

This international scientific conference will be hosted by the Thuringian Commissioner for the rehabilitation of injustice perpetrated by the Socialist Unity Party in the GDR (Landesbeauftragter des Freistaats Thüringen zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur) and the Point Alpha Foundation.

It focuses on state-controlled forced migrations and forced internal resettlements in communist Europe, Russia, and the Soviet Union since 1917. Circumstances, historical background, and execution of forced migrations and forced internal resettlements, as well as the consequences for society and the individual will be discussed.

Eastern European bloc countries and the Soviet Union will be compared in depth through various time periods. This comparative approach enables us to disengage from an exclusively national narrative and allows us to interpret forced migrations as a way for communist regimes to consolidate and establish themselves.

At the conference these thoughts will be debated on the basis of several countries. In addition, the terms and definitions will be sharpened. Working language is English.

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Conference fee incl. room and board: 20,- €.

## VENUE

Point Alpha Academy  
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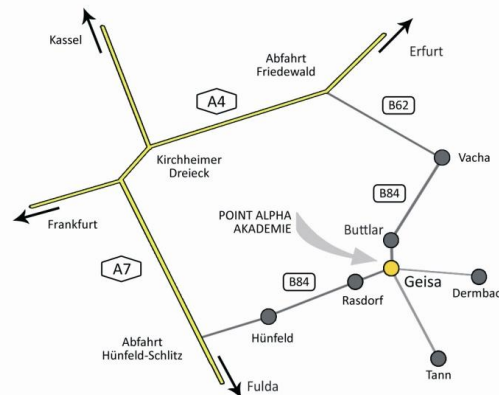
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## TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Travel to regional railway station Hünfeld (10 minutes from Fulda).

Rail travelers reach the venue by a shuttle bus or cab from Hünfeld railway station. If a shuttle is needed, please let us know via e-mail.

## TRAVEL BY CAR

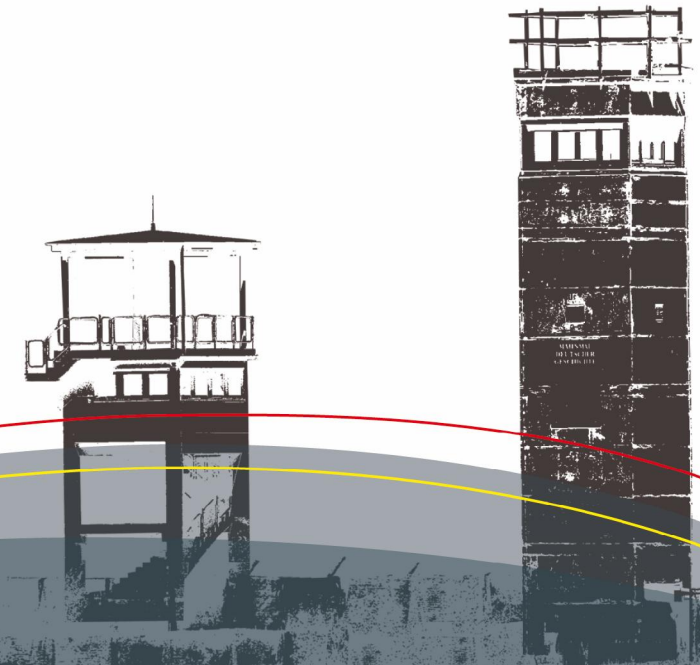


# Forced migrations under communist rule – differences and similarities.

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## Thursday, 6.4.2017

- 14:00 **Welcoming remarks**  
Markus Meckel (Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany)  
Ricarda Steinbach (Point Alpha Foundation)  
Christian Dietrich (Thuringian Commissioner for the rehabilitation of injustice perpetrated by the Socialist Unity Party in the GDR)
- 14:15 **Introduction and thoughts: Forced migration under communist rule**  
Pavel Polian (Moscow/ Freiburg)
- 14:45 **Modern politics of ethnic "cleansing": From violence to social engineering, 1800-1950**  
Michael Schwartz (Berlin)
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Panel 1 – Forced migrations in the USSR**  
Chair: Pavel Polian (Moscow/ Freiburg)
- Remembering Decree 4038: Expulsion of Azerbaijanis from Armenia in 1948-1950 and its implications**  
Ibrahim Mirzayev (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
- Forced migrations of the Poles**  
Piotr Madajczyk (Warsaw)
- 17:00 Coffee break

- 17:15 **Panel 2 – Forced migrations in East-Central and Southeastern Europe**  
Chair: Stefan Troebst (Leipzig)

**Czechoslovak political emigration and displaced Sudeten Germans**  
Milan Bednář (Prague)

**The expulsion of the German minority from Slovenia and its political legacies**  
Jasper Klomp (Ljubljana)

**Dispossession and displacement. Social engineering in post-World War II Romania, Yugoslavia and Poland**  
Dietmar Müller (Leipzig)

20:00 Dinner

## Friday, 7.4.2017

- 09:00 **Panel 3 – Remembering the forced migrations under communist rule**  
Chair: Michael Schwartz (Berlin)

**Forced deportations to Siberia at the origins of a EU-memory split**  
Lidia Zessin-Jurek (Slubice)

**Forced migrations of ethnic Germans in the Hungarian politics of remembrance**

Kristian Ungvary (Budapest)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 **Clearing the backlog of national agenda: Pre-communist expulsion projects under communism**  
Stefan Troebst (Leipzig)

11:15 **Closing discussion**

12:45 Lunch

13:45 **Visiting the Point Alpha Memorial and the house on the border – guided tour**

[End of the conference]

15:45 Bus transfer to regional railway station Hünfeld

