

The Northeast Institute



The Institute for the Culture and History of Germans in Northeast Europe (IKGN e.V.) in Lüneburg – the Northeast Institute for short – began its work in 2002.

It is a research institute whose scholarly faculty undertake their own research as well as other projects, and present their results for discussion at conferences and in scholarly publications. In addition, the Institute maintains the Northeast Library, a specialized, field-oriented resource containing some 170,000 entries in various media which are available for public use. The Northeast Institute operates on the basis of a cooperation agreement (or ‘an-’ affiliation) with the University of Hamburg. Here, as well as at other schools of higher education in Germany and abroad, the faculty of the Institute regularly schedule courses. The Institute cooperates with numerous scholarly entities and universities in Germany and

Northeast Europe, and also brings its resources of learning to a wider public.

The Institute’s work is supported with funds from the Federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media. Individual projects are financed with third-party funds. A charter establishes the legal, organizational and content-related basis of the Institute’s work, and also regulates the work of the committees (board of directors, board of trustees, membership meeting).



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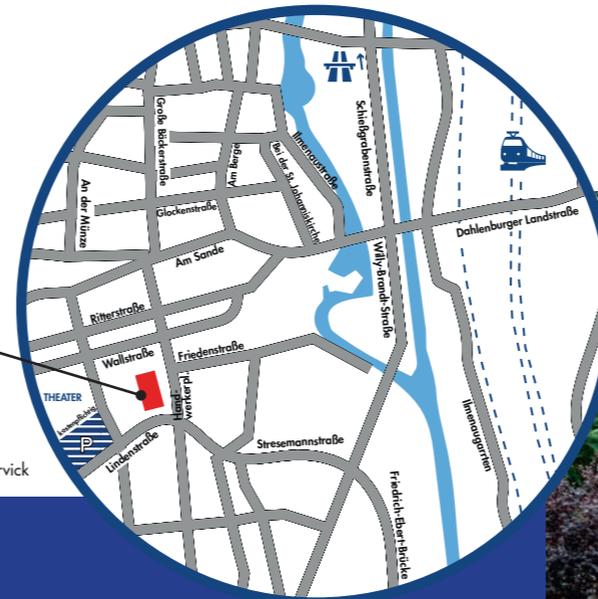


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Research

The Northeast Institute organizes and brings to fruition research projects and conferences on the culture and history of Northeast and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries. Its regional focus is on the historically Prussian provinces (East and West Prussia, Pomerania, Poznan), Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as Russia, the Soviet Union and the states that succeeded it. The character of these regions was shaped by Germans who lived there, and in part by the affiliation of these regions to the German (or Prussian) state. German politics also exerted a great impact on the development of Northeast and East Central Europe beyond the borders of Germany. The geographical region, its mental landscape and life environment are viewed in three perspectives which together provide a theoretical and content framework for research: Orders, Appropriations and Experiences.

The perspective of orders refers to the fact that modern Northeast Europe can be



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understood as a place of various systems of ordering. From an historical point of view, it addresses the question of how orders come into being, how they develop a force of inertia and how they change. The appropriation of political, cultural and geographic spaces in Northeast Europe was a central strategy for articulating and asserting national ideas, ideologies and changing cultural or local interests. The perspective of experiences focuses on the conditions of life and experience of broad sections of the population. Thus, the terms Orders, Appropriations and Experiences provide a framework for the Institute's research into the history of political, social, cultural and everyday processes.

Publications

The Northeast Institute brings out papers in the scholarly series "Publications of the Northeast Institute", the periodical "Northeast Archive – Periodical for Regional History", as well as publications in the "Online Papers of the Northeast Institute".

The series "Publications of the Northeast Institute" consists primarily of outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral dissertations as well as translations on all aspects of Northeast European history. Individual titles in the series are available in bookstores.

The "Northeast Archive" appears annually. Each volume is dedicated to a particular theme, raising research questions that address the regional, cultural and inter-relational history of the areas in which German and other ethnic groups lived with and alongside one another. By virtue of the thematic focus of the reviews included in each volume, the "Northeast Archive" serves an important function among scholarly journals that examine the history

of East Europe. An international editorial board assures the high standard of the refereed journal, which observes a double-blind peer-review process. The "Northeast Archive" is available in hard copy in bookstores and, since 2022, as an e-journal. Information about current and past numbers can be found on the Institute's homepage.



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Translated History

Since 2014, under the heading "Translated History", the Northeast Institute has published first German translations of groundbreaking or controversial texts by East European authors. The topics of the publications are various, including texts on social, commercial and memory history as well as the political and cultural history of Eastern Europe. The online presentation gives the German-speaking public access to work originally

published in foreign languages on the history of German/East European relations which they would otherwise not discover. The ways in which the texts came to be written, their historical context as well as the scholarly debate surrounding them are presented in concise introductions. Contributions to the online series "Translated History – German History in East Europe. Theses, Research, Controversies from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and Russia in German Translation" are accessible free of charge.

Library

The Northeast Library is the largest specialized library in northern Germany for scholarly work on the history of the Baltic, Poland and Russian Germans. It is part of the library system of the University of Hamburg and open to the public.

With about 170,000 individual items including monographs, essay collections, reference works, periodicals, historical picture postcards, graphic works and maps, the Northeast Library offers a broad spectrum of literature and source materials in German, English, Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and other languages.

The inventory of books and periodicals can be consulted in the online catalogue of the University of Hamburg's library system



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