

# Mischa Gabowitsch – CV

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## Appointments

- 2018 European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)  
Lecturer, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences
- 2010- Einstein Forum, Potsdam  
Research Fellow, with funding from the Hamburg Institute for Social Research and the Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Research and Culture
- 2015 Humboldt University, Berlin  
Lecturer, History Department
- 2007-2010 Princeton University  
Cotsen Post-Doctoral Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts  
Lecturer, Department of Sociology

## Education

- 2000-2007 PhD, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), dissertation “Le spectre du fascisme: le nationalisme russe et ses adversaires, 1987-2007” (The Specter of Fascism: Russian Nationalism and Its Adversaries, 1987-2007), *summa cum laude*
- 1999-2000 Diplôme d'études approfondies, EHESS Paris
- 1998-1999: Visiting student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure (rue d'Ulm) in Paris
- 1995-1998 BA in Politics, Philosophy & Economics, St Catherine's College, Oxford University. First class honours degree

## Languages

Russian, German	native
French, English	near-native
Italian, Spanish, Ukrainian	fluent
Polish, Belarusian	good reading and oral comprehension, some active Polish
Turkish, Arabic, Japanese, Estonian, Ancient Greek, Latin	basic

## Research interests

protest and social movements  
war memorials and cemeteries, reburial and commemoration  
social roles of material objects  
pragmatic sociology  
nationalism, antiracism, antifascism, and representations of fascism  
Soviet and Russian history, 1945-

## Research projects, principal investigator

- 2015-2016 *Victory—Liberation—Occupation: War Memorials and Commemorative Celebrations for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the Second World War in Post-Socialist Europe.* A simultaneous ethnographic study of May 9 celebrations in 17 regions of six countries (Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova/Transnistria, Germany). Co-directed with Cordula Gdaniec (Potsdam) and Ekaterina Makhotina (Munich). With funding from the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the Munich-Regensburg Graduate School for East and South-East European Studies, the German-Russian Museum Karlshorst, and the Remembrance—Responsibility—Future Foundation
- 2013-2014 *Soviet War Memorials and Victory Day: a simultaneous ethnographic study of May 9 celebrations in 25 postsocialist cities.* Co-directed with Elena Nikiforova (Saint Petersburg), with funding from the Franco-Russian Center for Social Sciences and Humanities and Memorial Moscow
- since Dec 2011 *PEPS* (protest events, photos, and slogans)—building a complex database to document the 2011-13 wave of mobilization for fair elections in Russia, a joint project with Bremen University and the Higher School of Economics in Moscow

## Teaching

- 2018 *Protest, Resistance, and Activism in Soviet and Post-Soviet Society.* MA seminar, in German, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
- 2017 *Ethnographic methods for historians: interviewing, observation, qualitative data analysis.* Master classes, University of Melbourne, February 2017 (in English); Polatsk State University, Belarus, September 2017 (in Russian)
- 2015 *Commemoration of Fallen Soldiers and the Nation-State in the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Centuries* History/European Ethnology MA seminar, in German, Humboldt University, Berlin
- 300-level courses at Princeton University:
- 2009 *Memory in Social Life* (Sociology)
- 2008-9 People, Things, and Animals (Sociology / Anthropology)
- 2008 *An Introduction to Contemporary French Sociology* (Sociology)
- 2007 & 2008 *Loving and Hating the West* (Sociology / European Cultural Studies)

## Affiliations, editorships, translations

Manuscript, project, and translation reviewer for the European Research Council, Polity Press, the Higher School of Economics (Moscow), the New Economic School (Moscow), the *British Journal of Sociology*, *Cultures & Conflicts*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, the *Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society*, *Memory Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest*, *Russian Review*, *Sotsiologicheskoe obozrenie*, *Stasis* etc

- 2018- Advisory board member, *Slavica Occitania*
- 2017- Member of the Center for Independent Sociological Research, Berlin

