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## RESEARCH AREAS

History of Eastern Europe (since the 18th century): international relations between Russia, Poland, Germany, and Ukraine; history of Russia and the Soviet Union in the 19th and early 20th centuries; religious cultures in Central and Eastern Europe since the 19th century, history of science in Central Europe after 1945, political movements in the Soviet bloc, transformation history, history of Ukraine.

## CURRENT POSITION

since 2003: Full Professor (C4; Chair) in History of Eastern Europe, LMU Munich.

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

1996-2002 Assistant Professor Eastern European History, Univ. Halle (Saale)  
1989-1996 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter at Freie Universität (FU) Berlin

## EDUCATION

2002 Habilitation / *venia legendi* in Modern History and History of Eastern Europe, Univ. Halle (Saale)  
1994 Ph.D. in History, FU Berlin; *summa cum laude*  
1989 M.A. in History, FU Berlin (History of Eastern Europe, Modern History, Slavonic literature)

## AWARDS AND HONOURABLE MEMBERSHIPS

2022 Member of the Scientific Board of the Czech Academy of Science  
2021/22 Richard von Weizsäcker-Fellow, St Antony's College, University of Oxford  
2018 Research Fellow at Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, UC Berkeley  
2014 Visiting Professor at University of Aarhus, Denmark  
2010/11 LMU Research Professor (awarded for outstanding performance)  
2008 Full member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities  
2007 Member of the Centre for Advanced Study, LMU Munich  
1994 Fellow at the Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Science

## ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

2017- DFG Research Group (FOR) "*Cooperation and Competition in the Sciences*", Co-applicant and project leader (Speaker: Prof. Kärin Nickelsen). Subproject: "The Apollo Soyuz Test Project (ASTP): Cooperation Between Ideological Rivals (1970s)". Sept. 2020: positive evaluation; second funding period granted (2021-2024).  
2019- DFG Collaborative Research Center (SFB) "*Cultures of Vigilance. Transformations – Spaces – Practices*", Co-applicant and project leader (Speaker: Prof. Arndt Brendecke). Subproject "Guardian of Socialist Morality: Prostitution and Practices of Vigilance in Czechoslovakia (1945/48-1989)", 2022 positive evaluation, second funding period granted (2023-2027).  
2022- DFG Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences / DFG-Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe (KFG) "*Universalism and Particularism in European Contemporary History*" Speaker; with Prof. Kiran Patel and Prof. Andreas Wirsching.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS IN THE PAST

2018-2022	DFG Research Grant: (with BSB Munich, Herder Institute and other partners): <i>“Forschungsdatendienst für die Ost-, Ostmittel- und Südosteuropaforschung”</i> (OstData) (Founding of a comprehensive platform for digitised resources for Eastern European Studies)
2012-2019	DFG <i>Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies</i> of the German Excellence-Initiative, LMU Munich/University of Regensburg (Speaker; DFG Graduiertenschule)
2011-2018	International DFG Research Training Group: <i>“Religious Cultures in Europe, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Century”</i> , LMU Munich, Charles University Prague, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Tomáš Masaryk-University Brno (Speaker; DFG Internationales Graduiertenkolleg)
2008-2012	Musealization of Memory - World War II and National Socialist Occupation in Museums, Memorials and Monuments in Eastern Europe, funded by Volkswagenstiftung (4 researchers)
2008-2011	DFG Research grant: <i>“Biographies of Violence: Mass Murder in Ukraine during the ‘Age of Extremes’”</i> . (1 researcher)
2007-2009	Research grant: <i>“Migration and Transformation. Documents on the Course and Effects of Displacement, Forced Resettlement and Colonisation in the Czech Lands, 1945-1950”</i> , funded by VolkswagenStiftung (2 researchers)
2007-2009	BKM Research grant: <i>“Discourses of Victims' Associations. Germany, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in Comparative Perspective”</i> , Federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media (1 researcher)
2005-2009	DFG Research Grant: <i>“State, Companies and Workers in Controlled Economies. Bohemian-Moravian Industry between National Socialism and People's Democracy (1938-1950)”</i> (with Prof. Dr. Hans Günter Hockerts) (2 researchers)
2004-2006	Research grant: <i>“Religious and Church History of the Bohemian Lands in the 20th Century”</i> (Renovabis) (1 researcher)
2004-2006	Research grant: <i>“European Identity and Eastern European Nation Building: Ukrainian Appeals to European Public Spheres in Comparative Perspective”</i> (Bavarian Research Network for Eastern and Southeastern Europe, ForOst) (1 researcher)
2002-2004	Research grant: <i>“Discourse on Forced Migration in EU Accession Countries: Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia (1938-1950)”</i> (Bavarian Research Network for Eastern and Southeastern Europe, ForOst) (1 researcher)
2002-2004	Research grant <i>“Czech Civil Society Concepts: Comparative Studies on Basic Concepts of Political Thought”</i> (Bavarian Research Network for Eastern and Southeastern Europe, ForOst) (1 researcher)

