

In numerous instances, in contemporary studies in East Central Europe, the orientalising clichés of the Enlightenment episteme still continue to proliferate. In works by Larry Wolff and Tony Judt the author recognizes examples of latent orientalism in the approach of Western humanities towards history and cultures of the nations and ethnic groups between Germany and Russia. Founded upon the a priori authority of the Western academia, such approach leaves the role of the hegemon out of account. This contributes to further marginalization of these societies, which in turn leads to the cementing of the inferiority complex, so characteristic for all postcolonial populations.

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