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**Urban society and ethnic communities: Lwow 1918 - 1945**

When the well-known German author Alfred Döblin visited Lviv in 1924 he wrote: “Lviv is a lively, medium-sized, western, modern town; its streets are peaceful and bustling with life. But suddenly something strange confronts me. This city lies in the arms of two enemies, each of whom wants to dominate it. Subterranean enmity and violence are fermenting in the background”. Döblin, the son of assimilated German Jews from Stettin, also commented on the undercurrent of anti-Semitism and voiced his fears, especially for the many poor Jews living in the city. (Alfred Döblin, *ReisenachPolen*).

The Austrian-Jewish writer Joseph Roth, born in nearby Brody, visited Lviv in the same year. He wrote of the peaceful coexistence persisting between the different groups and called Lviv the city of “blurred boundaries”. The course will focus on both aspects of Lviv. It will start with a seminar which will take a look at the views from outside. How did visitors see Lviv and its multiethnic population before and after the First World War? The second session will focus on the Polish-Ukrainian war of 1918/19 within the broader context of the wars and revolutions between 1914 and 1921. In the third session we will be asking whether the war really ended all possibility of achieving a compromise between Poles and Ukrainians and did away with the tolerance between different ethnic and religious groups. Every-day life in inter-war Lviv was not an endless succession of acts of ethnic violence, it was also a time of manifold positive contacts between Poles, Ukrainians and Jews. The fourth session will look at the diversity within the Jewish community and examine the place of Jews in the urban society of Lviv. In the final session we will be analysing the Soviet and German occupation policies and their impact on ethnic relations in the city.

1. Travels to ‘Half-Asia’: Galicia as an exotic tourist destination  
Seminar with introduction

- Alois Woldan, “The Imagery of Lviv in Ukrainian, Austrian and Polish Literatures: From the Sixteenth Century to 1918, in *Lviv: A City in the Crosscurrents of Culture*, ed. by John Czaplicka (Cambridge, Mass.: HURI, 2005), 75-94.
- Excerpts from travel guides and travelogues

2. The Polish-Ukrainian War and the Battle for Lviv, 1918/19

45 minute lecture followed by a seminar

- Christoph Mick, *Lemberg, Lwów, L'viv, 1914-1947: Violence and Ethnicity in a Contested City* (West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2015), 137-158
- William H. Hagen, "The Moral Economy of Ethnic Violence: The Pogrom in Lwów, November 1918," *Geschichte und Gesellschaft* 31 (2005), 203-226

3. Mass violence and peaceful coexistence

45 minute lecture followed by a seminar

- Anna Veronika Wendland, "Neighbours as Betrayers: Nationalization, Remembrance Policy, and the Urban Public Sphere in L'viv," in *Galicja: A Multicultural Land*, ed. by Christopher Hann and Paul Robert Magocsi (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005), 139-159
- Excerpts from memoirs
- Yiddish film on life in Lviv from 1939:  
[http://www.lvivcenter.org/en/uvd/record/?vd\\_movieid=1241](http://www.lvivcenter.org/en/uvd/record/?vd_movieid=1241)

4. Jewish life in Lviv

Seminar with introduction

- Waclaw Wierzbieniec, "The Process of Jewish Emancipation and Assimilation in the Multiethnic City of Lviv during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," in *Lviv*, 223-250
- Excerpts from memoirs and testimonies

5. War, occupation and ethnic violence: L'viv, 1939-1945

Lecture with discussion

- John-Paul Himka, "The Lviv Pogrom of 1941: the Germans, Ukrainian Nationalists, and the Carnival Crowd," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 53, no. 2-4 (2011), 209-243
- Christoph Mick, "Incompatible Experiences: Poles, Ukrainians and Jews in Lviv under Soviet and German Occupation, 1939-44," *Journal of Contemporary History* 46 (2011), 336-363.
- German newsreel on the German troops entering Lviv:  
[http://www.lvivcenter.org/en/uvd/record/?vd\\_movieid=1241](http://www.lvivcenter.org/en/uvd/record/?vd_movieid=1241)

General reading

- *Galicja: A Multicultural Land*, ed. by Christopher Hann & Paul Robert Magocsi (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005)
- *Lviv: A City in the Crosscurrents of Culture*, ed. by John Czaplicka (Cambridge, Mass.: HURI, 2005), especially Philipp Ther, "War versus Peace: Interethnic Relations in Lviv during the First Half of the Twentieth Century," 251-284
- Christoph Mick, "Colonialism in the Polish Eastern Borderlands 1919-1939," in *The Shadow of Colonialism on Europe's Modern Past*, ed. by Róisín Healy and Enrico dal Lago, (Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 126-141
- Christoph Mick, *Lemberg, Lwów, L'viv, 1914-1947: Violence and Ethnicity in a Contested City* (Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2015)
- Timothy Snyder, *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin* (London: Bodley Head, 2010)

Diaries and memoirs

- Salomon Ansky, *The Enemy at His Pleasure: A Journey through the Jewish Pale of Settlement during World War I* (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2002)
- Samuel Drix, *Witness to Annihilation: Surviving the Holocaust: A Memoir* (Washington: Brassey's, 1994)
- Lala Fishman and Steven Weingartner, *Lala's Story: A Memoir of the Holocaust* (Evanston,

IL: Northwestern University Press, 1997)

- David Kahane, *Lvov Ghetto Diary* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1990)
- Karolina Lankorońska, *Those who Trespass against Us: One Woman's War against the Nazis* (London: Pimlico, 2005)
- Leon Weliczker Wells, *The Janowska Road* (London: Jonathan Cape, 1966)