Although the Baltic Sea has been one of the world’s greatest cultural crossroads, scholars often have overlooked cultural exchange in favor of exploring national and regional identities. Since the 1990s, the concept of a Baltic Sea Region encompassing the sea and its surrounding land has fostered transnational thinking about the region, transcending Cold War binaries of ‘East’ and ‘West’ in an effort to view the area more holistically. Still, common terminology such as ‘Scandinavia’ and ‘the Baltic States’ suggests these cultures are mutually exclusive, or, as the case with ‘Central and Eastern Europe’, ambiguously monolithic.

While historians have been examining the Baltic Sea Region — present-day Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, and Sweden — as an important center of cross-cultural interaction, the area’s visual, and material culture is often reduced to illustrative examples of historical phenomena and art historical narratives continue to be tethered to national and ethnocentric approaches, a bias this conference seeks to complicate. By foregrounding visual and material exchanges and the ideological or pragmatic factors that motivated them, we seek to establish common ground for viewing the Baltic Sea as a nexus of intertwined, fluctuating individuals and cultures always in conversation.

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Thursday, 15th June 2017
6.00 pm
Public Key Note Lecture
Meet Me at the Coast: The Baltic as Nexus and Network at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
Thor J. Mednick (University of Toledo)
afterwards: Evening Reception

Friday, 16th June 2017
9.15 am – 9.30 am
Welcome Address and Introduction
Christian Suhm (Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg)
Michelle Facos (Indiana University)
Bart Pushaw (University of Maryland)
9.30 am – 10.00 am
Coffee Break
10.15 am – 11.15 am
Key Note Lecture
Artistic and Cultural Exchanges in the Baltic Sea Region
Michael North (University of Greifswald)
venue: Audimax, HS 5, Rubenowstr 1
11.30 am – 12.30 pm
Session 1: Transforming the Region in Art and Architecture after the Northern Wars
Translato on the Baltic Catholic frontiers: Relic Exchange at a Cultural Crossroads after the Northern Wars (c. 1800)
Ruth S. Noyes (Wesleyan University)
Networking Across the Baltic: Stucco Workers in the Late 18th Century
Torstein Veit (University of Greifswald)

Carl Ludvig Engel and His Most Prominent Buildings in Helsinki: Signs of the New Capital of the Russian Grand Duchy of Finland
Eveliina Jununen (University of Bamberg)
12.30 pm – 2.00 pm
Lunch Break
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Session 2: Folk and Material Culture
Painted Motives on Folk Furniture: National or International?
Inese Sirica (Art Academy of Latvia)
Pre-modern European Heritage between the North and the South: The Cases of the First Open-Air Museums in Sweden and Poland
Łukasz Bukowiecki (University of Warsaw)
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Coffee Break
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Session 3: Nordic Circulations
The Baltic Connection: Georg Brandes, German Secession and Anna Ancher’s Modernism
Alice Price (Temple University)
Painting as Performance: The Influence of Modern Performance between Max Reinhardt’s Theatre and Edvard Munch in 1907
Signe Endresen (Independent Scholar)
The Naked Soul: Munch-Weiss-Przybyszewski
Irena Kossowska (Copernicus University)

Saturday 17th June 2017
9.30 am – 10.15 am
Key Note Lecture
The Düsseldorf School of Painting in Transnational Context: The Epoch of Naturalism in Estonian Art
Tiina Abel (Estonian Academy of Arts)
10.15 am – 10.45 am
Coffee Break
10.45 am – 12.00 pm
Session 4: The Turn of the Century
Symbolism of Clouds: Ruszczyc, Kuindzhi, Gallen-Kallela, and Others
Emiliana Konopka (University of Warsaw)
Art Siblings? Ida Fielitz from Riga and Sigrid af Forselles from Helsinki
Baiba Vanaga (Art Academy of Latvia)
Dirty Peasants, Dirty Pictures: Racialized Materiality across the Baltic Sea
Bart Pushaw (University of Maryland)
12.30 pm – 2.00 pm
Lunch Break
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Session 5: Exhibitions as Sites of Cultural Confluence
‘The Sea in Our Midst’: Issues Surrounding a Pan-Baltic Exhibition of Seascapes
Anna-Carola Krausse (Independent Scholar)
Strangers Within: Tora Vega Holmström and Sigrid Hjerten at the Baltic Exhibition 1914
Katharina Aisen (Freie Universität Berlin)
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Coffee Break
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Session 6: Photography
The Emergence of Photographic Collecting as Knowledge Accumulation: ‘Latvian Types’ by Jānis Krēsliņš
Baiba Tetere (University of Greifswald)
Russian Private Photographs in Finnish State Collections
Nadezhda Stanulevich (The Russian Academy of Fine Arts Museum)
7.00 pm
Dinner

Sunday, 18th June 2017
9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Boat Excursion to Ludwigsburg Manor with MS Stubnitz
departs from pedestrian bridge – via Knopfstraße to west side of Ryck River