

International Workshop

Carl Schmitt in Eastern Europe: A Handbook

University of Bamberg / University of St Gallen
March 5–6, 2026

Workshop venue:

Institut für Slavistik | Obere Karolinenstraße 8 | Room 02.05 (2nd floor) | 96049 Bamberg

Procedure: All participants read all papers. Authors do not present their own papers. Discussants give a 5-minute input each. Their points are followed by a 20-minute open discussion. Authors take notes of the discussion of their respective chapter draft

Thursday, March 5

09:00 Opening remarks (*Ulrich Schmid, Christian Zehnder*)

PART I: CARL SCHMITT IN EASTERN EUROPE: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Panel 1. Moderation: Jens Herlth

09:30 Belarus (*Ivan Zhyhal, Andrei Kalavur*)
Discussants: Mikhail Minakov, Dirk Uffelmann

10:00 Bulgaria (*Dimitar Bojkov*)
Discussants: Marius Balan, Galin Tihanov

10:30 Croatia (*Stefan Kube*)
Discussants: Kaitlyn Sorensen, Péter Techet

11:00 Coffee break

Panel 2. Moderation: Stefan Kube

11:30 Czech Republic (*Jakub Dienstbier*)
Discussants: Stefan Auer, Péter Techet

12:00 Hungary (*Péter Techet*)
Discussants: György Geréby, Caroline von Gall

12:30 *Lunch*

Panel 3. Moderation: Mikhail Minakov

14:00 Poland (*Wojciech Engelking*)
Discussants: Michał Mrugalski, Barbara Barysz

14:30 Romania (*Marius Balan*)
Discussants: Sophie Harper, Ivan Zhyhal

15:00 Russia (*Oleg Aronson*) – online
Discussants: Jens Herlth, Isabel Jacobs

15:30 *Coffee break*

Panel 4. Moderation: Regula Zwahlen

16:00 Serbia (*Jens Herlth*)
Discussants: Dimitar Bojkov, Stefan Kube

16:30 Slovenia (*Kaitlyn Sorenson*)
Discussants: Marius Balan, Michał Mrgualski

19:00 *Diner*

Friday, March 6

Panel 5. Moderation: Dirk Uffelmann

09:30 Ukraine (*Mikhail Minakov*)
Discussants: Jakub Dienstbier, Ivan Zhyhal

PART II: SCHMITTIAN CONCEPTUAL PROBLEMS IN EASTERN EUROPE

10:00 Eastern Europe in Carl Schmitt's Writings (*Ulrich Schmid*)
Discussants: Michał Mrugalski, Andrei Kalavur

10:30 Carl Schmitt and Russian Authoritarian Constitutional Discourse (*Caroline von Gall*)
Discussants: Jakub Dienstbier, Wojciech Engelking

11:00 *Coffee break*

Panel 6. Moderation: Ulrich Schmid

11:30 Carl Schmitt's Geopolitics in Eastern Europe: Dugin, Putin, Trump, and the Schmittian "Großraum Order" (*Dirk Uffelmann*)
Discussants: Stefan Auer, Galin Tihanov

12:00 Carl Schmitt and the Enlargement of the European Union (*Stefan Auer*)
Discussants: Caroline von Gall, Sophie Harper

12:30 *Lunch*

Panel 7. Moderation: Caroline von Gall

14:00 From Political Theology to Political Demonology: Values and the Sacred in Polish Conservative Readings of Carl Schmitt (*Barbara Barysz*)
Discussants: Wojciech Engelking, György Geréby

14:30 The Political Form of Roman Catholicism as a Basis for East European Debates about Stability and Visibility of Power (*György Geréby*)
Discussants: Stefan Kube, Péter Techet

15:00 Carl Schmitt and Orthodox Christianity (*Regula Zwahlen*)
Discussants: Barbara Barysz, Dimitar Bojkov

15:30 *Coffee break*

Panel 8. Moderation: Christian Zehnder

16:00 World Without Men: Schmitt and Kojève on the End of History (*Isabel Jacobs*)
Discussants: Ulrich Schmid, Galin Tihanov

16:30 Carl Schmitt in East-European Literary Studies (*Michał Mrugański*)
Discussants: Isabel Jacobs, Kaitlyn Sorensen

17:00 Concluding discussion, further steps

19:00 *Dinner*