
Workshop «How to Teach about Multi-ethnic Ukraine?»

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Co-organizers:

Center for Urban History of East Central Europe (Lviv, Ukraine)
Ukrainian Jewish Encounter (Ottawa, Canada)

Moderators / Supervision:

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Faculty of Humanities, Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv)
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History Department, Ivan Franko National University (Lviv)
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General description:

How do university programs and research projects in Ukraine reflect the complexity of the multi-ethnic and multi-religious past? How can reassessing larger narratives and curriculum formation promote change in post-communist higher education, particularly in history departments? How can new programs, in this case in Jewish studies, contribute to a more inclusive approach to the past? How can we bridge the study of Ukraine, not only across state borders, but also across sub-divisions of history as a field? This brings us to a larger question: what is the role of history in society and what role can (or should) history play in contemporary society in Ukraine? What can history as a discipline offer to our post-communist 21st century context? How can history promote respect towards Others and diversity, a fundamental requirement of living in today's civilization? Are “ethnic studies” a way to overcome ethno-national history, or should we look for different approaches?

To discuss these questions the workshop brings together well-known scholars involved in establishing new higher educational and research programs in Ukraine; heads of major institutions in history, such as universities and the academy of sciences; young academics who recently defended their theses, or who are pursuing degrees in history and focusing on Jewish communities or the multi-ethnic past of the borderlands; as well as young scholars. The workshop is a part of the Summer School «Jewish History and Multicultural Past of East Central Europe: Societies, Cultures and Heritage» opened for MA and PhD students, as well as young scholars from Ukraine.

The workshop will include three panels, each dedicated to a specific focus and a set of presentations followed by Q&A sessions. The workshop is open to public.

Panel One: Programs in Jewish Studies at Universities in Ukraine: Present and Future

12.00 – 13.30

The aim of this **first panel** is to give an overview of current and recently launched programs in Jewish studies at two major universities in Ukraine: Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (in Kyiv) and the Ukrainian Catholic University (in Lviv). We will focus on the challenges and prospects of institutionalizing Jewish studies at these universities. How can administrators and professors integrate such programs into broader programs in the humanities? How can they enhance research into the past of regions known for their ethnic, religious, social, linguistic diversity? Will they become simply islands in the sea of Ukrainian-centered studies of Ukraine, or might they enhance reworking of the frameworks that we use to teach and research the past of the territory of Ukraine?

Moderator: Dr Sofia Dyak

Speakers / Presenters (each 20 min)

Prof. Yaroslav Hrytsak on Ludmer Program for studying Jewish history and culture in Galicia and Bukovina in cooperation with Hebrew University and the program of Jewish Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University

Dr. Ihor Turov and Leonid Finberg on the Interdisciplinary qualification program in Judaica at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and resources offered by the Centre for the History and Culture of East European Jews

Prof. Oleksiy Khamray and Dr. Vitaliy Chernovanenko on the M.A. program "Judaica" at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (specialization "Judaica" as part of specialization "History")

Discussion / Questions

13.30-14:15 – lunch

Panel Two: Presentations of Research Projects by Young Ukrainian Researchers on Jewish history

14:15 – 16:15

The **second panel** will bring together young researchers pursuing innovative research projects and offering fresh views on the history of Ukraine. These young scholars incorporate both new methodologies (borderland studies, urban studies, history of everyday life, and the new cultural history) and a history of Jews at the contemporary territory of Ukraine. This panel will discuss the future perspectives of such scholarship, as well as career possibilities in Ukraine for these young researchers. How can these and similar studies contribute to reshaping existing curricula? Is there a place for such themes and approaches at universities in Ukraine?

Moderator: Dr Mayhill Fowler

Presenters (each 10 min)

Yevhen Poliakov (PhD Student, the Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences) „Brody in the second half of the 17th and 18th centuries: inhabitants, economy, relations”

Maria Vovchko (PhD Student, History Department, Lviv National University) “Assimilation Processes in Jewish communities of Galicia through the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries”

Petro Chorniy, PhD, „Ethnic groups in the interwar Galicia: identities, relations and cultural processes”

Roman Romantsov (PhD student, MCS University Lublin) „Politics of Polish authorities to Jewish Secondary Education in Lwów, 1919-1939”

Oksana Sikorska (Ukrainian Catholic University, applies for PhD program) “The Gimpl Jewish Theatre, other theaters, and the City: Interactions and Relations in Lwów/Lemberg/Lviv”

Oksana Dudko, PhD (Center for Urban History) “Beyond Theatres Walls: People, Milieus, Networks in Lemberg/Lwów/Lviv during the First World War”

Discussion / Questions

16.15-16:30 – coffee/tea break

Open Discussion: Institutionalizing Multicultural History of Ukraine: Fantasy, Possibility, or Necessity?

16:30 – 18:00

This last panel will have the format of an open discussion, beginning with short statements from speakers representing three major institutions working in the field of history in Lviv. Then, for the discussion we will invite guests from various institutions in Ukraine and abroad. Our focus will be on existing university programs and research plans, and the heads of departments and institutions will be asked to comment on the present situation. From this point of departure we will return to the programs discussed in Panel One and see how the establishment of new programs can be integrated into and even further develop academia in Ukraine. Our topics will include, for example: syllabi in the history of Ukraine and East Central Europe at universities in Ukraine, approaches to teaching about the past of places at cultural borderlands. We will ask if we need to develop new programs with explicit ethnic focuses, like Ukrainian or Jewish studies, or shall we seek out to new formats to bridge such divisions? In other words, how can we integrate separate fields such as Jewish studies, Ukrainian studies, and Polish studies? More broadly this panel will offer the possibility to reflect on communication and cooperation between universities as teaching-focused institutions and research-focused institutes, as well as the place of scholars and institutions in Ukraine in international cooperation, in particular through projects dealing with Ukraine as a region of ethnic and religious diversity, a site of multiple borderlands and interactions.

Moderator: Dr Maryan Mudryi

Speakers (5 min):

Roman Shust (Dean, History Faculty, Ivan Franko National University in Lviv)

Ihor Skochylias (Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Ukrainian Catholic University)

Mykola Lytvyn (Director, Ivan Krypnyakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies)

Invited guests:

Tarik Cyril Amar (Columbia University, NY)

Sofia Dyak (Center for Urban History, Lviv)

Mayhill Fowler (University of Toronto, Canada)

Vitaliy Chernoivanenko (National University «Kyiv-Mohyla Academy», Kyiv)

Ihor Turov (National University «Kyiv-Mohyla Academy», Kyiv)

Oleksiy Khamray (National University «Kyiv-Mohyla Academy», Kyiv)

Yaroslav Hrytsak (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv)

Oleksandr Zaitsev (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv)

Vasyl Rasevych (Ivan Krypnyakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Lviv)

Ostap Sereda (Ivan Krypnyakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Lviv)

Alla Serediak (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

Viktorija Sereda (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

Leonid Zashkilniak (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

Myhailo Kril (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)