

Programme: Kick-off COST Action CA 23149, January 23-24, 2025

Venue Martin Opitz Library, Berliner Platz 5, 44623 Herne, 2. Floor

January 23, 2025

9.00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Management Committee and Core Group

Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher and Marianna Muravyeva

- Introduction
- Emiljano Kaziaj (online): welcome and opening remarks
- Olga Gorczyca (online): overview over COST-rules etc.
- structures / roles (leadership positions in working groups, science communications coordinator, grant awards coordinator, young scholar coordinator)
- logo
- webpage
- other business

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 am

Coffee break and registration for all participants

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 am

Official Opening of Kick-off meeting (all participants)

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- Andreas Merkendorf, Head of Department for Education, Culture and Youth in the City of Herne / Chairman of the Foundation Martin-Opitz-Library
- welcome by the CA23149-chairs Heidi Hein-Kircher and Marianna Muravyeva

11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Plenary session: general information about CA23149

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- decision making and workflows
- Grant management etc.
- personal structure of CA23149 (overview)
- other business (travel costs / reimbursement etc.)

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Lunch break / Restaurant *Rosmarino*

2.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. **Annette Henninger: Input:** Democratization at Stake? The Urgency of Comparative Research on Anti-feminism and Anti-Gender Politics in Eastern Europe and the Near and Middle East

2.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. **Reports from the participants' countries: current challenges and problems**

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Input from CA23149 countries for further discussion (max. 5 min. input, regarding current developments in their countries).

- Anat Scolnicov: UK
- Dhurata Milori: Albania
- Ionela Baluta: Romania
- Amer Kurtović and Gergana Nenova: Bulgaria
- Alexander Kondakov: Russia
- Maya Ashkenazi and Shulamit Almog: Israel
- Maryna Shevtsova: new EU candidate countries (Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)
- Maja Gergorić and Tanja Vučković Juroš: Croatia

Possible questions for discussion: Is there any (very concrete) impact of the current situation on our work? Is there a specific need we could not identify during the application process but should urgently take under consideration?

3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Coffee break

4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Plenary session: practicalities and concept, including ideas of science communication, young scholars and grant awarding coordinators)

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Agenda for the session:

- main research questions and work packages
- aims and activities of CA23149
- mission statement and logo

- webpage
- input by all coordinators
- other business regarding practicalities and general workflows

6.00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.

Young scholars' meeting

7.00 p.m.

Dinner / Restaurant Zille

Friday, January 24

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Parallel session of WG 1 and 2

10.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Parallel session of WG 3 and 4

Important notes:

For both parallel sessions: please decide in which session you want to participate. In the case that you signed in both WGs during session 1 or 2, please decide where to go. If you have not subscribed WG 1 or 2 resp. 3 or 4, you may participate as well in one of these sessions.

- Each WG session is chaired by WG leaders
- The sessions' aims at a concretisation of tasks (with reference to the application and first ideas launched at 1st MC meeting in October 2024)
- Ideas for WG sessions' agenda:
 - Introduction of members (very brief, in person and online)
 - The meetings should develop a work programme for the funding period, a very concrete one for the 2nd year (2025-26) for reasons of budget planning, a rougher one for years 3-4.
 - The meetings should also develop workflows within the WGs.
 - Aspects that can be clarified:

Which tools will the WG develop and use? (e.g. conferences, international mainstream conferences (panels), workshops, training schools etc.)

Which publications and outreach activities does the WG aim at?

12.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Lunch break / Restaurant Rosmarino

1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Discussion of results of WG sessions

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2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Final discussion

Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher and Marianna Muravyeva

We would like to point out that photographs will be taken on site at the event for documentary purposes, which we may also make available to the press. If you do not wish this to happen, please contact the conference organizers.