



**Ukrainian Research**  
in Switzerland

**URIS Insights**

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While challenges and uncertainties continue to shape our world, we also see how academic exchange, research, and public dialogue can open spaces for reflection and resilience.

At URIS, we enter the coming months with many initiatives in store - from new fellowships and lectures to public events and collaborations. To keep up with our activities and avoid missing out on exciting events, check our website for updates and follow us on social media.

There is much to discover, and we look forward to sharing it with you!

## Meet Our New URIS Fellow: Dr. Oleksandr Polianichev

This semester, historian Dr. Oleksandr Polianichev joins us with a project on the colonial dimensions of the Russian Empire and their impact on Ukraine. He will also teach the seminar “Unraveling ‘Little Russia’: Ukraine and Tsarist Rule” at the University of Basel.

👉 Curious to learn more? Discover his work and register for the course!



[Read more](#)

## In Case You Missed It: Podium on Ukraine in 2026

Our August panel discussion brought together leading voices to reflect on the ongoing war against Ukraine and its wider implications. The conversation is

now available to watch online.

👉 Catch up with the full recording here.



Watch the full video here!

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## Save the Date: Book Talk with Prof. Olena Nikolayenko (New York)

Lecture & Discussion | 13 October 2025, 18.15-20.00

Alte Universität | Rheinsprung 9, 4051 Basel | Lecture hall -101

On 13 October 2025, political scientist Olena Nikolayenko (Fordham University, New York) will join us in Basel to present her latest book, *Invisible Revolutionaries: Women's Participation in Ukraine's Euromaidan*.

The book reveals the often-overlooked role of women in Ukraine's 2013-2014



👉 Further details on our website.



Join us!

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## Ukraine in the Classroom

This fall semester, the University of Basel and URIS offer the following Ukraine-related courses:

- [Ukrainian III language course](#) with Yuliya Mayilo (online) | Tuesdays, 12.15-14.00
- Seminar with Oleksandr Polianichev: [Unraveling "Little Russia": Ukraine and Tsarist Rule](#) | Thursdays, 10.15-12.00
- Colloquium with Olena Rybiy: [War, Democracy, and Civic Agency in Ukraine and Beyond](#) | Tuesdays, 16.15-17.45
- Seminar with Olena Palko: [The Eastern Front of the Second World War](#) | Wednesday, 14.15-16.00
- Seminar with Tobias Hagmann Leupin: [Politics of Military Occupation](#) | Tuesdays, 10.15-11.45

👉 The full teaching program is available in the University's course directory.



Register now!

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## URIS in the Spotlight

A recent article in *bzBasel* featured our program, highlighting how URIS brings to life active engagement, academic exchange, and international networking on Ukraine here in Basel.

👉 Discover the full article and learn more about URIS on our website.

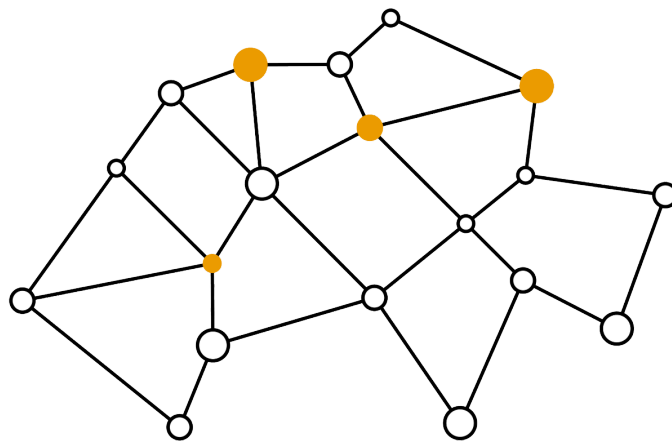


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## A New Look for Our Research Network

Our website now features all Ukraine-related research projects in Switzerland in a new format: each project has its own page, and the network section is now filterable and easier to navigate.

👉 If you are working on a project and would like it to be included, please get in touch and send us your materials.



Check it out!

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## Oleksandr Polianichev's Research in Focus

**Short Lecture & Discussion | 24 September 2025, 18.15-20.00**  
Alte Universität | Rheinsprung 9, 4051 Basel | Seminar room -201

Lecture on "The Evergreen Tsardom: Empire and Exotic Plants in Russia's Colonial South" by our URIS fellow Dr. Oleksandr Polianichev (Stockholm/Basel) as part of the research colloquium "Eastern European History" The session is based on preparatory reading.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Kai Willms ([kai.willms@unibas.ch](mailto:kai.willms@unibas.ch)) for access to the reading material.

Get your access!

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