



**Towards a Trans-Local History of
Multi-Ethnic Communities in
Central- and Eastern Europe**
Workshop with Prof. Anna Lipphardt

2013 / 11 / 08 9.30 – 13.30
European Humanities University
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Perspectives, Methodological Approaches, (Re)Sources

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During the past century, the fabric of local communities in Eastern Europe has been severely altered by war, genocide, ethnic cleansings, and so-called “population exchanges”. Those who are today interested in the multi-ethnic past of their home-towns are inevitably confronted with empty spaces and blind spots in the urban landscape, local archives and the memories of the present inhabitants. The concept of trans-local history moves beyond narrow local confines and systematically integrates the perspectives and experiences of those who have left their homes in Eastern Europe and re-settled in other parts of the world. The interdisciplinary workshop provides an introduction to trans-local research concepts, as well as to central topics, methods, relevant sources and funding

opportunities. Starting with the example of a short commercial film produced for American Jewish tourists on Jewish Vilnius in 1939, the first session is devoted to central topics and selected media of trans-local entanglements, including the phenomenon of hometown associations, the genre of memorial books, and visits to the “old home”. The second session provides an opportunity for the participants to sketch out and discuss possible research directions for exploring the trans-local dimensions of their own hometowns and villages. In the third session we will discuss research designs, methodological approaches, archival resources and other possible source material, as well as funding opportunities to conduct trans-locally oriented research.

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