20 September 2013
Place: Thomas Mann Museum (Skruzdynės St. 17)

18.00  Address of welcome (Silva Pocytė, head of the Institute of Baltic Region History and Archaeology, University of Klaipėda)

18.30  The History of the Thomas-Mann-Haus in Nida (Lina Motuzienė, Thomas-Mann Cultural Centre)

19.00  Key-note speech by Andreas Kossert (Berlin): East Prussia and Its Afterlife: The Persistence of a Historical Phenomenon

20.30  Dinner

21 September 2013
Place: City Hall of Neringa Municipality (Taikos St. 2)

9.00 – 9.45  Introductory remarks by Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (Berlin), Vasilijus Safronovas (Klaipėda), Klaus Richter (Birmingham)

9.45 – 10.00  Coffee break

10.00 – 11.15  Session 1. Loyalty and Identity Politics in East Prussia
Chair: Vacys Vaivada (Klaipėda)
Arūnas Baublys (Klaipėda): From Court Church to Intellectual Elite. The Reformed Preachers in Prussia, 17th to 18th C.
Darius Barasa (Klaipėda): With Rod and Sword: Aspects of Confessionalization and Social Control “from Above” in Prussia at the Turn of the 18th C.
Commentary: Esther-Beate Körber (Berlin)

11.15 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45  Session 2. Border Regions and Cultural Transfer
Chair: Klaus Richter (Birmingham)
Jan Musekamp (Frankfurt/O.): The Royal Prussian Ostbahn and German-Polish Cross-border Relations in the 19th C.
Anna Zgliniškė (Toruń): “Ein Blick nach Russland”. Myth and Reality of Border and Borderland between Prussia and Russia in 19th C.
Commentary: Christian Pletzing (Sankelmark)

12.45 – 14.00  Lunch break

14.00 – 15.45  Session 3. Defining and Practicing Space in East Prussia
Chair: Lina Motuzienė (Klaipėda)
Axel Walter (Osнabrück): (Re-) Constructions of Old Prussian Identities in East Prussia. The Beginnings of the Writing of a Regional Cultural History (Arnoldt, Lilienthal, Pisanski) in the 18th C. and Their Repercussions
Nijole Strakauskaitė (Klaipėda): East Prussian Health Resorts. A Socio-cultural Phenomenon of the Era of Industrialization and the Problems of its Adaptation at the Turn of the 21st C.
Vasilijus Safronovas (Klaipėda): The Creation of a National Space in Prussian Lithuania at the Turn of the 20th C.
Commentary: Tomas Balkelis (Vilnius)

15.45 – 16.00  Coffee break

16.00 – 17.45  Session 4. Intercultural Contacts and the Change from Imperial to National Order
Chair: Silva Pocytė (Klaipėda)
Charles Perrin (Atlanta): Between German and Lithuanian Culture, Between the Intelligentsia and the Peasantry. The Intellectual Development of Martynas Jankus (1858–1946)
Romualdas Adomavičius (Klaipėda): The Port of Klaipėda as a Place of Cultural Contact in the Interwar Period
Andrzej Kopiczko (Olsztyn): The Catholic Church in the Memel Region, 1923–1939
Commentary: Ruth Leiserowitz (Warsaw)

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10.00 – 11.15  Session 5. Consequences of Annexations
Chair: Werner Bergmann (Berlin)
Stefan Thierfelder (Greifswald): The East German Heimatsdienst and the Plebiscite Period in East Prussia. The Beginning of the End of Peaceful Co-existence?
Maciej Venken (Vienna): Polish Children’s Forced Labour Experiences in Ego Documents and Testimonies
Commentary: Andrzej Saksen (Poznań)
10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.45 Session 6. Transcribing East Prussia
Chair: Stefanie Schüler-SPRINGORUM (Berlin)

Bert Hoppe (Berlin): Kaliningrad as a “Prussian Atlantis”

Ilya Dementev (Kaliningrad): From “Ancient Slavialand” to “Paradise Lost”. Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage in Cultural Memory of Kaliningrad Citizens (End of 1940s – Beginning of 1980s)

Lina Motuzienė (Klaipėda): The Past as a Basis for Cultural Contacts. Initiatives of Social Groups in Kaliningrad in the Late 20th C.

Commentary: Alvydas Nikžentaitis (Vilnius)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Concluding discussion
Moderation: Ruth Leiserowitz (Warsaw)

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