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600 DAYS OF THE ALL-OUT WAR: FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM, FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY

International conference



October 18 – 20, 2023

Venue: Charles University in Prague / University of Vienna

Description

Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 not only disrupted life in a 40+ million polity but also posed multiple challenges for adjacent states, problematizing the very foundations of the European – and a broader – order. European public and scholarly debates came to recognise that this war, unprecedented for decades on the European continent in terms of the scale of military engagement and subsequent destruction, stands as a historical caesura that suspends established (geo)political patterns and scholarly paradigms. The resulting push to revise our epistemologies and practices proves the need for renewed scholarly knowledge based on nuanced analysis of developments on the ground, as well as their broader reverberations. While Russia has endorsed “an alternative Europe” of authoritarian states based on “traditional values” before recently swinging to the global South, Ukrainians increasingly centre their identity around the concepts of freedom and democracy. Thus, it would not be an exaggeration to assume that the outcome of the ongoing war directly implicates the future of democracy and of the European project.

The event aims to bring together Ukrainian scholars living through the war, where their social roles of researchers and citizens get inextricably intertwined, and scholars working on Ukraine outside the country that keep their intimate connection with the object of their studies and bridge several polities in their reactions to the war. Researchers working on other contexts will share how the war in Ukraine affected their field of study and their approaches. A broader audience will be invited to the keynote speech.

Programme

Wednesday – October 18, 2023

Venue: Room H212, Hollar building - Smetanovo nábřeží 6, Prague 1

Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

10:00 – 10:30

Opening and welcome remarks

Tomáš Nigrin, Institute of International Studies, Charles University

Jannis Panagiotidis, RECET

10:30 – 12:00

Roundtable discussion I. Studying society under war: challenges and opportunities.

Chair – Valeria Korablyova, Institute of International Studies, Charles University

- **Anna Osypchuk**, National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” (NaUKMA)
- **Martin Laryš**, Institute of International Relations
- **Ondřej Klipa**, Institute of International Studies, Charles University

- **Mischa Gabowitsch**, RECET, University of Vienna
- **Mykola Homanyuk**, Kherson State University

12:00 – 13:00 – lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Panel 1. Dislocation and changing attitudes: war-instigated migration and its effects on host communities

Chair – Daniela Kolenovská, Institute of International Studies, Charles University

- **Yana Leontiyeva**, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, *“Integration of Ukrainian war refugees into the Czech labour market: expectations, myths, and challenges”*
- **Mojmir Stransky**, RECET, University of Vienna, *“School Integration of Ukrainian Refugee Children in Austria”*
- **Nino Aivazishvili-Gehne**, RECET, University of Vienna, *“The war in Ukraine and its Reverberations Among Refugees and Migrants from Post-Soviet Space in Germany: Societal Change and New Solidarities”*
- **Jannis Panagiotidis**, RECET, University of Vienna, *“Just like us? “Same-ing” and Othering Ukrainian Refugees in the West”*

15:00 – 16:30

Panel 2. Societal aspects of Ukrainian resistance

Chair – Mojmir Stransky, RECET, University of Vienna

- **Tamara Martsenyuk**, NaUKMA, *“Gender Aspects of Resistance: Women and War in Ukraine”*
- **Orysa Bila**, Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU), *“Humanities at War: The Shaping of Societies, Policies, and Ideals”*
- **Lesia Smyrna**, RECET, University of Vienna, *„A Complex We” as a Narrative in Ukraine’s Wartime: from the “Naked Room” to existential “homelessness”*
- **Mischa Gabowitsch**, RECET, University of Vienna & **Mykola Homanyuk**, Kherson State University, *“Banners, Flames, and Concrete: War Memorials in Russian-Occupied Ukraine since February 2022”*

19:00 – Conference dinner

Thursday – October 19, 2023

09:00 – 14:00 – relocation from Prague to Vienna

17:00 – 18:30

Venue: seminar room 2Q-EG-27, Institute for Eastern European History

Spitalgasse 2, Campus of the University of Vienna, Hof 3.2

Keynote lecture

Chair – Jannis Panagiotidis, RECET, University of Vienna / Tomáš Nigrin, Institute of International Studies, Charles University

- **Tatiana Zhurzhenko**, Centre for East European and International Studies ZoiS, Berlin, “*Russia’s rule on the newly occupied territories of Ukraine and the challenge of de-occupation*”

Comments – Mariia Shynkarenko, Institute for Human Sciences, IWM, Vienna

19:00 – Conference dinner

Friday – October 20, 2023

Venue: room 4.28, University of Vienna

Kolingasse 14-16, 1090 Vienna

09:30 – Coffee

10:00 – 12:00

Panel 3. Contested hegemonies: Russia and current security challenges

Chair – Vera Axyonova, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

- **Martin Laryš**, Institute of International Relations, Prague, “*Marginalization of Russia on the International Level after the Re-Invasion of Ukraine*”
- **Dmytro Sherengovsky**, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, “*Russian hegemonic decline in Eastern Europe: security challenges and opportunities for the region*”

- **Artsiom Sidarchuk**, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, “*Hegemony as a conceptual ‘mirror’ of power: a case of the Russo-Ukrainian War*”
- **Valeria Korablyova**, Institute of International Studies, Charles University, Prague, “*Fighting Russia’s ‘dark power’: the emergent ‘bright power’ of Ukraine and Europe*”
- **Anton Shekhovtsov**, Centre for Democratic Integrity, Vienna, “*Essential Elements of Ukraine’s Long-Term Security Framework*”

12:00 – 13:30

Roundtable discussion II. Deoccupation & decolonization: a complicated task towards a shared future

Chair – Anna Osyphuk, National University of “Kyiv Mohyla Academy”, Ukraine

- **Yevhen Shapoval**, Head of Vil’khuvatka village military administration, Kharkiv region (online)
- **Yulia Bidenko**, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University / Centre for East European and International Studies ZoiS, Berlin
- **Alina Boiko**, Reform Support Team, Kyiv / Prague Civil Society Centre
- **Vera Axyonova**, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

13:30 – 14:00

Closing remarks