

GWZO-IAMO-Workshop

Return and Labor Migration in Central and Eastern Europe after 1989

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GWZO, Specks Hof (Entrance A), 4th floor, Reichsstraße 4, 04109 Leipzig

Processes of migration for economic, social or political motives have a long tradition in Germany and the states of Central and Eastern Europe. After 1989 however, they have significantly intensified, both in numbers and in importance. This workshop reflects on two particular aspects of the general phenomenon: return and labor migration. Joyce Bromley focusses on German farm families who in 1945 fled to the West ahead of the Red Army, or who were evicted by the orders of the Soviet Military Administration. Some of them returned to their family holding. Robert Nadler presents the findings from an online survey conducted among 2,000 Central European migrants on their reasons to emigrate, stay abroad or return home. Alina Tofan examines the impact of labor migration on social changes in rural areas in the Republic of Moldova.

Programme

14.00–14.15

Welcome and Introduction

Dietmar Müller (GWZO, Leipzig)

14.15–15.15

Joyce E. Bromley (Madison WI, USA)

The Call of *Heimat*. Reunification and the Struggle for Ancestral Land

Comment: Axel Wolz (IAMO, Halle)

15.15–15.45 Coffee Break

15.45–18.00

Robert Nadler (ILS – Institut für Landes- und Stadtentwicklungsforschung, Dortmund)

Return Migration in Central Europe. Key Findings from the Comparative Research Project
“Re-Turn”

Alina Tofan (University of Leipzig)

Labor migration and transformation of rural areas in the Republic of Moldova

Comment: Michael Esch (GWZO, Leipzig)

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