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Syllabus

History, Memory, Politics: Modern Ukraine and the Opportunities and Challenges of Diversity

Summer School 2013

" Jewish History and Multiethnic Past: Discussions and Approaches to the Study of Society, Culture, and Heritage in East Central Europe"

July 14 - August 8, 2014

Center for Urban History, Lviv (Ukraine)

Ukraine's twentieth century was tragically marked by much politically motivated violence and authoritarian regimes as well as movements, from the radical left and the radical right. These forces and events did not only do great harm in the past but left memories and legacies that are still challenging to contemporary Ukraine. In this class, we will focus on several key issues of history, memory, and politics. The readings cannot be exhaustive. Instead, our aim is to read and discuss a sample of important short texts that allow us to reflect more broadly on the underlying questions.

The format of the class is simple: All texts can be found in the reader. The reading load has been kept low and it is essential that all participants make sure to attentively and thoroughly read the texts in advance of our meetings. Every meeting will begin with a presentation of about fifteen minutes by one of the participants who will be asked to introduce that meeting's text and open the discussion by offering his or her own thoughts about it and raise questions to start our discussion. The class will be a seminar, based on the constant interaction of all participants.

July 21, 2014 Ukraine and Russia I: Context

Yitzhak M. Brudny, Evgeny Finkel, "Why Ukraine Is Not Russia: Hegemonic National Identity and Democracy in Russia and Ukraine," *East European Politics and Societies*, vol. 25 (2011): 813-833

July 22, 2014 The Holodomor

Meeting One: John-Paul Himka, "Encumbered Memory: The Ukrainian Famine of 1932–33," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 14 (2013): 411-436

Meeting Two: Georgii Kas'ianov, "The Holodomor and the Building of a Nation," *Russian Social Science Review*, vol. 52 (2011): 71–93

July 23, 2014 Ukraine and Russia II: Teaching History

Karina Korostelina, "War of Textbooks: History Education in Russia and Ukraine," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, vol.43 (2010): 129–137

July 23, 2014 World War Two

Meeting One: David R. Marples, "Anti-Soviet Partisans and Ukrainian Memory," *East European Politics and Societies*, vol. 24 (2010): 26-43

Meeting Two: John-Paul Himka, "Debates in Ukraine over Nationalist Involvement in the Holocaust, 2004–2008," *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*, vol. 39 (2011): 353-370

July 25, 2014 Regional and Comparative Perspectives

Meeting One: Eleonora Narvselius, "The "Bandera Debate": The Contentious Legacy of World War II and Liberalization of Collective Memory in Western Ukraine," *Canadian Slavonic Papers / Revue canadienne des slavistes*, vol. 54 (2012): 469-490

Meeting Two: Oxana Shevel, "The Politics of Memory in a Divided Society: A Comparison of Post-Franco Spain and Post-Soviet Ukraine," *Slavic Review*, vol. 70 (2011): 137-164