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Fragmented Transformations

Perceptions, Constructions,
Constitutions of a Region in
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Shared Heritage

Energy Transition

Security Architecture

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Sustainability Transformation

New Nationalisms

Spatio-Temporal Patterns

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) clusters all research activities on the Baltic Sea Region at the University of Greifswald and contributes innovatively to research on the Baltic Sea Region and its littoral states with its research network „Fragmented Transformations. Perceptions, Constructions, Constitutions of a Region in Transition“.

In its first research phase, the IFZO research network is using an interdisciplinary approach to investigate the cultural, political, linguistic and historical conditions and impediments of transformation processes. Our research approach thus expands the normative perspective on transformation, mainly used in social sciences, to include cultural and regional perspectives. These are significant because they have a considerable influence on the ability of societies to change and on the management and communication of change and changeability. In addition to research on shared cultural heritage, new nationalisms and innovations in rural areas in the region, we focus on controversies in energy transformation, security architecture and sustainability transformation. The analysis of historical and contemporary land use patterns help to visualize fragmented transformations in the Baltic Sea Region.

In addition to the research network on „Fragmented Transformations“, the IFZO supports the collaborative research of the Manor House Centre for the Baltic Sea Region, the International DFG Research Training Group „Baltic Peripeties“, the Virtual University Baltic Sea Region, the Master’s programme „History and Culture of the Baltic Sea“ and the international summer school programme YoPeNet.