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Statement of position

The work of URIS has been dominated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine since 24 February 2022. This unprecedented escalation of the Russian war of aggression, with violence and destruction on a scale unheard of continuing for more than seven months now, has left us shocked and speechless.

URIS condemns the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in the strongest possible terms. Nothing can justify this invasion, which represents a massive violation of international law and the European peace framework. With the partial mobilisation of the Russian armed forces announced by the Russian president on 21 September 2022 and the sham referendums in the Russian-occupied regions of Ukraine we are facing a further escalation as autumn begins.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has again seen a sharp increase in demand for sound academic knowledge about the largest nation in Europe. URIS will therefore carry on with its activities unabated and continue its efforts to promote academic research and discourse on Ukraine and its fascinating history, culture, society and politics here in Switzerland, so as to help create a better understanding of the country.

News



Call for Application: Two URIS Fellowships at the University of Basel

The initiative "Ukrainian Research in Switzerland" (URIS) is calling for applications for two URIS fellowships for the autumn 2023 semester and spring 2024 semester at the University of Basel (Switzerland).

The internationally oriented fellowship programme is open to postdoctoral and senior scholars in the humanities, cultural studies and social sciences whose research has the potential to make a substantial contribution to a better understanding of the history, society, politics and culture of Ukraine.

Applications are open until 20 November 2022.

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Goodbyes and hellos

We are bidding farewell to our URIS fellow for the 2022 spring semester, **Professor Sergiy Kudelia**. Last semester Sergiy Kudelia taught a well-attended course on the war in Donbas. His research and political science expertise made him a highly sought-after interview partner for a range of media in Switzerland and abroad.

Historian and Gender Studies expert **Dr. Marta Havryshko** fled Ukraine from the Russian war of aggression with her son and nephew in April 2022 and has since been staying in Basel as a URIS fellow. Her current project deals with sexualised violence in the wars of the 20th and 21st centuries. A detailed portrait of our guest is available on the URIS website.



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URIS lecture series: The history of Ukraine. An introduction

Russia's war against Ukraine, launched in 2014, entered a new, brutal phase on 24 February 2022. New images of violence, devastated cities and towns, and millions of refugees, continue to reach us every day through the media. For many, this conflict in the middle of Europe has awakened an interest in the complex history of Ukraine, a country with a fascinating past that cannot be reduced merely to the background of the current war.

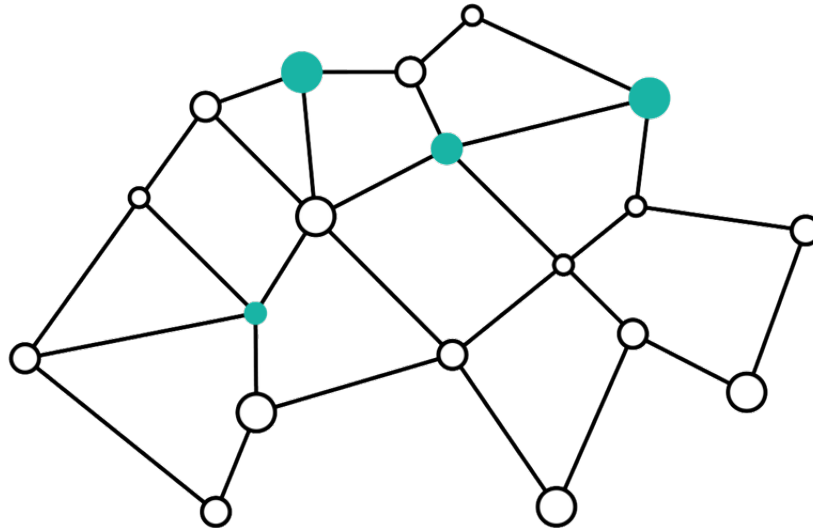
With this second series of lectures on Ukraine, URIS aims to contribute further to a better understanding of the historical and current developments in Ukraine.



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Ukraine research projects in Switzerland



We are regularly updating our website as we seek to represent here all of the research projects at Swiss universities that deal with Ukraine in the past and the present. Visit the website for an overview of this exciting research landscape.

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Learn Ukrainian with URIS

Our Ukrainian language instructor Dr. Yuliya Mayilo is teaching the third Ukrainian course this semester (Ukrainian III), currently offered as a semester course at the University of Basel. Yuliya Mayilo also offered a crash course in Ukrainian at the beginning of September, designed in particular for those working with Ukrainian refugees on a day-to-day basis.

Spring 2023 will see the start of a new series of courses, beginning with an introductory Ukrainian language course (Ukrainian I).



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