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## Experiences of German Foundations supporting International Doctoral Cooperation in East-Central Europe

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# Aim of the presentation

- **Concrete example**  
"Conceptual history" as a deconstruction of social and political communication in Romania, 19th and 20th century. Testing a German perspective of historiography
- **Some general Information**  
on German Foundations under private law who promote science
- **Experience due to...**

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The project



# VW-Graduiertenprojekt „Begriffsgeschichte“

**„Begriffsgeschichte“ als Dekonstruktion gesellschaftlicher und politischer Kommunikation in Rumänien, 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Erprobung einer deutschen Perspektive der Geschichtsschreibung**

*Școala Doctorală Internațională: Istorie conceptuală - deconstrucția comunicării sociale și politice românești (Proiect susținut de Fundația Volkswagen din Germania)*

Das Projekt - Thema, Konzept, Methode - Struktur und Aufbau - Graduiertenschule - KollegiatInnen - Lehrveranstaltungen und Teilnahme an Konferenzen - Konferenzen - Publikationen - Förderer - Presse - Kontakt

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# Challenges

- **number and quality of applicants**
- **different aims within the project**
- **different habitus of professors**
- **different standards concerning the thesis´**



## Results

- **Publications in German, Romanian and English on Conceptual History**
- **Timisoara as meeting place for the international History of Concepts Group**
- **Master Programme “Istoria conceptuală românească în context european” at UVT**
- **Participants with Romanian doctoral degree**



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# Working with German Foundations

- **less bureaucratic than state or supranational EU funding**
- **Attention:**
  - **Purposes, history and foundation cultures vary**
  - **Foundations use to change their programs regularly**
  - **>>> thorough research is necessarily**
- **More information:**



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