

Dr. VICTORIA E. HARMS

DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor

Johns Hopkins University
Department of History
3400 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

vharms1@jhu.edu || <https://victoriaeharms.wordpress.com> ||  victoria.harms

EDUCATION

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 2015- 2018 | Post-doctoral fellow, Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg, Germany.

<i>Research Project 1: Destination Prosperity? East Central Europe's Economic Transformation, 1979 – 2004</i>

<i>Research Project 2: Boycott in Context. Why West Germany abstained from the 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow.</i> |
| 2009- 2015 | PhD Studies, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh.

<i>PhD thesis: Destined or Doomed? Hungarian Dissidents & their Western friends, 1973-1998.</i> |
| 2006- 2007 | Master of Arts, Department of History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

<i>M.A. Thesis: Monument Discourse & the Hungarian Case. Competing Political Interpretations in Budapest's Monuments for the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.</i> |
| 2003- 2006 | Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Culture and Social Sciences, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder).

<i>B.A. Thesis: Tannenberg. Aufstieg und Fall eines deutschen Erinnerungsortes. [Tannenberg. Rise and Fall of a German Lieux de Mémoire]</i> |

KEY PUBLICATIONS

(book manuscript) *Destined or Doomed? Hungarian Dissidents and their Western Friends, 1973-1998*.

(book chapter) “’68 on the Historians’ Mind: Eric Hobsbawm and Tony Judt,” in *Unsettled 1968: Origins, Myths, Impact*, ed. by Anna, Michał Przeperski, and Aleksandra Konarzewska. Routledge, 2019.

(forthcoming peer-reviewed article) “Ein Fenster zur Welt: Osteuropa in der *New York Review of Books*, 1963-2003,” in *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung*.

Radio Interview, “Solidarität mit der Central European University,” Radio Unerhört, Marburg, 13 April 2017. <https://www.freie-radios.net/82522>.

(open access article) “[Open Society v. Illiberal State: Europe, Hungary, and the ‘Lex CEU’](#),” in *Lex CEU and the state of the open society 25 years after the democratic revolutions*, ed. by Eva-Clarita Pettai, [Cultures of History Forum](#), Kertész Kolleg Jena, published 12 September 2017.

(peer-reviewed journal article) “A Tale of Two Revolutions: Hungary’s 1956 and the Undoing of 1989,” in *East European Politics, Societies and Cultures* 31 no. 1, special issue: “The Genealogies of Memory,” ed. by Joanna Wawrzyniak and Ferenc Laczó (August 2017):479-499.

(journal article) “Central Europe in Manhattan: Why Hungarian Dissidents Mattered to New York Intellectuals,” *Comparativ. Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und Vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung* 25, no. 1 (2015): 23-38.

(book chapter) “Living *Mittleuropa* in the 1980s: A network of Hungarian and West German Intellectuals,” in Ilse Lazaroms and Emily Gioielli (eds.), [The Politics of Contested Narratives. Biographical Approaches to Modern European History](#). London, New York: Routledge, 2014.

(journal article) “From Balkan heights to Western discourses: Maria Todorova and the making of a level playing field,” *Journal for Central European History* (October 2012): 146-163.

TEACHING

Fall 2019	<p>“History of Modern Germany,” undergraduate lecture course, Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.</p> <p>“The Year 1968: Rebels, Revolutions, and the Right-Wing Backlash,” a community-engaged undergraduate seminar supported by the Center for Social Concern and the Billie Holiday Project for the Liberation of Arts, in cooperation with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum for African-American History and Culture in Maryland. Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.</p>
Spring 2019	<p>“Europe since 1945,” undergraduate lecture course, KAS, Johns Hopkins University.</p> <p>“The Cold War as Sports History,” undergraduate seminar, KAS, Johns Hopkins University.</p>
Fall 2018	<p>“History of Modern Germany,” undergraduate lecture course, KAS, Johns Hopkins.</p> <p>“1968 – The Year of Revolt,” undergraduate seminar, KAS, Johns Hopkins.</p>
Winter 2017/18	<p>“1968 – A European Year,” cross-listed undergraduate seminar, Department of East European History, Justus Liebig University Gießen.</p>
Summer 2017	<p>“The Cold War as Sports History,” cross-listed undergraduate seminar, Department of East European History, Justus Liebig University.</p>
Summer 2016	<p>“Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte Ungarns im 20. Jahrhundert.” advanced seminar, co-taught with Prof. Dr. Peter Haslinger, Department of East European History, Justus Liebig University.</p>
Summer 2015	<p>“Western Civilization II,” undergraduate seminar, College for General Studies, University of Pittsburgh.</p>

