Workshop: Cultures of Opposition – Samizdat in East Central Europe

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Samizdat and cultures of opposition are not only a past phenomenon, but also a very present research and collection issue. For oppositional movements in East Central Europe independent underground publishing was more than a way to overcome the state’s monopoly of information. The samizdat formed a broad forum for oppositional debate, both negotiating strategy and oppositional identity.

The Herder-Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe offers an excellent platform to discuss these topics. On the one hand it hosts researchers from all over the world working on Samizdat and cultures of opposition and on the other hand we have a substantial collection of Samizdat material, especially the collection of Prof. Urbańczyk from Poland. The Samizdat-Workshop would like to produce synergy effects between various researchers dealing with cultures of opposition in different geographic and disciplinary contexts and the collections in Marburg.

We invite all researchers working on similar topics to take part in the workshop and contribute with their expertise to fruitful discussions.

Preliminary Program:

10.00 a.m. Ina Alber (Marburg): Welcome and Introduction

10.15 a.m. Gregor Feindt (Bonn, Herder-Stipendiat): Introduction to Samizdat and some Reflections on (oppositional) Political Community

11.00 a.m. Ina Alber (Marburg): Cultures of Opposition in Biographical Narrations – Polish Memories

11.30 a.m. Coffee Break

12.00 a.m. Daniela Sneppova (Toronto, Visiting Fellow at the Leibniz Graduate School): Samizdat: the Art of Czech Resistance, 1968-89

1.00 p.m. Lunch Break

1.30 p.m. Jan Lipinsky/ Jürgen Warmbrunn (Marburg): Presentation of Samizdat Sources in the Urbańczyk- and Herder Newspaper Collection

2.00 p.m. First Explorations of Samizdat Sources

3.00 p.m. Open Discussions and Summoning Up

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