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Presentations

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Cynthia Osiecki

The import of Flemish sculpture into Sweden's courts in the second half of the sixteenth century

Rune Brandt Larsen

Nation building in a national borderland – On use of history in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine

Alberto Sevillano

National museum in Stockholm: Swedish national identity and encounters with Spain

Katja Will

„Why should I turn back home?“ Motifs of return in Scandinavian literature



# Invitation

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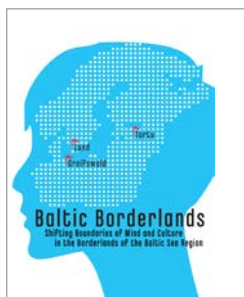
Opening Ceremony  
IRTG 1540 „Baltic Borderlands:  
Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the  
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The interdisciplinary International Research Training Group (IRTG) „Baltic Borderlands: Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the Borderlands of the Baltic Sea Region“, a collaborative programme between Lund, Tartu and Greifswald, advances the investigation of the cultural and mental implications of border change within the entire Baltic Sea Region (B.S.R.). The development and perception of borders and borderlands is dependent on processes of bordering. Against this background, the IRTG will explore the underlying processes of de- and re-bordering in case studies, in order to unlock the theoretical and analytical potential of concepts of borderland for the humanities and social sciences. The scope of the borderland goes beyond the territorial dimension to encompass mental and cultural interactions in abstract space. The participating disciplines will examine the boundaries, borders and adjacent borderland areas in the B.S.R., whereby the focus in Tartu will be on historical-anthropological studies, in Lund on human geography, cultural anthropology, and political economy, and in Greifswald on approaches from history, linguistics and social sciences. These complementary foci offer a broad and innovative spectrum of macro- and micro-level perspectives on the issue of borders and borderlands. In this context, the IRTG will explore four interdisciplinary themes: (1) the emergence and transformation of historical borderlands; (2) the cultural contexts of cross-border action in borderland areas; (3) the economic permeability and persistence of borders; (4) new border regimes: the political dimension of border formation and dissolution. These issues have yet to be investigated in a broader trans-regional perspective and form a productive, sustainable basis for doctoral research.



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### Opening Ceremony

IRTG 1540 „Baltic Borderlands – Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the Borderlands of the Baltic Sea Region“  
 Wednesday, 9 April 2014, 10:00,  
 Lecture Hall, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg,  
 Martin-Luther-Str. 14, 17489 Greifswald

### Welcome

Rector, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald  
 Prof. Dr. Johanna Eleonore Weber

Vice-Rector, Lunds University  
 Prof. Dr. Eva Wiberg

Head of Department, Ministry for Education, Science, and Culture  
 of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern  
 Woldemar Venohr

Speaker of the IRTG  
 Prof. Dr. Michael North

Academic Director, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg  
 Prof. Dr. Bärbel Friedrich

### Opening addresses

Swedish Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany  
 Staffan Carlsson

Legate of the Estonian Embassy to the Federal Republic of  
 Germany  
 Carl Eric Laantee Reintamm

### Key Note Speech

Prof. Dr. Bo Petersson (Malmö)  
 Images of the other(s): Political implications of the financial crisis  
 in the Baltic Sea region

Baltic Lunch Buffet  
 12:00

Dear Professor North,  
 thank you for the invitation to the opening ceremony of the International Research Training  
 Group „Baltic Borderlands“.

I will attend    
 I will not attend

Please tick as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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