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IEG ALUMNI-NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni,

we hope you are doing well and that you look back fondly on your time with us at the Leibniz-Institute of European History. You can look forward to interesting insights and news that we would like to share with you! The first Alumni Meeting at the IEG, a 75th Birthday, prizes, books and new jobs - a lot has happend!

Your IEG Alumni team

Alumni Meeting



The Leibniz-Institute of European History is turning **75!**
We are taking this milestone as an opportunity to organise
the first Alumni Meeting at the IEG!
We will reflect on the IEG's 75-year history, highlight
current historical research, provide a platform for sharing
memories and experiences, and rediscover Mainz together.

When? *27th & 28th November 2025*

Starting *at 3pm on the 27th November 2025*

Where? *Domus Universitatis (Mainz)*

Registration? *Until 01 September 2025 via e-mail to
alumni@ieg-mainz.*

Contact? *Frauke Pielhau, alumni@ieg-mainz.de*

Call for Applications



Call for Applications for IEG Fellowships for Doctoral Students

(Application deadline: August 15, 2025)

[IEG - Leibniz Institut für Europäische Geschichte Mainz](http://www.ieg-mainz.de/en/fellowships)

Our Fellowship programme for doctoral students is now open.
Please share the information with people who may be interested in it.
We are looking forward to receive the application!

New responsibilities

Since February 2025, the fellow office at the IEG has a new coordinator - [Pia Schöngarth](#). In addition to that, [Frauke Pielhau](#) is responsible for the alumni activities at the IEG. Together they have the aim to create lasting relationships between fellows, alumni and the IEG.

Don't hesitate to contact both of them via alumni@ieg-mainz.de, if you have any doubts, wishes or concerns regarding the fellowship program and alumni activities.

IEG Alumni News

David de Boer (IEG 2016/2017)

IEG Alumni David de Boer, assistant professor of political history at Radboud University Nijmegen, was awarded the Dirk Jacob Veegens Prize in July 2024 for the specialist edition of his dissertation, entitled "The Early Modern Dutch Press in an Age of Religious Persecution", published by Oxford University Press in 2023. Congratulations!



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(c) Ewelina Sikora

Ewelina Sikora

(IEG 2021/2022)

For her dissertation “Table set for diplomats: food, drink and politics in Poland-Lithuanias's diplomatic relations, 1674-1696” Ewelina Sikora was awarded the Dissertation Prize of the Polish Studies Association in November 2024.

Congratulations to her!

Yasmin Vetter

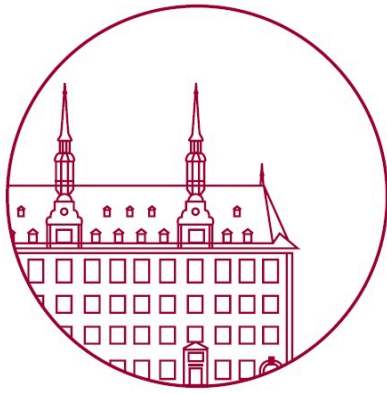
(IEG 2021/2022)

Yasmin Vetter, IEG Alumni from 2021/2022, is the new pastor in the Protestant parish of Niddatal since the beginning of 2025.

We wish her all the best for her first position as a pastor!



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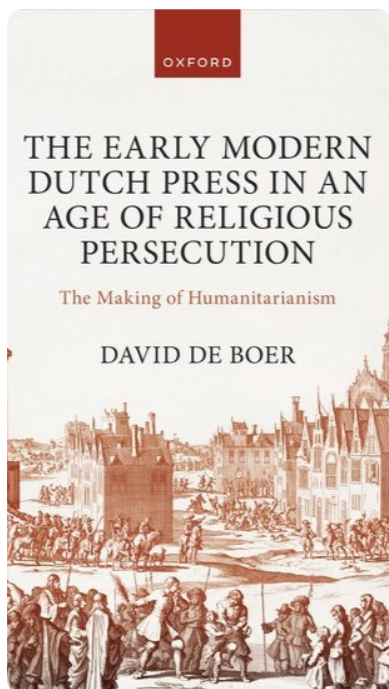
Lida Dodou

(IEG 2023/2024)

Since the beginning of 2025, Lida Dodou has been a Fortunoff Fellow at the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at the Yale University, made possible by funding from the Claims Conference. Congratulations to her!

Publications

In recent months, a number of alumni have brought out new publications, which we would like to highlight here.

