URIS Newsletter Winter 2023



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Winter has Basel and Switzerland in its grip, the holidays are rapidly approaching, and the year is once again drawing to a close.

Here at URIS we have had an eventful semester with many highlights. Before you leave for your holiday break we would like to invite you to read about or view our events, or take a look at our future projects.

Events

Lecture series: The history of Ukraine since 1991

Our third lecture series was devoted this semester to the political, social, economic and cultural development of Ukraine from the formation of the independent state in 1991 to the present day.

Don't worry if you've missed a lecture you'd like to hear – from today the presentations are available for viewing on our website and YouTube channel.



News

URIS Fellows

Our current URIS fellow, Professor Svitlana Pidoprygora, is a literary scholar and has been with us in Basel since August 2023. Her research explores how times of crisis in Ukraine in the 20th and 21st centuries have been reflected and processed in Ukrainian and European comics and graphic novels.

More information on Svitlana Pidoprygora's research, her background and her plans in Basel is available on our website.





Looking back

Muslims in Ukraine. Old History – New Challenges

Workshop | 14 September 2023 | University of Basel

The aim of this event was to highlight the undeservedly overlooked Islamic heritage of Ukraine and shed light on the long-established roots of Islam in the region, as well the impact Russia's war on Ukraine has had on Muslim communities.

In case you didn't have time to attend our URIS workshop on Muslims in Ukraine, we have briefly summarised the day here.





Documenting War in Ukraine in Comics

Workshop | 24 October 2023 | University of Basel

This workshop aimed to illuminate (self-)representations of Ukraine in predominantly documentary comics and graphic novels created during wartime in Ukraine. It focused on analyzing the various artistic responses to the Russian-Ukrainian war, narrative strategies within comics, framing techniques, aesthetic elements, and the role of comics in depicting the war experience.

To find out more, please visit our website where you'll find some impressions of the workshop.





Learn Ukrainian with URIS

Ukrainian III | 2024 Spring semester

Building on the previous courses Ukrainian I & II, we are offering the advanced course "Ukrainian III" in the spring of 2024!

As always, Yuliya Mayilo will teach this digital course and impart an in-depth understanding of the Ukrainian language and culture. The course is limited to 10 participants. Registration is open now. To register for free, please contact Yuliya Mayilo (yuliya.mayilo@unibas.ch).



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