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Date: February 24, 2022, 18.00–19:00 (CET)

Place: Zoom

WISSEN IM UNTERGRUND

Praxis und Politik klandestiner Forschung im besetzten Polen (1939–1945)

KNOWLEDGE IN THE UNDERGROUND

Practices and Politics of Clandestine Research in Occupied Poland (1939–1945)

(Tübingen, 2021)

By **Friedrich Cain** (University of Vienna)

Commentaries by **Beata Halicka** (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań) and

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Starting from the premise that scientific research is bound to specific places, times and practices, Friedrich Cain's book focuses on moments in which these contexts are disrupted. During the German occupation (1939–1945), most Polish scientists were forced to find clandestine modes for their research. They often adjusted their laboratories and libraries or reassembled them from scratch as the book shows for contexts of social sciences, experimental systems of typhus research in Lwow and beyond, on studies of hunger in the Warsaw ghetto, and finally on attempts to organise physical research. It explores how practices and procedures were replaced, newly established or dynamised in the 'laboratory situation of war' and how strongly programmes of scientific neutrality had to be reconciled with political agendas.

More on the book:

https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/buch/wissen-im-untergrund-9783161589058?no_cache=1

Registration via events-hira@herder-institut.de or

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/global-book-talk-clandestine-knowledge-in-occupied-poland-1939-1945-tickets-259380563247>

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