(In total: ca. 20 mio euro of third-party funding acquired. Grants for travel and conferences not listed.)

## ACADEMIC OFFICES AT LMU

2022-2023	Member of Support Programme for Ukrainian Scholars, History Department LMU: Fundraising for stipends and scholarships, finding accommodation in Munich for 14 Ukrainian refugee scholars and their families; placement for further ca. 40 scholars elsewhere in Germany.
2016-	Member of the International Affairs Advisory Board
2014-	Member of Steering Committee for the Strategic Partnership Program LMU– UC Berkeley <i>“Research in the Humanities”</i> .
2005/6, 19/20	Acting Director of the History Department, LMU

## ACADEMIC FUNCTIONS AS DIRECTOR, SPEAKER, BOARD MEMBER

2022 -	Director of the Center for Advanced Study (DFG-Kollegforschungsgruppe) <i>“Universalism and Particularism in Contemporary European History”</i> at LMU Munich (with Prof. Kiran Patel and Prof. Andreas Wirsching)
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The Center investigates how the interplay of universalist and particularistic concepts has shaped contemporary European history from the 1970s to the present day. It aims at revealing how these concepts have influenced how political and social change was conceived, justified, promoted or even prevented in three different areas: the economy, the religious and the secular, and human rights. The

center accommodates annual groups of international scholars on the senior and junior level, who combine their expertise in order to arrive at answers that illuminate the past, the present and possibly the future.

- 2004- Director of Collegium Carolinum: Institute for the History of the Czech Republic and Slovakia
- The institute's research program covers a wide range of topics in the long history of the former Bohemian and Moravian Lands, today's Czech Republic and Slovakia. Research staff includes eight senior fellows, six research positions acquired through third-party funding, and five positions for library staff and administration. The institute accommodates a substantial library, and further obligations include the editing of a scholarly journal and several long-term projects, such as handbooks and dictionaries. Its annual budget amounts to 1.3 million euros of regular funding; over the past ten years, this was complemented by successful third-party fundraising (300.000 EUR on average). In addition to the institute's headquarters in Munich, since 2018 the institute has a branch in Prague (as a result of successful advocacy).
- 2016-2020 Chairman of the Scientific Board of Historisches Kolleg (IAS for History, Munich)  
2014-2021 Co-Founder and Co-Speaker of the German-Ukrainian Historical Commission (with Prof. Yaroslav Hrytsak, Catholic University Lviv)  
2014-2017 Chair: Network of Competence, "Historical Studies in Munich"  
2013-2017 Member of the Board of Deutsches Historisches Institut Warschau (GHI Warsaw).  
2012-2016 Speaker of the German Historical Association (VHD)  
2012 - Member of the Board of Deutsches Polen Institut  
2010-2016 Member of the Board of Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschungen  
2008-2014 Member of the Board of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity  
2008-2012 Member of the Board of Forschungsstelle Osteuropa Bremen  
2005-2012 Co-Chairman of the German-Czech and German-Slovak Historical Commission  
2004-2011 Head of the History Department of the Institute for East European Studies Regensburg

## EDITING ACTIVITY

- 2003- Editor in Chief of *Bohemia. A Journal of History and Culture in East Central Europe*  
2008- Editor in Chief of *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*  
2012- Co-editor of *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*  
2014- Co-editor of *Remembrance and Solidarity Studies*  
2013- Co-editor of the book series "*Schnittstellen. Studien zum östlichen und südöstlichen Europa*" (with Prof. Ulf Brunnbauer, Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht)  
2014- Co-editor of Book Series "*Religiöse Kulturen der Neuzeit*" (with Prof. Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, Prof. Miloš Havelka, Prof. Przemysław Matusik, Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht)  
2018- DigiOst (with Prof. Peter Haslinger and Prof. Guido Hausmann)  
2008-2012 Co-editor of Book Series „Europäische Zeitgeschichte“ (with Prof. Thomas Mergel, Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht)

## SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS (PRE- & POSTDOC)

- Ongoing: 13 PhD theses as first supervisor); 1 habilitation thesis.  
Completed: 31 PhD theses as first supervisor; 3 habilitations as first supervisor.

## GENERAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

35 years of teaching on undergraduate and graduate level; supervision of numerous BA and MA theses.

## SUPPORT OF EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS

Mentoring a group of 8-10 students from the Max Weber Program of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes since 2008

## PLACEMENT RECORD

Four former postdocs of the Chair of Eastern European History, LMU Munich, resp. Collegium Carolinum have been appointed to professorships:

- Prof. Jana Osterkamp, Universität Augsburg, PostDoc at Collegium Carolinum, 2007-23, acting as a substitute at the chair in 2016/2017
- Prof. Ricarda Vulpius, Universität Münster, Postdoc at the chair, 2007-2018
- Prof. Wendy Lower, John K. Roth Chair at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California, Postdoc at the chair, 2007-2012
- Prof. Benjamin Schenk, Universität Basel, PostDoc at the chair, 2004-2011

## INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAM "EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES"

- Since 2003: Principal applicant, head, speaker and architect of a Master's degree program "Eastern European Studies", which received long-term funding through the Elite Network of Bavaria ("Elite-Studiengang"; [www.osteuropastudien.de](http://www.osteuropastudien.de)).
- The program is interdisciplinary (history, Slavic studies, social sciences, cultural studies), it is organized as a regional collaboration between LMU Munich and the University of Regensburg, and still ongoing. Since its inception, 330 students have graduated, and the placement record is excellent.
- The program entails annual **summer schools** (2 weeks) in different Eastern European locations, which are often co-organised with local partners. The speaker so far has been responsible for 19 of these summer schools in total, and has designed, organized, and conducted five of them in particular:
  - Universalism and Particularism in the Foreign Policy of Eastern European Countries, Minsk, September 20 - October 3, 2019
  - (Post) Imperial turns, Bishkek, Karakol, Toktogul, Arslanbob and Osh Sept. 19 – Oct. 3, 2015
  - Uzbekistan: Islam in Central Asia from the 19th to the 21st century Tashkent / Bukhara / Samarkand (Uzbekistan), Oct. 1 - 13, 2012
  - Empires (2007), Vilnius and Nida (Lithuania), July 22. - August 5, 2007
  - Urban development and urbanization in Eastern Europe, Bratislava/Slovakia, Brno/Czech Republic, Budapest/Hungary, Vienna, Sept. 19 – Oct. 1, 2005
- Integral part of the teaching program are **project seminars**, where students conduct research projects and present them in various genres, including exhibitions, radio features, websites etc. These seminars are taught by different PI, including the following designed and conducted by Martin Schulze Wessel:
  - Waldram/Föhrenwald (Museum): "Audio Guide for a Place of Remembrance with multiple layers"; October 2018 - October 2019 (see: [https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/badehaus\\_2019/index.html](https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/badehaus_2019/index.html)).
  - Leap Into the Unknown - The Prague Spring as Reflected in the International Press; October 2017 - October 2018 ([https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/projektkurs\\_jg\\_15/index.html](https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/projektkurs_jg_15/index.html))
  - Layers of Cultural Memory in Vilnius; October 2008 - Spring 2010 ([https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/projektkurs\\_5\\_jahrgang/index.html](https://www.osteuropastudien.uni-muenchen.de/lehrveranstaltungen/projektkurse/projektkurs_5_jahrgang/index.html))

## RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP "RELIGIOUS CULTURES IN MODERN EUROPE"

- 2009-2017: Co-Chair of DFG International Research Training Group "Religious Cultures in modern Europe" (with Prof. Miloš Havelka; Charles University Prague; since 2014 also with Masaryk University Brno and Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań; DFG Internationales Graduiertenkolleg). (See the website at: <https://www.igk-religioese-kulturen.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>)

