of St. Mary)</b>
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**9.45 am - 10.45 am**    **Opening of the Forum, European University, Auditorium Maximum**

European anthem, Catori Quartett of the Brandenburg State Orchestra Frankfurt (O.)  
Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal, President of the European  
University Viadrina,

Discussion with Mrs Annalena Baerbock, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Federal  
Parliament Bundestag and the mayors René Wilke (Frankfurt) and Mariusz Olejniczak  
(Słubice)

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## MONDAY, 9 MAY – EUROPE DAY (cont.)

<p><b>Academia in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>East-West German transformations</b></p> <p><b>11.00 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Logensaal, European University</p> <p><b>Eastern German experience of transformation and future development with a regional perspective</b></p> <p><u>Key notes and discussions:</u></p> <p>Dr. Marcus Böick, Ruhr University Bochum          Prof. Dr. Rita Aldenhoff-Hübinger, European University Viadrina          Hannes Langer, Bürgerbühne Theatre Frankfurt          Prof. Dr. Karl Döring, former CEO, EKO Stahl AG</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Susann Worschech, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Society in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>Transformation is tangible – Our experience with upheavals</b></p> <p><b>11.15 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Konzerthalle Frankfurt (Oder)</p> <p><b>Social transformation as reflected in individual experiences, lessons and benefits</b></p> <p><u>Exchange of views and discussions:</u></p> <p>Which political or social changes have had the greatest impact on our lives? How have such changes affected us and how have we used them?</p> <p>Dialogue formats Blind Date and World Café</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Anne Holper and Elena Mika, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; Culture:</b></p> <p><b>Discovering the twin cities</b></p> <p><b>11:00 am - 1 pm</b></p> <p>Various venues</p> <p><b>11 am - 6 pm Kukuryku</b> – Twin cities art store, souvenirs and events</p> <p><b>11 am -1 pm Guided tour in Polish</b> “The European twin cities in transformation”, Tourist Information</p> <p><b>11 am – 1 pm Guided tour in English</b> “The European twin cities in transformation”, Tourist Information</p> <p><b>11.15 am – 12.45 pm “Sound walks”</b> 3D audio tours (listening and recording) in the twin cities, City Treff bez granic</p> <p><b>Exhibitions at the Gräfin Dönhoff Building:</b></p> <p>“Society in transition. Transformation actors in Berlin and Brandenburg post-1989”</p> <p>“By my side – Belfast, Mostar, Nicosia, Berlin” (German, English)</p> <p><b>Street music</b> with Jacek Faldyna and Thomas Strauch (Sax, double bass)</p> <p><b>Tourist Information Frankfurt (Oder):</b> Große Oderstr. 29, 9 am - 5 pm</p>
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### Lunch break

<p><b>From 1 pm:</b>  <b>Midday meal or packed lunch</b>          Mensa (campus cafeteria), Gräfin Dönhoff Building</p>	<p><b>1.15 pm - 2.15 pm:</b>  <b>Boat trip on the Oder, with a light lunch</b>          “Onkel Helmut”, Holzmarkt</p>
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**MONDAY, 9 MAY – EUROPE DAY (cont.)**

