Making Prussia Polish: The Transformation of Rural Communities in Poland's New Western Territories, 1944-1960

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with

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After Nazi Germany's defeat, Central Europe witnessed one of the largest population movements in history. In my dissertation, I follow postwar daily life in the estate villages of the former Prussian nobility in the northwest of the new Polish People's Republic and ask how war, forced migration, and regime change transformed the countryside, and how the landscape itself challenged old and new inhabitants as well as policymakers in turn. In this talk, I will present an overview of my dissertation project and report on preliminary conclusions that I can draw after 10 months working in Polish and German archives.

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