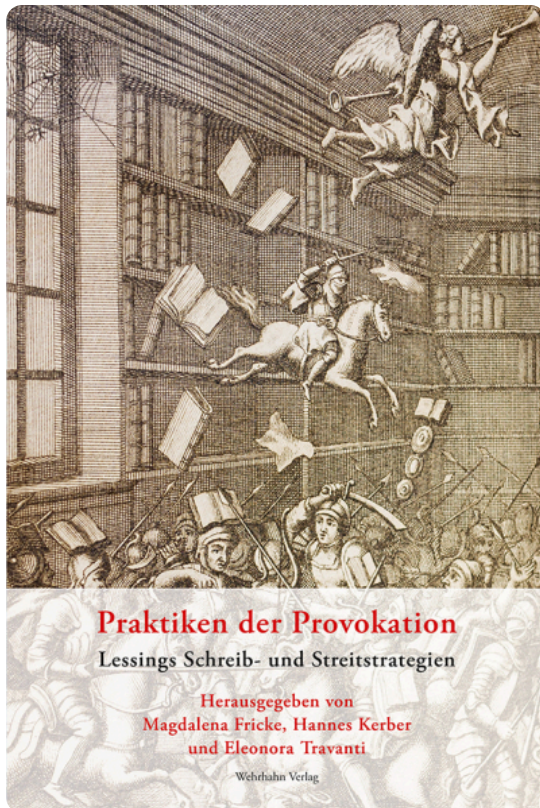


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David de Boer

The Early Modern Dutch Press in an age of religious persecution

David de Boer's book explores how the 17th-century European press became a vital tool for victims of religious persecution to gain international attention. The Dutch Republic emerged as a key hub for printed protest. The study demonstrates how groups like Waldensians and Huguenots mobilized public opinion to foster solidarity and exert political pressure, thereby laying the foundations of a



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Magdalena Fricke, Hannes Kerber, Eleonora Travanti

Praktiken der Provokation: Lessings Schreib- und Streitstrategien (Wolfenbütteler Lessing-Studien)

This volume documents a conference that took place in Wolfenbüttel from 29 June to 1 July 2022 and dealt with Gotthold Ephraim Lessing's writing and argument strategies. The focus is on contributions from a new generation of Lessing scholars who analyse key texts and historical constellations in order to shed light on his practices of provocation and truth-finding in controversy. The aim is to view Lessing as an Enlightenment philosopher from a new perspective and to categorise his work within current debates.



Corinna Schattauer

Weibliche Handlungsmacht und Mobilität

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Weibliche Handlungsmacht und Mobilität: Kommerzielle Schönheitskonkurrenzen in Deutschland, 1909-1933

The work examines the beauty contests between 1909 and 1933 in their local, regional, national and transnational networks. The focus is on women as economic actors. The study shows that, despite social and patriarchal constraints, women used these competitions as a platform to be economically active, to rise

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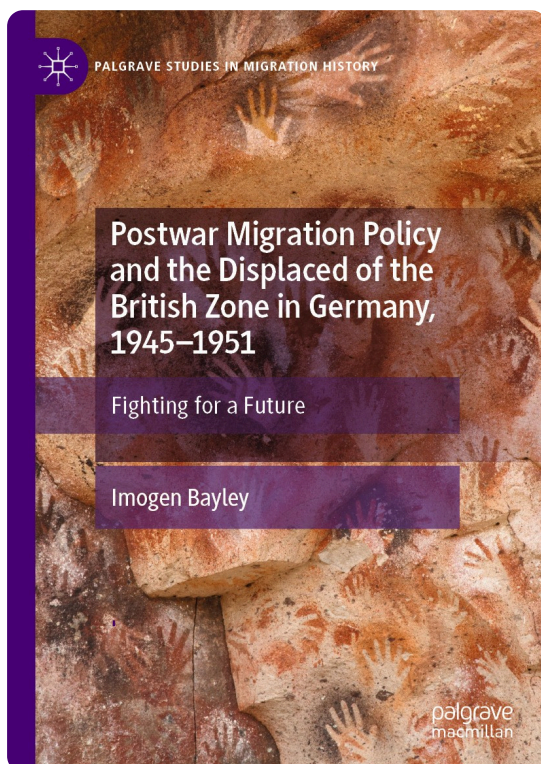
socially and spatially and to make a career.

Jan-Hendryk de Boer in collaboration with Marcel Bubert & Katharina Ulrike Mersch

Die Mediävistik und ihr Mittelalter

This anthology discusses the current debate about the existence and definition of the Middle Ages as an epoch. It places this discussion in the history of medieval studies and looks for ways to reorient medieval studies. The contributions deal with content-related, conceptual and methodological questions in order not only to tell the history of the Middle Ages and medieval studies, but also to show perspectives for its future.

