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70 years General Plan East: Disposal of a primary source by way of grave academic wrongdoing by the German Research Foundation

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the General Plan East (GPO) from the 28th of May, 1942 the board of directors of the Association for the Promotion of Understanding with the People of Middle, Southern and Eastern Europe deplores the disposal of the only completely available version of the GPO by the German Research Foundation

On the 60th anniversary of the General Plan East by the Berlin agrarian faculty a commemorative event took place at the Humboldt's university. In the pronouncement by the faculty board the planned genocide of 25 to 50 million people was truthfully acknowledged and the General Plan East condemned as a „grave crime against humanity“ and an apology offered to the victims. This pronouncement, translated into Polish, has attracted at meetings and talks in Poland considerable interest and has inspired around 200 letters of support for a deeper discussion of the issue.

In 1998 the German Research Foundation (DFG) in exemplary manner, had given itself and the member universities a clearly defined procedure in dealing with scientific misconduct, had itself stimulated the process, and even established an ombudsman commission. At the suspicion of scientific misconduct are planned preliminary examinations, a main investigation and even direct conversations for the purpose of clarification and possible amiable settlement, in order to transparently secure and protect scientific standards.

In 2000 the German Research Foundation initiated a project team „History of the DFG from 1920-1970“. It received financial support of at least six million Euros and was ideally equipped, among other measures, with a group of three archivists which for six months looked through and brought together the most important archives. Numerous events such as conferences have taken place which has resulted in a number of publications. Since 2006 an important preliminary result has been a small wandering exhibition titled „**Science-Planning-Expulsion: the General Plan East of the National Socialists**“. Since spring 2008 a six-paged criticism has been formulated which decries of a multitude of scientific wrongdoing (e.g., the fabrication of new data, the rejection of undesirable

content). From 2008 to 2010 the ombudsman commission of the DFG has refused any official statement to the content of the criticism of numerous citizens and two science committees from the German state parliament.

A few days ago, at the start of April, 2012 the DFG started its exhibition opening in Warsaw with a thematic international symposium together with the Polish Academy of the Sciences (PAN) and the Institute for National Remembrance (IPN). Then on the 17th of April in the presence of the DFG president the exhibition was opened. Nevertheless, the wrong statements contained in the German exhibition were repeated and in one point shamelessly furthered. Thus the DFG managed to have the PAN and the IPN take over the wrong assertions of the DFG version:

- The DFG propagates contrary to better knowledge "June 1942" as the date of origin of the General Plan East, although the completion unambiguously occurred at the Agrarian Institute at the Berlin University on the 28th of May, 1942, see also judgment at the Nuremberg process in 1948 and documents of the federal archives in Berlin-Lichterfelde (definition of scientific wrongdoing a) wrong data: by inventing data; by the falsification of data, e.g., by selecting and rejecting undesirable contents without disclosure; Source: German university rector's conference of 1998).
- The DFG invents new publishers: there was supposedly only one General Plan East version from the Reich Security Head Office (Reichssicherheitshauptamt) and four versions from the Realm Commissariat (Reichskommissariats) for the strengthening of German folklore. A direct publication by the agrarian institute of the Berlin University is denied and thus enumerated to a fifth publication after the others, i.e. the order is turned upside down.
- Some DFG historians have stated, the General Plan East from the spring of 1942 places other, more benign accents, by interpreting the concept "pacification" (Befriedung) of the „native down-to-earth population“ (bodenständigen Bevölkerung) as something positive, which stands in stark contrast to the rooting of this term in a positive light to justify the crimes of European colonial history (Not only in Poland is this concept a synonym for extremely crude suppression of opposition of every kind and murder of the civilian population; according to our knowledge the GPO version of May, 1942 is the most radical of all the GPO versions, because in it less than 1 percent of the Poles were classified as being "able to be Germanized" (eindeutschungsfähig) and therefore worth living).
- In the Polish DFG exhibition as well as in the accompanying pamphlet are found some quotations from the 100-sided General Plan East from the spring of 1942. These are now being titled for the first time with the heading „**fragments** from the GPO version ...“ which suggests, there exists no complete 100-sided version of the General Plan East anymore.
- For 70 years an introduction and a commentary have been absent: The assignment of the DFG and the German historians would have been to make the 100-sided original text of the GPO with introduction and commentary at all German universities available. To an exhibition in Poland belongs of course a translation of the original text in Poland. Both things have not yet occurred. The only short introduction to this murder plan is from 1962 from the unforgotten Polish historian Czesław Madajczyk in the English language.

- The DFG refuses an adequate legal-historical classification, for example, a declaration such as „severe crimes against humanity“, perhaps, with the additional wording of „low motives“ or of a „particular severity“. The General Plan East envisioned among other things the complete germanization of 14 Polish towns within 25 years (among these were Warsaw and Lublin; in Germany the planning of terror and murder is punishable, and two years ago has led to prison sentences of more than ten years against three islamists by the Higher Regional Court of Dusseldorf against the "Sauerland group" who only planned terrorist attacks, but in no way had carried them out..
- The DFG also remains silent about the use of at least 8,000 German students to assist in the brutal germanization through the Student Field Operation East (studentischen FACHEINSATZ OST) from 1940 to 1943, particularly, in the „integrated east areas“ with thousand times aid to murder through the preparation of deportations of Polish farmers. The proposal for a public multilingual marking of the SS-Central Ground Office RKF site (SS-Zentralbodenamtes RKF) in Berlin-Mitte in which more than 500,000 assessment sheets were compiled and evaluated for the purpose of transferring Polish property into German property was rejected in the spring of 2002 by the DFG historian Ulrich Herbert (the SS-Central Ground Office RKF in Berlin coordinated the capture and seizure of more than 500,000 Polish agricultural small firms with around seven million hectares of usable agricultural area)

Without truth no reconciliation is possible. The concealment and disposal of the inharmonious history of German Nazi-science, e.g., page 93 of the university's General Plan East, is academically nonserious and irresponsible. Hence, the board of directors of the Association for the Promotion of Understanding with the People of Middle, Southern and Eastern Europe is asking the representatives of the media, the Institute for National Remembrance (IPN), the Polish Academy of the Sciences (PAN) as well as the visitors to the exhibition, specifically and friendly to question things, so as to be able to, as soon as possible, carry out a discussion on scientific wrongdoing, for example, during the presentation at the Catholic University of Lublin starting on the 30th of May.

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Background Information:

Declaration/ excuse of the Berlin Agrarian Faculty to the General Plan East after 60 years in 2002:

http://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/fakultaet/profil/geschichte/gpo_pl

Link to German criticism (2008): http://gplanost.x-berg.de/agantifa_dielinke_dfgpropagandagpo1.htm

Severe scientific misconduct: see fifth link here: <http://gplanost.x-berg.de/polish.htm>

Definition of scientific misconduct see: <http://www.ombudsman-fuer-die-wissenschaft.de/curriculum.html>

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Page 93 of the university general plan the east: <http://gplanost.x-berg.de/93unigpo.htm>

Page 94 of the university general plan the east with "pacification": <http://gplanost.x-berg.de/93unigpo.htm>

Information about the SS-Central Ground Office RKF (SS-Zentralbodenamt RKF): <http://gplanost.x-berg.de/zentbodamt.htm>