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and Political Engagements with
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9:00 OPENING

9:30- GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

11:00 Manuela Boatča

Unequal Citizenships: Europe's East
between the EU Solidarity Fund and the
Political Economy of Cultural Differences

Kamila Fiałkowska

Borders of Solidarity: Humanitarian Crisis
on the Belarus Border and the Withering
of Support for Ukrainian Forced Migrants

11:30- SOLIDARITIES OF PROTEST

13:00 Natalia Moussienko

Art Solidarities: From Art of Maidan to Art
of War in Ukraine (2013–2025)

Volha Davydzik

Grief as Relationality and the Shift from
Savior to Survivor in Contemporary
Revolutionary Movements

14:30- SOLIDARITIES IN TIMES

16:45 OF WAR

Magdalena Marszałek

Writing and Solidarity in Times of War

Tetiana Portnova

Volunteer Movement in Contemporary
Ukraine as a Form of Social Solidarity:
Artistic Representations and Attempts
of Scientific Research

Svitlana Pidoprygora

Solidarity with Ukraine in International
Comic Projects: From Wartime
Testimonies to Superhero Narratives

19:00- DICTIONARIES OF

21:00 SOLIDARITY: WRITING IN DARK TIMES

Literary evening with
Julia Cimafiejeva and
Ostap Slyvynsky

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9:00- FEMINIST SOLIDARITIES

10:30 Jacek Kołtan

Late Emancipation in Late Modernity:
Women's Protests in Times of Illiberalism

Joanna Sieracka

Feminism in Poland after Solidarność:
Broken Genealogies and Counter-
Histories

11:00- POTENTIAL KINSHIPS

13:15 Robert Kusek

An Impossible Comradeship: Central
Europe, South Africa, and the Limits of
Transcolonial Ecumene

Thục Linh Nguyễn Vũ

To Care beyond Kin: The Case of the
Polish-Vietnamese Hospital in Vinh

Todd Sekuler

Queer Kinship Objects: A Kin-Aesthetic
Ethnography of the *Kreatywne Stany*
Chorobowe Exhibitions

14:30- POTENTIAL HISTORIES THEN 16:00 AND NOW

Tadeusz Koczanowicz

Between East and West: Jan Strzelecki's
Socialist Humanism and Polish
Revolutionary Traditions

Aleksandra Szczepan

Living Together: Potential Solidarities in
Polish TV (1980–2000)

16:30- ARCHIVES OF SOLIDARITY

18:00 Plenary discussion

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