2013-	Associate member of the Research Center for East European Studies at Bremen University
2008-	Associate member of the Center for the Study of Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Europe at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris
2010-2016	Berlin Colloquia on Contemporary History, advisory board member and regular convenor
2001-2011	freelance translator of books and essays in the social sciences and humanities between Russian, German, French, and English. See list of publications
2007-2011	Founding editor-in-chief of <i>Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research</i> , a bilingual peer-reviewed journal published in Saint Petersburg (with a 200.000 USD MacArthur foundation seed grant). Member of its advisory board since 2011
2005-2009	Advisory board member and regular guest editor for the German/English online journal <i>kultura – Russian Cultural Review</i> , published by Bremen University
2002-2006	Editor-in-chief of <i>Neprikosnovennyj Zapas (NZ)</i> , a Moscow-based journal of debates on politics and culture

### Memberships

German Historians' Association  
 Association of German Historians of Eastern Europe  
 German Sociological Association  
 European Sociological Association  
     *RN07 Sociology of Culture*  
     *RN25 Social Movements*  
 International Sociological Association  
     *RC16 Sociological Theory*  
     *RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements*  
     *RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change*  
     *RC57 Visual Sociology*  
     *TG08 Society and Emotions*  
 Association for the Study of Nationalities  
 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
 German Association for the Study of Eastern Europe  
 Memory Studies Association  
     *founding co-chair, PoSoCoMeS (Working Group on Post-Socialist and Comparative Memory Studies)*

### Exhibitions curated or produced

2015 (May-August)	May 9. <i>Forms of Commemoration for the End of the War in 1945</i> . German-Russian Museum Karlshorst. Curated with Cordula Gdaniec and Ekaterina Makhotina
2014 (April-July)	Drawing Protest. Works by Enrique Flores (Madrid) and Viktoria Lomasko (Moscow). Curated by Olga Vostretsova (Leipzig), produced by Mischa Gabowitsch

### Fellowships and Awards

2015-2016	Post-Doctoral Fellow at the German Historical Institute, Moscow
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- 2007-2010 Travel and research grants from the Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
- 2007-2010 Cotsen Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Princeton University Society of Fellows
- 2007 First Albert Einstein Fellow at the Einstein House in Caputh, Germany
- 2003 Fellow of the *Post-Communist Condition* project (funded by the German Cultural Foundation and the Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe)
- 2002 Visiting fellow at the Hannah Arendt Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism in Dresden
- 1998 Kurt Hahn Fellowship to study at Cambridge University (not taken up)
- 1995 Joseph Victor von Scheffel Prize awarded by the Karlsruhe Literary Society

### **Conferences organized** (selection)

- 2019 *Post-Migrant Commemoration in Germany* (Berlin)
- 2018 *After the End of Days: Questions about Jewish Life in Eastern Europe, 1945-68* (Potsdam, with Semyon Goldin and Jan Behrends)
- 2018 *Sites of Populism* (Potsdam)
- 2016 *Einstein was a refugee* (Potsdam & Caputh, in German, with Susan Neiman)
- 2016 *Societal Transformation in Russia since 1980* (Berlin)
- 2014 *Social Developments and New Forms of Mass Opinion Research in Contemporary Russia* (Moscow)
- 2014 *Brussels, Beutelsbach, and Butovo: Economic, Political, and Social Constraints on Memorial Museums* (Berlin, in German, with Enrico Heitzer and Markus Pieper)
- 2014 *Masses in (E)Motion* (Potsdam, with Rüdiger Zill)
- 2013 *Dead Soldiers Fighting: War Monuments and Memorials Beyond Memory and Representation* (Berlin)
- 2013 *Left Twist, Right Twist: On the Mutual Compatibility of 20th Century Ideologies* (Berlin, in German, with Martin Schaad and Claudia Weber)
- 2012 *Nonviolent Resistance in History, Theory, and Practice* (Berlin)
- 2011 *Translating Atonement: Can Countries Learn from Each Other?* (Berlin and Potsdam)
- 2009 *The Russian Field: Views from Abroad* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian and English), member of organizing committee
- 2005 *Russian Environmentalism: Tendencies and Prospects* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian)
- 2005 *Controversy, Dialogue, and Debate in Modern Societies* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian)
- 2004 *The Politics of Memory and Facing the Past: World War II in Europe Today* (Moscow, in Russian and German)