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International Scientific Conference
Invisible Intermediaries of Linguistic Worlds
In Memoriam Karin Wolff
30–31 May 2025

under the honorary patronage of prof. dr hab. Elżbieta Skorupska-Raczyńska,
Rector of the Jacob of Paradies University

The conference is organised by the Academic Centre for Euroregional Studies – Research Centre for German-Polish Language Contacts at the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski, in cooperation with the Viadrina Center of Polish and Ukrainian Studies (VCPU), the Karl Dedecius Foundation, the Language Centre of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), the Voivodeship Methodological Centre (WOM) in Gorzów Wielkopolski and the Polish Language Competence and Coordination Centre in St. Marienthal/Ostritz.

The aim of the conference is to discuss the role of language mediation for interpersonal communication within an intercultural context, as well as in specialised communication, and across various spheres of social activity, including education or cultural heritage. We invite contributions from the fields of linguistics, literature and cultural studies. The conference is particularly aimed at researchers exploring questions of translation and foreign language didactics, as well as those analysing the diverse interactions between German and/or Polish and other languages. Proposals for contributions related to the theme and objectives of the conference are also welcome.

The conference will be held in the German-Polish border region, which carries symbolic significance. The focus will be on Karin Wolff, a translator of Polish literature born in Frankfurt (Oder), who left an enduring legacy not only there but also in nearby Gorzów Wielkopolski, among others. As one of the most subtle mediators between Germans and Poles, she dedicated her efforts to fostering understanding between the two nations. With determination, diligence and commitment, she used language to move minds and touch hearts. In accordance with Karin Wolff's last will and testament, her legacy was divided between the two cities. It is, therefore, our special obligation to honour her memory and to maintain, continue, and further develop the projects and activities she initiated.

The conference languages are German, Polish and English.

The conference fee is 270 PLN (or 70 €) and includes conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch, and dinner.

Please register and submit your abstract by 30 April 2025, using the following registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/CjMEfnbfjY>

The conference will be held on-site at the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski. The publication of the positively reviewed contributions as a monograph is planned.

This call for papers serves as the initial announcement of the conference and an invitation to submit proposals. More details will be provided in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: rnadobnik@ajp.edu.pl

On behalf of the Scientific Committee

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