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (recent)

Colloquium presentation: “Der andere Weg nach Westen: Ungarns Wirtschaft im Spiegel der HVG, 1979-1989,” Hannah-Arendt Institut für Totalitarismusforschung Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 10 January 2019.

Conference Paper: “Dreams of a Social Market Economy: The HVG and Hungary’s Second Age of Reform, 1979-1989,” Annual Convention of the British Association for the Study of Russia, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Uppsala, Sweden, 13 September 2018.

Keynote: “Paradoxes of Hindsight: 1968 and Tony Judt’s *Postwar*,” in *Unsettled 1968: Origins - Myth - Impact*. A international transdisciplinary workshop for graduate students at the University of Tübingen, organized by Aleksandra Konarzewska, Miłosz Wiatrowski, Anna Nakai, and Michał Przeperski, 14-16 June 2018.

Interviewer and Chair: Dr. Paul Vickers (GCSC Gießen) on “Blogging Historians and the Crisis in Ukraine,” comments by Dr. Anna Veronika Wendland and Dr. Svetlana Boltovskaya, Marburg, October 27, 2017.

Presentation: “The Socio-Economic Transformation of Eastern Europe: Hungary’s Second Age of Reforms, 1979-1989,” with a comment by Prof. Dr. Peter Haslinger, Graduate Center for the Study of Culture, Giessen, July 4, 2017.

Panel discussant: “De/Kolonialisierung oder Rekolonialisierung der Wissenschaft(en): Osteuropa studieren im 21. Jahrhundert,” together with Prof. Dr. Peter Haslinger, Prof. Dr. Božena Choňuj, and Dr. Anna Veronika Wendland, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), February 3, 2017.

Introduction and Chair of a Masterclass with Dr. Katja Wezel (Pitt): “Memory, Transitional Justice, and the Power of Images,” a cooperation of the Herder Institute, the GCSC & GiZO at the JLU Gießen, December 14, 2016

Presentation: “All Options on the Table: Talking about Economic Reforms in Hungary in the 1980s,” Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington D.C., November 17-20, 2016.

Member of the panel discussion: “Willkommenskultur. Vergangenheit und Zukunft einer globalpolitischen Idee,” organized by Dr. Jörg Probst, Philipps-University, Marburg, September 8, 2016.

Concluding Remarks: “Archives in Exile: Images of Home Abroad,” Leibniz Association “Historical Authenticity,” Herder Institute, Marburg, and Institute for Contemporary History, Munich, February 23-24, 2016.

Lecture: “Road to Redemption: Why West Germans Care(d) about Hungary,” Open Society Archive, Budapest, February 17, 2016.

BOOK REVIEWS (latest)

(forthcoming) Židek, Libor. *From Central Planning to the Market. The Transformation of the Czech Economy, 1989-2004*. Budapest: Central European University Press, 2017. For *Zeitschrift für Osteuropaforschung*.

(forthcoming) Ignatieff, Michael and Stefan Roch (eds.). *Rethinking Open Society. New Enemies and New Opportunities*. Central European University Press: Budapest, 2018. For *Zeitschrift für Osteuropaforschung*.

(forthcoming) Hedyemann, Günther and Karel Vodička (eds.). *From Eastern bloc to European Union. Comparative Processes of Transformation since 1990*. New York: Berghahn, 2017. For *European Review of History*.

Müller, Fruzsina. *Jeanssozialismus. Konsum und Mode im staatssozialistischen Ungarn*. Göttingen: Wallstein, 2017. In *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung*, Bd. 67, Nr. 4 (2018).