- First supervisor of 8 out of 19 doctoral theses completed in total.
- Teaching program: joint seminars in methodology, colloquia, summer schools, conferences, workshops. Summer schools designed and organized by Martin Schulze Wessel:
  - “Collective Identities, Confessional Diversity, and Political Power”, Poznań, June 11-16, 2017.
  - “Religious Elites: Priests, Pastors, Bishops, Rabbis, and their Religious Capital”, Prague, May 23-28, 2016
  - “Social Groups and Religion, 19/20th Centuries: Bourgeoisie and Working Class”, Brno, Oct. 4-10, 2015
  - “Religion in European Democracies, State Socialism, and Empire”, Vilnius, Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, 2014
  - “Confessionalized Historiography”, Poznań, Sept. 8-13, 2013
  - “Religious Diversity in Polyethnic Dominions in Transformation”, Istanbul, Sept. 9 - 16, 2012
  - “The Meanings of Religion in the Modern Age”, Olomouc, Sept. 18 - 23, 2011
  - “Religion and Modernity”, L’viv, September 20-26, 2010

## DFG GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

- 2014-2019 Speaker of DFG Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies (GS), which was successfully applied for in the German Excellence Initiative (<https://www.gs-oses.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>). The GS created a framework for graduate studies in historical, cultural, and literary studies as well as social science projects focused on Eastern and Southeastern Europe, and became one of the globally leading research centers in the field.
- 61 PhD theses were completed in total; 13 of these were supervised by Martin Schulze Wessel.
- The GS hosted numerous workshops, seminars, working groups, and a series of annual international conferences; the following were co-organized by Martin Schulze Wessel:
  - “Studying Eastern and Southeastern Europe as Area Studies: Paradigms - Themes - Methods for the 21st Century”, Munich, October 25-27, 2018.
  - “The Culture of the Russian Revolution and Its Global Impact: Semantics – Performances – Functions”, Munich, June 2-4, 2016
  - “Cultural Hegemonies in Spaces of Diversity”, Regensburg, May 7-9, 2015
  - “Area Studies Revisited - Connectivity, Comparison, Laterality”, Munich, June 12-14, 2014

## ACTIVITIES AS CO-SPEAKER OF THE GERMAN-UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- After Russia had annexed Crimea in 2014, Martin Schulze Wessel initiated the founding of a German-**Ukrainian Historical Commission**, which started in Feb. 2015 (<https://www.duhk.org>).
- Activities in line with other joint Historical Commissions included collaboration between historians in both countries and the promotion of early career scholars in both countries.
- The Commission has organized **annual international conferences**, four of which were (co-)designed and conducted by Martin Schulze Wessel:
  - The Holodomor in Academia and in the Public: Ukrainian and European Perspectives, Berlin, 17.-18.9. 2021.
  - Germany and Ukraine during the Second World War, München, 22.-24. 10. 2018.
  - Reconciling Post-Dictatorial Societies 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> cent.: Ukraine in International Context, Lviv, 14.-15. 1. 2016.
  - Revolution and War — Ukraine and the Great Transformations of Modern Europe, Lviv, 28. 5.2015.
- Integral element of the Commission’s agenda has been the **promotion of Early Career Scholars** by means of stipends and workshops. (Co-)designed and (co-)organized by Martin Schulze Wessel:
  - “Genocide in History and Law”, with Prof. Gelinada Grinchenko, Prof. Krzysztof Ruchniewicz and Prof. Christian Walter, Wrocław, 5.-7. 10. 2023.
- When Russia invaded Ukraine in Feb. 2022, Martin Schulze Wessel initiated a lecture series online, where internationally renowned historians have presented their views: **“Historians and the War: Rethinking the Future”**. The series included a total of 12 webinar events, which were attended by an

international audience of several hundred listeners, and became a collaborative project with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, and the Ukrainian Catholic Univ. of L'viv (see for full list: <https://www.duhk.org/historians-and-war>). Four of these featured Martin Schulze Wessel:

- 12. 1. 2023: Discussion with Timothy Garton Ash and Martin Schulze Wessel: "Historians and the War II".
- 17.11.2023: Discussion with Ilya Gerasimov, Botakoz Kassymbekova, Yaroslav Hrytsak and Martin Schulze Wessel: "Empires and Nation-States of the Past, Present, and Future: The Russo-Ukrainian War and Debates on Decolonizing Eastern European Studies".
- 29.9.2022: Discussion with Yaroslav Hrytsak, Tomasz Stryjek, Serhii Pahomenko, Denys Shatalov, Oleksandr Zaitsev and Martin Schulze Wessel: "Ukraine in Russia's Historical Politics. Legitimizing Aggression".
- 9. 6. 2022: Discussion with Timothy Snyder" and Martin Schulze Wessel: "Historians and the War"

## ENGAGEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN THE HUMANITIES

- All of Martin Schulze Wessel's **major research projects** (see above; many of them major group initiatives) have aimed at fostering international collaboration in the field.
- Martin Schulze Wessel has actively contributed to international **historical commissions** (German-Ukrainian and German-Czech and German-Slovak Historical Commissions).
- As Director of the **Collegium Carolinum** and Chair of the **Historisches Kolleg**, Martin Schulze Wessel has successfully **internationalized the structures** of both institutions, including international members to both institutions' Scientific Advisory Board (See for Collegium Carolinum: <https://www.collegium-carolinum.de/institut/verein/wissenschaftlicher-beirat>; Prof. Diana Mishkova (Sofia) joined the Board of the Historisches Kolleg.)
- As Chair of the **German Association of Historians** (VHK), Martin Schulze Wessel introduced the element of international panels, which were collaboratively organized with history associations from other countries. This included panels with British historians at the Historikertag in Göttingen 2014, and panels with India as international partner in Hamburg 2016. The partnership with the historians' association in India (the first time that a Historikertag partnered with the global south) was initiated, and negotiated, by Martin Schulze Wessel in New Delhi. In 2017, he was invited to the Indian Historians' Convention in return (as keynote speaker).
- Since 2022 Martin Schulze Wessel is member of the advisory board of the "Yehudit and Yehuda Elkana Fellowship Program to Promote Free Scientific Exchange" of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
- In the area of German-Ukrainian relations, Prof. Yaroslav Hrytsak (Catholic University of Lviv) and Martin Schulze Wessel are establishing a research center that will structurally strengthen academic relations between the Catholic University of Lviv and LMU Munich. The center will investigate the history of mass violence in Ukraine in the 20th century. It is the only humanities project to have been selected for funding by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in December 2023 and will start on April 1, 2024.  
<https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/pressemitteilungen/de/2023/10/161023-Exzellenzkerne.html>

## BETWEEN HISTORY AND POLITICS: SELECTED INTERVENTIONS AND INITIATIVES

- 2023: "We must do more". **Appeal for resolute support for Ukraine**, signed by 70 prominent figures from science and politics, initiated by Claudia Major, Norbert Röttgen and Martin Schulze Wessel, in: ZEIT-online. <https://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2023-12/krieg-ukraine-unterstuetzung-auf-ruf-waffenlieferungen>
- since 2023: Chairman of the Scientific Committee "**Challenges and Opportunities of Academic Cooperation with Post-Soviet States**" of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Speaker of the scientific committee "Challenges and Opportunities of Academic Cooperation with Post-Soviet States" of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), which formulates recommendations for the restructuring of German academic relations with Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- 2022: Statement for the German Bundestag on the question of **classifying the Holodomor as genocide** (<https://www.zeit.de/politik/2022-11/bundestag-abstimmung-holodomor-genozid-faq>)  
Public intervention about the Holodomor as Genocide: "Wie Stalin einst gegen eine ukrainische Nation kämpfte", SPIEGEL Geschichte, 3. April 2022 ([https://www.gs-oses.uni-muenchen.de/publications/inthemedial/2022/artikel\\_spiegel.pdf](https://www.gs-oses.uni-muenchen.de/publications/inthemedial/2022/artikel_spiegel.pdf))

