Events

URIS Workshop
Russia’s War in Ukraine: Migration, Identity, and Belonging

25 May 2023, 2.00-5.30 p.m.
Seminar room 4, Department of History, University of Basel
The Russian invasion of Ukraine has provoked one of the biggest waves of migration in Europe since the end of the Second World War. Millions of people have been forced to leave their homes and seek shelter within Ukraine or outside the country. During the workshop, outstanding scholars in the social sciences and humanities will examine various dimensions of this migration process, its phases and implications; the everyday lives, challenges, experiences, and identities of internally displaced persons and refugees; and questions of identity in the context of war. Guests are welcome to join the discussion.

News

URIS Fellows

An intense spring semester is drawing to a close, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our two fellows, Dr. Marta Havryshko and Professor Tetiana Kyselova, for their wide-ranging and valuable work for URIS. They have both been committed to promoting research and discourse on the history and politics of Ukraine - in Switzerland and abroad, with our students and at events held at the University of Basel, as well as vis-à-vis various media representatives.

We have the great pleasure of welcoming literary scholar Professor Svitlana Pidoprygora as the new URIS fellow in Basel from August 2023! More information will be available soon on our website and social media channels.
Looking Back


Ever since the air-raid sirens began to wail in Ukraine on the morning of 24 February 2022, the reasons for Russia's invasion have been hotly debated. Self-styled experts in the German-speaking countries have been quick to speak out with supposedly unequivocal explanations for the war, often reproducing Russian propaganda narratives.

But why are so many people receptive to their interpretations? This question was debated at a public panel at the University of Basel on 25 April 2023 in order to shed light on the structures of these narratives and on the history of Ukraine and Russia. The recording of the panel discussion, extensive media coverage and various impressions are now available on our website.
2. Anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

On 24 February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. Together with URIS and a wide public audience, the University of Basel marked this day with a special programme.

![Image of four people in a discussion setting]

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Learn Ukrainian with URIS

Building on the current introductory course, we are offering a Ukrainian II course in autumn 2023! As always, Yuliya Mayilo will teach this digital course, affording profound insight into Ukrainian language and culture. The course is limited to 10 participants. Registration is now open. Those interested can register for this course for free with URIS (uris@unibas.ch).

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