

Exploring Narrative Gaps in Literature: Identity, Memory, and the Absent

International Workshop, 10-11 July 2025

University of Greifswald | Koeppenhaus

Thursday, 10 July 2025

Departement of History, Domstraße 9a, Room 3.07

09:00–9:30 am	Registration	
09:30–10:00 am	Welcome Paula Friedericke Hartmann, Hanna Horn, Tim Senkbeil (all Greifswald)	
	Theoretical approaches (Panel I)	
10:00–10:45 am	Avril Tynan (Turku) On Not Filling Gaps: The Ethics of Narrative Absence	Moderation: Hanna Horn (Greifswald)
10:50–11:35 am	Kristian Svane (Yale) Exploring the Narrative Gaps of History. Autofictional Historiography	Moderation: Josephine Eckert (Greifswald)
11:45 am	Lunch break	
	Life Writing and Autobiographies (Panel II)	
01:15–2:00 pm	Hanna Rinderle (Berlin) ,Managing the legacy‘ Familiäre und gesellschaftliche Leerstellen in Jason Diakités Memoiren	Moderation: Charlotte Steinert (Greifswald)
02:05–02:50 pm	Taryn Tavener-Smith (Stirling) Embracing the Silence: Navigating Narrative Gaps and Experimental Approaches in Life Writing	Moderation: Hanna Horn (Greifswald)
2:50 pm	Coffee break	
	Post-GDR-Literature (Panel III)	
03:25–04:10 pm	Nina Pilz (Greifswald) ,dieses Loch füllte jetzt der Alkohol‘: Alcohol-Related Gaps in Post-Wende Narratives	Moderation: Tim Senkbeil (Greifswald)
04:15–05:00 pm	Nele Hempel-Lamer (Long Beach) Motherhood in Cold War Germany— Exploring Narrative Gaps in Julia Franck’s and Birgit Vanderbeke’s Prose	Moderation: Tim Senkbeil (Greifswald)

05:30–07:00 pm Dinner

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07:30–09:00 pm	Public Reading Shushan Avagyan (Yerevan) Title: tba	Moderation: Hanna Horn (Greifswald)
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09:00–09:15 am Welcome back

09:15–10:15 am	Keynote Lecture Michael Basseler (Gießen) Title: tba	Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann, Tim Senkbeil (both Greifswald)
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10:15 am Coffee break

Post-Soviet Literature (Panel IV)

10:30–11:15 am	Anna Dzuiban (Munich) Porous Memory: Gaps and Fluidity in Ukrainian and Irish Literatures	Moderation: tba
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11:20 am–12:05 pm	Tatiana Kelebek (Riga) ,I Don't Remember...': Narrative Gaps and the Aesthetic of Absence in Nora Ikstena's <i>Soviet Milk</i>	Moderation: Artis Ostups (Greifswald)
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12:15 pm Lunch break

Graphic Novels (Panel V)

01:45–02:30 pm	Ingvild Hagen Kjørholt (Trondheim) Artefacts in two Contemporary Swedish Graphic Trauma Memoirs	Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann (Greifswald)
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02:35–03:20 pm	Andreas Stuhlmann (Hamburg) Fragmented Stories, Narrative Gaps, and Deconstructed Identities in Anke Feuchtenberger's Graphic Novel <i>Genossin Kuckuck</i> .	Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann (Greifswald)
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03:20 pm Coffee break

04:00–05:00 pm Final discussion