<p><b>Academia in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>East-West German transformations</b></p> <p><b>2.30 pm - 6.30 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Logensaal, European University</p> <p><b>East-West German interconnectedness, migration, (dis-)integration</b></p> <p><u>Key notes and discussions:</u></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Naika Foroutan, DeZIM Berlin          Dr. Adriana Lettrari, "Third Generation East"          Dr. Daniel Kubiak, Humboldt University Berlin          Christian Bangel, ZEIT Online          Antje Materna,          Project "Life in Neuberesinchen"          Roland Semik,          Project "Mała Moskwa, Słubice"          Axel Drieschner, „Eisenhüttenstadt – a city from the drawing board”,          GDR Museum Eisenhüttenstadt/Beeskow</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>PD Dr. Carolin Leutloff-Grandits,          European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Society in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>Transformation is tangible – Our experience with upheavals</b></p> <p><b>3 pm - 5.30 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Konzerthalle Frankfurt (Oder)</p> <p><b>Unresolved aspects of transformation: stress, losses, conflicts</b></p> <p><u>Exchange of views and discussions:</u></p> <p>Which losses and conflicts have occurred and still need to be resolved – or at least fully recognised?          Can anything positive be gained from such losses and conflicts?</p> <p>Dialogue format World Café</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Anne Holper and          Prof. Dr. Lars Kirchhoff,          European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; Culture:</b></p> <p><b>Discovering the twin cities</b></p> <p><b>2.30 pm - 6 pm</b></p> <p>Various venues</p> <p><b>2.30 pm – 4 pm “Sound walks”</b>          3D audio tours (listening and recording) in the twin cities, City Treff bez granic</p> <p><b>3 pm – 5 pm Guided tour in German</b>          “The European twin cities in transformation”, Tourist Information</p> <p><b>3 pm – 6 pm “From Słubfurt to Nowa America – The guided tour with a difference”</b>          Michael Kurzwelly, DE-PL-EN,          Bachstraße/Brückenplatz</p> <p><b>3 pm – 6 pm Intercultural cookery workshop “Dumpling stories”</b> von INTIKUREN, Mikado</p> <p><b>Exhibitions at the Gräfin Dönhoff Building:</b></p> <p>“Society in transition. Transformation actors in Berlin and Brandenburg post-1989”</p> <p>“By my side – Belfast, Mostar, Nicosia, Berlin” (German, English)</p> <p><b>Street music</b> with Jacek Faldyna and Thomas Strauch (Sax, double bass)</p> <p><b>Open to 6 pm: Kukuryku</b> – Twin cities art store, souvenirs and events</p> <p><b>Tourist Information</b> Frankfurt (Oder):          Große Oderstr. 29, 9 am - 5 pm</p>
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<p><b>8 pm - 9.45 pm, Kleist Forum:</b></p> <p><b>“The Nightingale’s Tale – Modern dance and songs from Slovenia, Ukraine and Frankfurt (Oder)”</b></p> <p><b>Buffet (7.00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>10.15 pm, Cultural Centre SMOK:</b></p> <p><b>Club Concert and Jam Session Without borders „ItsAnez Band“</b></p> <p>Bar Prowincja</p>
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## TUESDAY, 10 MAY

<b>7.30 am - 8.30 am: Boat trip on the Oder with refreshments, "Onkel Helmut", Holzmarkt</b>	<b>8.15 am - 8.35 am: Multilingual ecumenical morning prayers, Marienkirche (Church of St. Mary)</b>
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<p><b>Academia in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>European transformations</b></p> <p><b>9 am - 12.30 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Logensaal, European University</p> <p><b>European transformations between "post-socialist" and "neoliberal"</b></p> <p><u>Key notes and discussions:</u></p> <p>apl. Prof. Dr. Annette Weinke, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena/ Historisches Kolleg Munich</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast, European University Viadrina</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer, Regensburg University (online)</p> <p>Mag. Dominik Stegmayer, RECET, Vienna University</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>PD Dr. Carolin Leutloff-Grandits, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Society in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>Shaping transformation: Our concerns and projects with future changes in mind</b></p> <p><b>9 am - 12.30 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Konzerthalle Frankfurt (Oder)</p> <p><b>Our own roles, patterns and contributions to change today and in the future</b></p> <p><u>Exchange of views and discussions:</u></p> <p>The next major change is already well under way – and what part are we playing in it?</p> <p>What are the risks and opportunities, how are they linked and how do we deal with such challenges?</p> <p>How do we wish to make the most out of what we have learned and gained in the past?</p> <p>Various formats</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Anne Holper und Elena Mika, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; Culture:</b></p> <p><b>Discovering the twin cities</b></p> <p><b>10 am - 12.30 pm</b></p> <p>Various venues</p> <p><b>10 am - 6 pm Kukuryku</b> – Twin cities art store, souvenirs and events</p> <p><b>10.30 am -12.30 pm Guided tour in English</b></p> <p>"The European twin cities in transformation", Collegium Polonicum</p> <p><b>Exhibitions at the Gräfin Dönhoff Building:</b></p> <p>"Society in transition. Transformation actors in Berlin and Brandenburg post-1989"</p> <p>"By my side – Belfast, Mostar, Nicosia, Berlin" (German, English)</p> <p><b>Street music</b> with Jacek Faldyna and Thomas Strauch (Sax, double bass)</p> <p><b>Tourist Information</b> Frankfurt (Oder): Große Oderstr. 29, 9 am - 5 pm</p>
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<b>From 12.30 pm:</b> <b>Midday meal or packed lunch</b> Mensa (campus cafeteria), Gräfin Dönhoff Building	<b>12.45 pm - 1.45 pm:</b> <b>Boat trip on the Oder, with a light lunch</b> "Onkel Helmut", Holzmarkt
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## TUESDAY, 10 MAY (cont.)