- 2020: Invitee to a Hearing of the Subcommittee on Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy (Unterausschuss Auswärtige Kultur- und Bildungspolitik) of the German Bundestag on the establishment of a **memorial to the Polish victims of the Second World War**, Berlin, October 5. Public intervention on this topic: “Ein eigener Ort des Gedenkens. Warum Deutschland mit einem Denkmal an die polnischen Opfer des Vernichtungskriegs erinnern sollte“, in: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 27.6.2020 (<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/debatten/warum-polnische-kriegsopfer-ihr-eigenes-denkmal-brauchen-16834228.html>).
- 2017 „**Ukraine between West and East**“: Lecture in the Bavarian State Parliament with State Parliament President Barbara Stamm, Prof. Andreas Kappeler and Martin Schulze Wessel (recorded by ARD-alpha, „Denkzeit“, August 12, 2017)
- 2017 “**Appeal to European governments and the EU Commission to save the Central European University in Budapest**”. Appeal organized by Martin Schulze Wessel, signed by 20 renowned academics, including presidents of German science organizations (DFG, Leibniz Association, etc.), published in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 20.4.2017, S. 11. (<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/wissenschaftler-appell-eine-universitaet-wird-vertrieben-14978547.html>)
- **Public statements on Hungarian university policy:**
  - Opfer im europäischen Machtspiel. Ungarn torpediert die Wissenschaftsfreiheit, und die Europäische Union schaut zu. Die Europäische Volkspartei hofiert Viktor Orbán, die Wissenschaft zahlt den Preis, in: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 10.07.2019, S. N4
  - Anschlag auf die europäische Universitätsidee. Den europäischen Universitäten in Sankt Petersburg und Budapest wird langsam die Luft abgedreht. Wo bleibt der Protest ihrer Partner?, in: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 22.11.2017, S. N4
  - Die CEU in Ungarn. Scheitert der Europäische Wissenschaftsraum, scheitert Europa, in: Forschung & Lehre 5/2017. S. 410/11.
  - Orbáns Ethnisierung des Bildungswesens, in: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 5.4.2017
- **2012-2016 as Chair of the German Historians' Association:**
  - Symposia organized as well as public statements, appeals, and press releases published on science policy issues, including the law on temporary academic contracts in Germany, new archive legislation, the implication of ratings and rankings in German academia, etc.
  - Two conferences were held on the reform of job structure at universities in collaboration with the Junge Akademie, science journalists and politicians (see, e.g., [https://www.diejungeakademie.de/media/pages/arbeitsgruppen/wissenschaftspolitik/4a6b753a81-1670257222/konferenz\\_neue\\_wege\\_jun14.pdf](https://www.diejungeakademie.de/media/pages/arbeitsgruppen/wissenschaftspolitik/4a6b753a81-1670257222/konferenz_neue_wege_jun14.pdf)).

## SELECTED KEYNOTES (2022-2023)

- “*New Paradigms in Ukrainian History*”, Lecture at the Conference “Old Wars, New Stories: Ukraine in the Global World”, Princeton University, September 20, 2024.
- “*Russia’s Historical Legacies in the Current War*”, Keynote of the Symposium “Challenges of Russia’s War against Ukraine and the Ethical Principles of Sustainable Peace in Europe” organized in the Context of the Munich Security-Conference by Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv), the University of Notre Dame (USA) and LMU Munich, Munich, February 12, 2024
- “*Russia and Ukraine in History and the Present*” Lecture with Prof. Gwendolin Sasse at St Anthony’s College, University of Oxford, November 28, 2023.
- “*Traditions and Caesuras in Russia’s Foreign Policy*”, Lecture at the Ceremony for the 75th anniversary of the Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik, Munich, November 30, 2023
- „*Religion in Ostmitteleuropa – Vehikel oder Hemmnis der Demokratie?*“ Institut für Zeitgeschichte, February 2, 2023
- „*Krieg um die Geschichte: Russlands Angriff auf die Ukraine*“, The President’s Lecture Series, Justus Liebig Universität Gießen, January 30, 2023.
- „*Putins Geschichte. Historische Obsession und gegenwärtige Strategien*“, Keynote 52. Römerberg-Gespräche „Ist es das wert? Der Preis von Freiheit und Demokratie“, Frankfurt, Nov. 12, 2022.

- „Der 24. Februar 2022 als Zäsur. Wie lässt sich fortan die Geschichte des östlichen Europa schreiben?“, Droysen-Lecture of the Deutsches Historisches Museum and Humboldt University, July, 12, 2022 (published as: "Faschismus? Genozid? Vernichtungskrieg?", in: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, July, 25, 2022, p 6.)

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND OUTREACH (EXAMPLES AT LMU AND BEYOND, 2022-2023)**

- The “Historical Quartet”, where recent monographs in modern history are discussed, was initiated by Martin Schulze Wessel in 2016, in collaboration with the Literaturhaus Munich. Other members include Prof. Ute Daniel (Braunschweig), Prof. Andreas Wirsching (Munich), and a guest member, including Christopher Clark, Gesine Schwan, Herfried Münkler, Sonja Zekri, Jürgen Kaube and others. The event has been held twice a year since 2016 and attracts an average of two hundred visitors.
- LMU Science Talk “Science and ‚Zeitenwende‘: The Role of Academia in Times of War”, Prof. Peter Strohschneider and Martin Schulze Wessel, Große Aula, LMU Munich, November 8, 2022.



