



## **Mighty Ocean – Inland Sea**

**Connections and Comparisons between the Atlantic and the Baltic,  
c. 1450-1850**

A workshop to be held at the University of Greifswald  
25-27 September 2025

Preliminary programme

**Thursday, 25 September**

18:00 Welcoming Remarks

Keynote

Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/Oder): The Baltic and the Mediterranean: 'Marginal Seas'  
as Regions of Origin and Engines of the Atlantic Economies?

Reception

## **Friday, 26 September**

9:30 Arrivals

10:00 John Freeman (Warsaw) and Sünne Juterczenka (Greifswald): Introduction to the workshop theme

10:30 Hiram Kümper (Mannheim): Lost at Sea? Reconsidering the Decline of the Hanseatic League in the Age of Atlantic Expansion

Discussion

11:00 Break

11:10 Esther Mijers (Edinburgh): Porous and Connected: Conceptions of the North-West Atlantic through a Scottish-Dutch Lens

Bart Holtermann (Lübeck): International Trade Networks of North Atlantic Island Communities in the Early Modern Period: The Baltic Connection

Discussion

--- Lunch break ---

1:30 Adam Grimshaw (Helsinki): Codependent Empires: England and Sweden in the Seventeenth Century

Nere Intxaustegi (Bilbao): Trade and Translation between Bilbao and the Baltic Sea

Discussion

2:20 Break

2:30 Kelly K. Chaves (Oklahoma City): Inland Seas, Connected Worlds: Indigenous Knowledge, the Baltic, and change on Turtle Island, 1555-1725

Oliver Walton (London): Seeing the Indigenous Wood for the British Trees: The Royal Navy, the Baltic and Indigenous North America 1630-1750

Discussion

3:20 Break

3:30 Plenary discussion

--- Transfer and walk on the beach in Wieck ---

7:00 Conference dinner at "Il Ponte"

**Saturday, 27 September**

9:30 David Gagie (York): English Baltic & Levantine Merchant Commercial Practices (1680-1740)

John Freeman (Warsaw): The Familiar and the Unfamiliar: The Role of Baltic Networks in Atlantic Courland, 1645-1699

Discussion

10:20 Break

10:30 Simon Franzen (Tromsø): Mapping the Skagerrak – Cartographic Narratives of a Maritime Corridor, c. 1580–1720

Feliks Gornischeff (Tallinn): Adam Johann von Krusenstern and the Atlantic Ocean

Discussion

11:20 Break

11:30 Wrap-up and departure around 12:00