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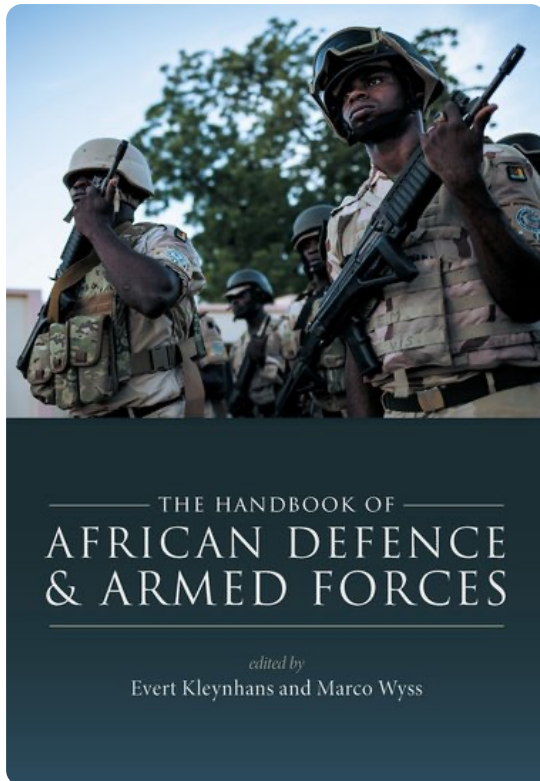
Imogen Bayley

Postwar Migration Policy and the Displaced of the British Zone in Germany, 1945-1951

This book explores the lives of Polish and Jewish refugees in Displaced Persons (DP) camps in the British-occupied zone of Germany after World War II. It examines how migration policies influenced individual refugee decisions and highlights the complex relationship between forced and voluntary migration. Using documents like refugee memoirs and camp publications, the author shows how labels such as “economic” vs.

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“political” migrants shaped access to rights and aid—issues still relevant today. The book calls for a more just and inclusive refugee system.



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Marco Wyss, Evert Kleynhans

The Handbook Of African Defence & Armed Forces

It offers a comprehensive, African-centric analysis of national defence policies, military strategies, capabilities, and security challenges across the continent. It examines these topics at national, sub-regional, and regional levels, focusing on developments since the 1990s superpower withdrawal and the renewed global interest in Africa from the 2000s onward.

Structured around five key themes, the book explores differences in defence outlooks, military transformation, relationships with regional and international bodies, strategic responses to challenges, and African agency in global security. It emphasizes national-level analysis to understand broader regional dynamics, highlighting African perspectives and contributions to international peace and security.

Did your publication appear recently? Then let us know by getting in touch at alumni@ieg-mainz.de

Conferences & Events

- **24.06.2025**

Public research colloquium with Ran Segev: »Religion and the Reimagining of the Human–Animal Divide: Perspectives from Sephardic Amsterdam«

The IEG cordially invites you to a public research colloquium followed by a discussion. Participation is possible via [Webex](#). The event language is English

- **01.07 - 04.07.2025**

The Barcelona Past Networks Summer School

An annual 4-day summer school in Barcelona that teaches the theory and practice of network research for those studying the human past (historians, archaeologists, classicists, ...).

Contact person at the IEG is our research associate Cindarella Petz (petz@ieg-mainz.de).

- **16.09.2025**

NFDI4Memory »3. Community Forum« im Vorfeld des 55.

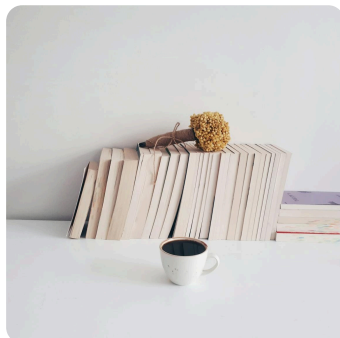
Historikertags in Bonn

NFDI4Memory invites to its third Community Forum in advance of the 55. Historikertag in Bonn. This serves both the exchange and networking among each other but also the thematic deepening and the acquisition of knowledge through a variety of lectures and workshops.

For further information, news and events please visit our website:

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Sonstiges / Others



Furthermore we would like to give current scholarship holders the opportunity to gain an insight into the professional world after their scholarship and doctorate. To this end, we are looking for committed alumni among you who can imagine talking in a small, informal group about how your career has developed after your stay at the IEG and where you

find yourself now.

If you want to be part of it, we are looking forward to hear from you.

Contact via alumni@ieg-mainz.de.

Got News? Did you receive a prize? Did your publication appear? Do you have a new job? In case you have any suggestions, feedback or questions, just send us an email to alumni@ieg-mainz.de.

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