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# **“What do you know of the German East?” (1940/42). Addressing and creating medieval memory in image and text**

LECTURE

14 November (Tuesday), at 18.45

Institute of Art History, Grodzka Street 53, room 40 (I floor)

Memories of the common Middle Ages have been used quite differently in Poland and Germany, and very often against each other. The talk will look at a period when Germans used the Middle Ages for legitimizing expansion to the East, against Poland or sometimes even ignoring Poland at all. Starting from a schoolbook “What do you know of the German East” – meaning, by German East, mostly Poland with the “truly German town” of Cracow – we will end at focusing on the contested memory and contesting monuments of Tannenberg-Grunwald.