<p><b>Academia in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>European transformations</b></p> <p><b>2 pm – 4 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Logensaal, European University</p> <p><b>Transformation &amp; (twin) cities in the European debate – Ambivalences, dependencies, grey areas and independent paths</b></p> <p><u>Key notes and discussions:</u></p> <p>Dr. Peter Ulrich, Technical University Cottbus</p> <p>Dmitrij Kapitelman, Writer, publicist</p> <p>Olga Pischel, Twinning Association Berlin-Steglitz-Zehlendorf – Kharkiv</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Timm Beichelt, European University Viadrina</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Susann Worschech, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Society in Dialogue:</b></p> <p><b>Shaping transformation: Our concerns and projects with future changes in mind</b></p> <p><b>2 pm – 3.30 pm</b></p> <p>Venue: Konzerthalle Frankfurt (Oder)</p> <p><b>Conclusion – Tackling change</b></p> <p><u>Exchange of views:</u></p> <p>What will we be taking away with us? Which changes will we initiate ourselves? What requires joint action and which aspects do we wish to tackle together?</p> <p>Various formats</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <p>Dr. Anne Holper and Elena Mika, European University Viadrina</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; Culture:</b></p> <p><b>Discovering the twin cities</b></p> <p><b>2 pm – 4.30 pm</b></p> <p>Various venues</p> <p><b>2 pm – 4 pm “La Luna – Interactive puppet theatre - Public rehearsal ”</b> Theater des Lachens (without language)</p> <p><b>2 pm – 4 pm Guided tour in German –</b> “The European twin cities in transformation”, Tourist Information</p> <p><b>2 pm – 4 pm Guided tour in Polish –</b> “The European twin cities in transformation”, Tourist Information</p> <p><b>2 pm – 4.30 pm “From Slubfurt to Nowa America – The guided tour with a difference”</b> Michael Kurzwelly, DE-PL-EN, Bachstraße/Brückenplatz</p> <p><b>Exhibitions at the Gräfin Dönhoff Building:</b> “Society in transition. Transformation actors in Berlin and Brandenburg post-1989”</p> <p>“By my side – Belfast, Mostar, Nicosia, Berlin” (German, English)</p> <p><b>Kukuryku – Twin cities art store, souvenirs and events</b></p> <p><b>Tourist Information Frankfurt (Oder):</b> Große Oderstr. 29, 9 am - 5 pm</p>
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**4.30 pm – 6 pm**

### **Closing discussion, Konzerthalle Frankfurt (Oder)**

“The (twin) cities of the future: How will visitors to the Centre for the Future of European Transformation and German Unity in 2030 be able to recognise that urban society has risen to the challenge presented by major changes?”

Format: “Fish bowl”

Chair: Wendy Bell and Alyssa Doepmann, European University Viadrina

**6.15 pm – 7 pm**

### **Declarations of support and press briefing, Kleist Forum Frankfurt (Oder)**

**8 pm – 11 pm**

### **Closing Event, Kleist Forum**

Light refreshments

Concluding speech “Transformation and its lessons for Europe”, Prof. Dr. Michał Buchowski, Adam-Mickiewicz University Poznań

„The walls will fall – Cross-border transformation”, A programme of music, Kleist Forum, SMOK and Friends

Buffet supper