Ther, Philipp. *Europe since 1989. A History*. Princeton University Press, 2016. In *Zeitschrift für Osteuropaforschung*, Bd. 67, Nr. 2 (2018).

Snyder, Timothy. *Black Earth. The Holocaust as History and Warning*. London: The Bodley House, 2015. In *Zeitschrift für Osteuropaforschung*, Bd. 66, Nr. 3 (2017).

Feindt, Gregor. *Auf der Suche nach politischer Gemeinschaft*. Oppositionelles Denken zur Nation im ostmitteleuropäischen Samizdat, 1976-1990. Oldenbourg: DeGruyter, 2015. In *Werkstatt Geschichte*, Heft 72..

Ther, Philipp. *Die neue Ordnung auf dem alten Kontinent- Eine Geschichte des neoliberalen Europa*. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 2014. In *Zeitschrift für Osteuropaforschung*, Bd. 65, 3 (Fall 2016), 473-475.

Mikkonen, Simo and Pia Koivunen (eds.). *Beyond the Divide. Entangled Histories of Cold War Europe*. (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2015). In *HSozKult*, 6 February 2016.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

"Zukunft miteinander. Die Deutschen und ihre östlichen Nachbarn," Akademie Mitteleuropa/ Der Heiligenhof, organized by Gustav Binder, March 25-29, 2018, Bad Kissingen, Report at [Herder Entdeckungen](#).

"When Crisis Hits: Historians in Ukraine," Victoria Harms in conversation with Dr. Paul Vickers, Dr. Anna Veronika Wendland and Dr. Svetlana Boltovskaya, roundtable discussion on 27 September 2017, Marburg, Report and recording at [Herder Entdeckungen](#).

LGSch Jahrestagung: "The Knowledge Factor: Refugees in Central and Eastern Europe, 1912-2001," in *Herder Aktuell*(Spring 2017).

"People(s) on the Move: Refugees and Immigration Regimes in 20th-Century Central and Eastern Europe," 9-10 June 2016, Annual Convention, Imre-Kertész-Kolleg, Jena, Germany. [HSozKult](#), 4 October 2016.

"The Authenticity of Archival Collections," 23-24 February 2016, Marburg Germany, Leibniz Association, Forschungsverbund Historische Authentizität.

[Conference Report](#), Eleventh Annual Conference of Baltic Studies in Europe, 7-10 September 2015, Marburg, Germany.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

3 October 2019	Co-organizer with Niko Switek (UW Seattle) and Maria Zinfert (U Montréal): Annual DAAD Visiting Professors Meeting, Portland, OR.
4-6 October 2019	Seminar Co-organizer: “Environments, Power, and Resources in German Central Europe,” at the Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Portland, OR.
December 2017- August 2019	Mentor “ProMotivation” at the University of Marburg, a program to increase the number of female researchers and professors, funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research.
July 4, 2018	Workshop Organizer: “Image – Archive – (HI)Story: German Gazes upon East Central Europe,” Dr. Dietmar Popp und Dr. Elke Bauer, graduate workshop for the GCSC, JLU Gießen.
2017 – 2018	Elected post-doc representative to the directorate of the International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture, Gießen.
November 15-16, 2017	Organizer of the Workshop: “Data Collection & Visualization of Networks in History and Culture, with Dr. Martin Stark,” together with Prof. Dr. Katharina Stornig (JLU) and Dr. Elke Bauer (HI).
December 8-9, 2016	Organizer of the International Annual Convention of the LGSch: “The Knowledge Factor: Refugees in Central and Eastern Europe, 1912-2001,” Herder Institute, Marburg.
November 14, 2016	Organization, e-Workshop: “Lost in a Digital World? Documenting Art Objects and Photographs in the 21st Century,” with Barbara Fichtl (HI), Dr. Ksenia Stanicka-Brzezicka (HI) and Dr. Alison Langmead (Pitt), a cooperation of the Herder Institute and the University of Pittsburgh.
July-September 2016	Deputy to the Office of the “Landesoffensive for the Development of Research and Economic Excellence” at the Ministry for Science and Culture of the State of Hesse, Wiesbaden.
March 14-16, 2016	Workshop Organizer: “Historical Cartography“ with Dr. Madalina Veres (IAS, CEU) and Dr. Christian Lotz (HI), a cooperation of the Herder Institute and the Central European University.
February 23-25, 2016	Organization, Workshop: “Archives in Exile. Images of Home Abroad,” Leibniz Association “Historical Authenticity,” a cooperation of the Herder Institute and the Institute for Contemporary History, Munich.
May 2014 & May 2015	Instructor in the preparatory seminar of the Vira I. Heinz Fellowship for Women in Global Leadership, University of Pittsburgh.

