

# 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*

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| 09:00–09:30 | Registration                                                                                                                                       |                                             |
| 09:30–10:00 | <b>Welcome</b><br>Paula Friedericke Hartmann, Hanna Horn, Tim Senkbeil (all Greifswald)                                                            |                                             |
|             | Construction Site. Gaps in Identity Writing (Part I)                                                                                               |                                             |
| 10:00–10:45 | <b>Avril Tynan (Turku)</b><br>On Not Filling Gaps: The Ethics of Narrative Absence                                                                 | Moderation: Hanna Horn (Greifswald)         |
| 10:50–11:35 | <b>Kristian Svane (New Haven)</b><br>Exploring the Narrative Gaps of History. Autofictional Historiography                                         | Moderation: Josephine Eckert (Greifswald)   |
| 11:45–13:00 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                        |                                             |
|             | Construction Site. Gaps in Identity Writing (Part II)                                                                                              |                                             |
| 13:15–14:00 | <b>Hanna Rinderle (Berlin)</b><br>'Managing the legacy'. Familial and social gaps in Jason Diakité's memoirs                                       | Moderation: Charlotte Steinert (Greifswald) |
| 14:05–14:50 | <b>Taryn Tavener-Smith (Stirling)</b><br>Embracing the Silence: Navigating Narrative Gaps and Experimental Approaches in Life Writing              | Moderation: Hanna Horn (Greifswald)         |
| 14:50–15:20 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                       |                                             |
|             | Confronting the Past. Literatures after 1989 (Part I)                                                                                              |                                             |
| 15:25–16:10 | <b>Nina Pilz (Greifswald)</b><br>'dieses Loch füllte jetzt der Alkohol': Alcohol-Related Gaps in Post-Wende Narratives                             | Moderation: Tim Senkbeil (Greifswald)       |
| 16:15–17:00 | <b>Nele Hempel-Lamer (Long Beach)</b><br>Motherhood in Cold War Germany – Exploring Narrative Gaps in Julia Franck's and Birgit Vanderbeke's Prose | Moderation: Tim Senkbeil (Greifswald)       |
| 17:30       | Dinner (self-pay)                                                                                                                                  |                                             |

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| 19:30–21:00 | Public Reading<br><b>Shushan Avagyan (Yerevan)</b><br>Re-membering the literary landscape | Moderation: Hanna Horn<br>(Greifswald) |
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| 09:00–09:15 | Welcome back                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                        |
| 09:15–10:15 | Keynote Lecture<br><b>Michael Basseler (Gießen)</b><br>Narrative Gaps as Forms: Reflections on the aesthetic and political affordances of the absent                  | Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann, Tim Senkbeil (both Greifswald) |
| 10:15–10:25 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                        |
|             | Confronting the Past. Literatures after 1989 (Part II)                                                                                                                |                                                                        |
| 10:30–11:15 | <b>Anna Dziuban (Munich)</b><br>Porous Memory: Gaps and Fluidity in Ukrainian and Irish Literatures                                                                   | Moderation: Roman Dubasevych (Greifswald)                              |
| 11:20–12:05 | <b>Tatiana Kelebek (Riga)</b><br>'I Don't Remember...': Narrative Gaps and the Aesthetic of Absence in Nora Ikstena's <i>Soviet Milk</i>                              | Moderation: Artis Ostups (Tartu)                                       |
| 12:15–13:30 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |
|             | Out of the Frame. Gaps in Graphic Novels                                                                                                                              |                                                                        |
| 13:45–14:30 | <b>Ingvild Hagen Kjørholt (Trondheim)</b><br>Artefacts in two Contemporary Swedish Graphic Trauma Memoirs                                                             | Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann (Greifswald)                    |
| 14:35–15:20 | <b>Andreas Stuhlmann (Hamburg)</b><br>Fragmented Stories, Narrative Gaps, and Deconstructed Identities in Anke Feuchtenberger's Graphic Novel <i>Genossin Kuckuck</i> | Moderation: Paula Friedericke Hartmann (Greifswald)                    |
| 15:20–15:55 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                        |
| 16:00–17:00 | Final discussion                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                        |