

# Call for Papers

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## Annual Network Meeting 2024

### Third annual meeting of the Premodern East Slavic Europe Network (formerly Research Network Pre-modern Russia between Eastern Europe and Asia)

12 April 2024, [online](#)

Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Leipzig

Scholarship on the history of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus is skewed towards recent history. The network *Premodern East Slavic Europe* aims to pool expertise on the premodern period in East European history in order to strengthen and increase the visibility of this area of research. The goal is to broaden the focus of early modern studies by integrating the history of the region into the transnational (or transimperial) and transcultural history of Eurasia. At the core of this initiative is the question of what significance the epochal changes of the premodern period have for our current understanding of Eastern Europe in the modern world.

The idea of establishing this network arose from the challenges connected with the low level of formal institutional support in German and western European universities for research into this time period and for trans-Eurasian perspectives. Such an academic network promotes scholarly communication and exchange of knowledge and ultimately, we hope, will facilitate the development of new research perspectives and projects on the history of Eastern Europe in the premodern period.

We welcome proposals from historians and scholars from related disciplines and area studies who are working on the (entangled) history of East Slavic Europe in the premodern period. Of particular interest are contributions that explore the potential of new directions for research into this topic.

The network would particularly like to encourage young researchers and scholars at risk to apply. The conference will be held online and in English, but the proposals may be submitted in English, Russian, Ukrainian, or German. Please send us short abstracts (ca. 500 words) by **8 January 2024** to the organizers at [julia.herzberg@leibniz-gwzo.de](mailto:julia.herzberg@leibniz-gwzo.de).

The annual meeting is organised by Premodern East Slavic Europe Network and the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture (GWZO) in Leipzig.

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