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Thursday, 10 December 2026

13.00 – Registration

13.30 – Welcome Address

- Dean Prof. Dr. Benjamin Lahusen, European University Viadrina
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Markus P. Beham, European University Viadrina

14.00-15.30 – Panel I

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. Markus P. Beham, European University

- Prof. Dr. Werner Benecke, European University Viadrina: "*Historical Perspectives on the River Oder/Odra*"
- Prof. Dr.hab. Barbara Mielnik, University of Wrocław: "*The Status of the Oder/Odra River in Polish Literature Between the World Wars*"
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Stephan Wittich, University of Vienna: "*The Danube-Oder/Odra Canal*"

15.30-16:00 – Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 – Panel II

Chair: Prof. Dr. Adam Wiśniewski, University of Gdańsk

- Dr. Joanna Gomula, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge): "*The River Oder/Odra at the PCIJ: The Court's Approach to International Institutions relating to European Rivers and its Implications*"
- Prof. Dr. Daniel-Erasmus Khan, University of the Bundeswehr Munich: "*The Situation of the German-Polish Border throughout the 20th Century*"
- Dr. Andrzej Jakubowski, Polish Academy of Sciences: "*State Succession to International Responsibility for Cultural Heritage Wrongs*"

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Friday, 11 December 2026

9.00-10.30 – Panel III

Chair: Dr. Sophia Paulini, European University Viadrina

- Prof. Dr. Kai von Lewinski, University of Passau: *"Protection of the Environment as an Element of Civil Protection – Is Disaster Control at the Oder/Odra River Legal Mainstream?"*
- Mgr. Remigiusz Chęciński/Hubert Kapała/Wojciech Jeziorski/Dariusz Dobrzyńsk, University of Gdańsk: *"Protection of Transboundary River Ecosystems in the European Union in the Light of the 2022 Ecological Disaster on the Oder/Odra River"*
- Prof. Dr. Piotr Szwedo, Jagiellonian University: *"Rights of Nature – A symbolic gesture or a powerful toolset? Lessons Learned on the Basis of Ecuadorian Jurisprudence"*

10.30-11:00 – Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 – Panel IV

Chair: Dr. Dr. Paweł Kwiatkowski, University of Gdańsk

- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bartłomiej Krzan, University of Wrocław: *"The River Oder/Odra and Cross-border Cooperation"*
- Prof. UAM Dr.hab. Boubacar Diallo/Ifeanyi Ogbodo/Adrian Kaczmarek, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań: *"Humanitarian Perils and Migration Governance on the Oder/Odra: Polish-German Border Vulnerability in the Shadow of Pushback Litigation"*
- Prof. Dr.habil.iur. Patrycja Grzebyk, University of Warsaw: *"The Rights and Obligations of Fighting Parties in Relation to the Odra/Oder in an Armed Conflict"*

12.30-13.00 – Closing Remarks

- Prof. Dr. Dr. Markus P. Beham, European University Viadrina

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