2014 – 2015	DAAD Research Ambassador, University of Pittsburgh.
August 2012	Instructor: "International Students," New Teaching Assistant Orientation. Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education, University of Pittsburgh.

MEMBERSHIPS

Reginald F. Lewis Museum for African-American History and Culture in Maryland, since 2019.

Maryland Historical Society, since 2019.

German Studies Association, since 2018.

Associated fellow & Postdoc representative on the Executive Board of the International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture, Justus Liebig University Giessen, 2016-2018.

Verband der Historikerinnen und Historiker Deutschlands, 2015-2018.

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2014-2017.

Hungarian Studies Association since 2014

REVIEWING

- Reviewer for Oxford University Press, *The World Transformed: 1945 to the Present* (2nd ed.) and *The World Transformed: 1945 to the Present, A Documentary Reader*, (August-September 2019)
- Second Reader of “Wahre 48er Internationalisten? Der magyarische Freiheitskampf in der deutschsprachigen Presse,” Bachelor thesis by Sandra Engels, Justus Liebig University Giessen (Summer 2018).
- Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *Journal for Austrian-American History*, 2018.
- Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *East European Politics, Societies & Cultures*, 2017.
- Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *World Literature Studies*, 2016.
- Reviewer of PhD Applications for the International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture, Gießen, 2017.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, 2012-2015, 2010-2011.

Klinzing Grant for Doctoral Research of the European Union Center of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, May – July 2013.

Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship of the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, August 2011 – July 2012.

Visiting Scholar, Pasts, Inc., Central European University, Budapest, Winter 2011.

International Studies Fund for Graduate Summer Research of the European Union Center of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, May – August 2011 and May – August 2010.

Non-Teaching Graduate Fellowship of the School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, August 2009 – July 2010.

Graduate Scholarship (Hungary), DAAD, German Academic exchange Service, September 2006 – June 2007.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* [] marks translations of German titles

March 9, 2018	“[Independent Research after the PhD – Workshop for Application to the DFG (German Science Association)],“ with Dr. Anneke Meyer, Gießener Graduiertenzentrum Sozial-, Wirtschafts- und Rechtswissenschaften.
December 13, 2017	“[Basic Training in Asylum Law],” organized by the Volunteer Office Marburg-Biedenkopf in cooperation with Diakonisches Werk and the Coordinating Office Refugee Relief.
October 16-17, 2017	“[Women in EU Research] (Workshop in Brussels for Female Researchers),” organized by the Department for Equal Opportunities, Federal Ministry for Education and Research and the Coordinating Office EU of all German Research and Science Organizations (KoWi).

October 5-6, 2017	“[Research and University Legislation & Governance]“ with Prof. Dr. Zechlin and Prof. Dr. Löwer, Science Forum, Bonn, organized by the Center for Research Management (ZWM) Speyer.
April 7, 2017	“[Science and Research Communication – Basic training in Public Relations for Academics]“ with Dr. Brigitte Hoffmann (Brunswick). Marburg Research Academy, Philipps University.
October 13, 2017	“Nestor for Newbies,“ German National Library, Frankfurt am Main.
December 4, 2012	“Survival Skills and Ethics Workshop on Teaching,“ Survival Skills and Ethics Program, University of Pittsburgh.

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker)	French (advanced)	Hungarian (advanced)
English (fluent)	Latin (Latinum)	Arabic (beginner)