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About

My main field of research is the modern history of East Central Europe and the Baltics. I am especially interested in the history of nationalism and anti-Semitism as well as in theories and methods of conceptual and praxeological history.

Feedback and office hours

- Mondays, 11:00-12:00
- Tuesdays, 16:00-17:00

Qualifications

- Staatsexamen in History (University of Cologne)
- Doctoral degree in History, (Technical University of Berlin)

Biography

Dr Klaus Richter is a Lecturer in War Studies at the University of Birmingham. After studying history, art history, English and German philology at the University of Cologne, he worked as a research associate at the Centre for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technical University of Berlin (2009 – 2011). In early 2012, he joined the German Historical Institute in Warsaw as a visiting scholar. He took up work at the University of Birmingham in October 2012.

Teaching

- Lectures in the War Studies Core Module: “Rise of Modern War”
- Convenor of War Studies Core Module: “An Introduction to Strategy and Operational Art”
- Advanced Autumn Option: “Everyday life under Nazi and Soviet Occupation”
- Special Subject: “A History of Conflict, Occupation and Independence in East Central Europe”

Research

Klaus Richter is currently working on a history of emerging states in post-World War I East Central Europe, which puts particular emphasis on economic, territorial and political practices.

His past research includes a doctoral thesis on anti-Semitism in Lithuania before World War I, which focussed on anti-Jewish violence and strategies to “emancipate” the peasants from Jewish merchants. Moreover, Klaus Richter has contributed to the digital-humanities project CENDARI (“Collaborative European Digital Archival Infrastructurer”) and to the internet encyclopaedia “1914-1918 online” with numerous survey and thematic articles on Poland and the Baltic States.

Publications

Books:

- ‘Antisemitismus in Litauen. Juden, Christen und die ‘Emanzipation’ der Bauern (1889-1914)’ [‘Anti-Semitism in Lithuania. Jews, Christians, and the ‘Emancipation’ of the Peasantry (1889-1914)’], Berlin: Metropol 2013.

Articles (selection):

- “Eine durch und durch demokratische Nation”. Demokratie und Minderheitenschutz in der Außendarstellung Litauens nach 1918’ [“A quintessentially democratic nation.” Democracy and minority protection in Lithuanian foreign policy after 1918’], in: Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung, (to be published early 2015).
- “*Horrible Were the Avengers, but the Jews Were Horrible, too.*” *Contemporaries Interpret the Anti-Jewish Riots in Dusetos*, in: Antisemitism, Modernity, and Mass Politics in Europe, 1880-1918, eds. Daniel Unowsky and Robert Nemes (Waltham, 2014), pp. 199-214.
- “*Seit einer Woche brennen Sumpf und Wälder.*” *Der Krieg in den Gouvernements Suwałki, Kovno und Kurland in der Erfahrung der Zivilbevölkerung 1915/16* [“*Since a week the moors and forests are burning.*” *The war in the governorates Suwałki, Kovno*

- "Ein Schatten über dem ganzen Land." Wirtschaftliche Emanzipation und die „Judenfrage“ in Litauen 1883–1914 [„A shadow over the whole country.“ Economic emancipation and the "Jewish Question" in Lithuania, 1883–1914], in: Die "Judenfrage" – ein europäisches Phänomen? Vol. 1, eds. Manfred Hettling, Michael G. Müller and Guido Hausmann (Berlin, 2014), pp. 283-298. "Einzigster Beschützer vor der Gewalt der Polen". Kriegserfahrungen weißrussischer Soldaten in Grodno (1919) ["The only protector from the violence of the Poles". War experience of Belarusian soldiers in Grodno (1919)], in: Jenseits des Schützengrabens. Der Erste Weltkrieg im Osten. Erfahrung – Wahrnehmung – Kontext, eds. Wolfram Dornik and Bernhard Bachinger (Wien, 2013), pp. 341-358.
- "Gleich einem Heuschreckenschwarm." Judenfeindliche Presse und Agrarantisemitismus in Litauen und Kurhessen (1883–1904) [„Like a swarm of locusts.“ Anti-Jewish press and agrarian anti-Semitism in Lithuania and Kurhessen (1883–1904)], in: Judenfeindschaft und Antisemitismus in der deutschen Presse über fünf Jahrhunderte. Erscheinungsformen, Rezeption, Debatte und Gegenwehr, Vol. 1, eds. Michael Nagel and Moshe Zimmermann (Bremen, 2013), pp. 283-298.
- Osvoboždenie bez ugnjetatelya? O ponyatii "emantsipaciya" v Litve i Belarusi v kontse XIX stoletiya [Emancipation without an oppressor? On the concept of "emancipation" in Lithuanian and Belarus at the end of the 19th century], in: Ženščiny v politike. Novye podkhody k političeskomu 2 (2013), pp. 22-30.
- 'Anti-Semitism and "economic emancipation". The Lithuanian Co-operative Movement (1904 – 1914)', in: **Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History 3 (2012)** (<http://www.quest-cdejournal.it/focus.php?id=300>).
- Antisemitismus und die litauische Intelligenzija, 1900–1914 [Anti-Semitism and the Lithuanian Intelligentsia 1900–1914], in: Jahrbuch für Antisemitismusforschung 21 (2012), pp. 89-114.
- Kišinev or Linkuva? Rumors and threats against Jews in Lithuania in 1903, in: Revista Română de Studii Baltice și Nordice, 3 (2011), 1, pp. 117-130.
- Die Reaktion der Litvaken auf Gewalt und rechtliche Diskriminierung in den litauischen Gouvernements (1881-1914) [Reactions of the Litvaks towards violence and legal discrimination in the Lithuanian Governorates (1881-1914)], in: Die Entstehung des Antisemitismus in Europa und die Reaktionen des Europäischen Judentums, ed. Ulrich Wyrwa (Berlin, 2010), pp. 313-334.
- Der Kult um Antanas Smetona in Litauen (1926-1940). Funktionsweise und Entwicklungen [The Antanas-Smetona cult in Lithuania (1926-1940). Functions and developments], in: Der Führer im Europa des 20. Jahrhunderts, eds. Benno Ennker/Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg, 2010), pp. 111-136. Der Holocaust in der litauischen Historiographie nach 1991 [The Holocaust in Lithuanian historiography since 1991], in: Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung, 56 (2008), 3, pp. 389-416.

Contributions to websites:

- Thematic module "Lithuania in the interwar period" for the Herder-Institute online project **Dokumente und Materialien für die Geschichte Ostmitteleuropas** (http://www.herder-institut.de/bestaende-digitale-angebote/e-publikationen/dokumente-und-materialien/liste-aller-module/action/page/controller/Module.html?tx_hidocmat_fehidocmat%5Bmodule%5D=7&cHash=a6063a3783755ff4b85f967b044441a8) [Documents and materials for the history of East Central Europe]

Encyclopaedia entries:

- Several entries for the Handbuch des Antisemitismus [Handbook of Anti-Semitism], Vols. 4, 5, 6, Berlin 2011-2013.
- Several entries for the online encyclopaedia "**1914-1918 online** (http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/contributors/Klaus_Richter)."

Reviews:

- Several reviews for H-Soz-u-Kult [hsozkult.de], Journal for Baltic Studies, Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung (ZfO), Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft (ZfG)