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Spring Academy 2014: Exploring Transformations

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Not all of the nation-states that emerged in Eastern Europe following the collapse of totalitarian communism and the dissolution of the Soviet Union have followed the path to democracy and European integration.

Lithuania and Belarus—two nation-states bound by a shared history in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania as well as Imperial Russian and Soviet occupation—have, nevertheless, developed along very different paths. Lithuania became a democracy, joined the European Union, and looks to Western European states as models of governance and economic and social development. Belarus, on the other hand, has become an authoritarian state that is politically and economically dependent on and oriented toward Russia.

Meanwhile, Germany faced unique challenges with the reunification of its Eastern and Western lands that followed the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact. Efforts to integrate and transform Eastern Germany have been costly and challenging.

To investigate how and why the paths of these countries differed and to discuss prospects for their future development, the European Humanities University (EHU) and the Germany-based EHU Förderinitiative e. V. invite Belarusian, German, and Lithuanian students to Vilnius for EHU's Spring Academy 2014: Exploring Transformations.

At the Spring Academy, students from Belarus, Germany, and Lithuania will broaden their understanding of transformations, discuss their own experiences, and contemplate the future development of their countries. Participants will hear from transformation experts and scholars, learning about their methods of inquiry and particular fields of study. Participants will also consider what lessons can be drawn from transformations thus far and will engage in interactive workshops in developing recommendations of their own.

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Closing Dinner: Restaurant "Lokys", Stiklių g. 8/10, Vilnius 01131

Vilnius University, Vilnius

Friday, May 23: Vokiečių g. 10, Room: 402

Saturday, May 24: Universiteto g. 3, Room: 333

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<p>May 22</p> <p>Arrival in Vilnius and Check-In at Hotel</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception and Concert “Resonances from Vilna” By Jascha Nemtsov (Piano) and Karen Bentley Pollick (Violin/Viola) Location: Tolerance Center, Naugarduko g. 10</p>	<p>9:15–10:45 a.m. Dr. Liutauras Gudžinskas Vilnius University <i>The Case of Lithuania: Factors of (Relative) Success, Right Steps Taken, and Mistakes Made</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Dr. Tatjana Chulitskaya European Humanities University <i>Belarus’s First Years of Independence: Steps Taken and Opportunities Missed</i></p> <p>12:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch</p> <p>1:45–3:45 p.m. Workshop Exploring and Explaining the Differences in Post-Communist Development in Eastern Germany, Lithuania, and Belarus: Can We Learn From Each Other? Facilitator: Dr. Maxim Asjoma Assistants: Prof. Kollmorgen, Dr. Chulitskaya, Christian Ochsner, Ieva Motuzaite</p> <p>Closing Dinner</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Restaurant: “Lokys”, Stiklių g. 8/10</p> <p>Presenting, Evaluating and Discussing the Results of the Workshop</p> <p>Scholarship Award for Political Science, Law, and Cultural Studies Ring of Christian Democratic Students <i>The Role of Independent Education in Creating a Liberal Society</i></p>
<p>May 23</p> <p>Location: Vilnius University, TSPMI, Vokiečių g. 10, Room: 402</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Hotel</p> <p>9:15–10:45 a.m. Dr. Liutauras Gudžinskas Vilnius University <i>Introduction: Is There a Science of Transformation? Typology of Post-Communist Transformation</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Dipl.-Volkswirt Christian Ochsner ifo – Institute, Branch Dresden <i>Measuring Transformation: An Economic Approach to the Post-Communist Transformation</i> <i>The Case of Eastern Germany: Lessons to be Drawn</i></p> <p>12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m. Lunch</p> <p>1:15 p.m.– 2:45 p.m. Prof. Dr. Raj Kollmorgen University of Applied Sciences Görlitz/Zittau <i>Transformation as a Social Phenomenon: An Alternative Approach Towards Political and Economic Transformation</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. City Tour of Vilnius Guided by European Humanities University and Center for German Studies</p>	<p>May 25</p> <p>Location: Hotel</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Hotel</p> <p>8:30–10:30 a.m. Evaluation and Feedback</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Departure</p>
<p>May 24</p> <p>Location: Vilnius University, Universiteto g. 3, Room 333</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Hotel</p>	