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**International Conference**

January 29–31, 2020

Basel

## Wednesday, January 29

- 13.15 h **Welcome Addresses**  
F. Benjamin Schenk (Head of URIS)  
Thomas Grob (Vice President for Education, Basel University)  
Jérôme Hügli (Project Manager, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation)
- 13.30 h **New Interpretations of post 1991 Developments**  
Chair: Sophia Polek (Basel)  
**Ukraine After 1991 Between Citizenry and Spectatorship:  
From Mass Protests to Ocular Democracy**  
Valeriya Korablyova (Giessen)  
**The Status of Post-Soviet Non-Recognised States in the World-System**  
Mykhailo Minakov (Basel)  
Discussant: Ulrich Schmid (St Gallen)
- 15.00 h **Coffee Break**
- 15.30 h **Politics of History and Mnemonic Conflicts in Contemporary Ukraine**  
Chair: Rhea Rieben (Basel)  
**Decommunization in Ukraine after 2014: Narratives, Actions, Outcomes**  
Georgy Kasianov (Kyiv)  
**Civil Society, Mnemonic Conflicts and Dealing with the  
Grievances and Traumas of the Past in Ukraine:  
The Case of Veteran and Victims' Organizations**  
Oksana Myshlovska (Bern)  
Discussant: Thomas Grob (Basel)
- 17.00 h **Students' Poster Presentation**
- 18.15 h **Keynote Lecture** (Hörsaal -101)  
**Non-Euclidian Nation: What and How We Write about Ukraine**  
Yaroslav Hrytsak (L'viv)
- 19.30 h **Reception (Apéro)**

## Thursday, January 30

- 10.30 h **Territorialisation, Population Transfers and Foreign Occupation**  
Chair: Alexis Hofmeister (Basel)  
**Carpatho-Ukrainian Border Biographies Amidst Multiple Territorial Revisions, 1919–1946**  
Julia Richers (Bern)  
**Khrushchev's present? Commemorating the Transfer of Crimea from the Russian SFSR to the Ukrainian SSR in 1954**  
Stephan Rindlisbacher (Frankfurt/Oder)  
Discussant: Korine Amacher (Geneva)
- 12.00 h **Lunch**
- 13.30 h **National Identities in the Ukrainian-Polish-Russian Triangle**  
Chair: Alexandra Wedl (Basel)  
**Lifeworlds and Entanglements in Central Ukraine in the 20th century. A Research Perspective**  
Carmen Scheide (Bern)  
**Ukrains'ka khata and the Political Implications of Anti-Ukrainophilism**  
Trevor Erlacher (Chapel Hill)  
Discussant: Harald Binder (L'viv)
- 15.00 h **Coffee Break**
- 15.30 h **Minorities and Transnational Entanglements in Early Soviet Ukraine**  
Chair: Anne Hasselmann (Basel)  
**Minorities Question in Soviet Ukraine: Controlled Ethnic Diversity in the 1920s**  
Olena Palko (London)  
**The Ukrainian-Swiss Relations in 1917–1926, Institutional History and Personalities**  
Irina Matiash (Kyiv)  
Discussant: Charlotte Henze (Basel)
- 17.00 – 18.00 h **Presentation of the Poster-Exhibition:  
Ukrainian-Swiss Contacts in the (Post-)Empire Era**  
Oleksandr Pagiria (Kyiv)
- 18.30 h **Conference Dinner** (Restaurant «Zum Isaak», Münsterplatz 16, 4051 Basel)

## Friday, January 31

- 09.00 h **Historicizing the Black Sea Region**  
Chair: Henning Lautenschläger (Basel)  
**Building Infrastructures, Increasing Trade:  
Port Construction and Expansion in Odesa (1794–1866)**  
Boris Belge (Basel)  
**The Swiss Communities of Odessa, Shabou and Zurichstal  
Through the Records of the State Archives of Odessa Region:  
Sources, Database, Publication**  
Liliia Bilousova (Odesa)  
Discussant: F. Benjamin Schenk (Basel)
- 10.30 h **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 h **Kiev / Kyiv – Imagined City and Political Center**  
Chair: Laura Ritter (Basel)  
**Not the Final Destination: Kyiv in Western Travel Literature of the  
Nineteenth-Early Twentieth Centuries**  
Kateryna Dysa (Kyiv)  
**Niche Nationalism: Kiev's Ukrainophile Milieu under the Ems Ukaz**  
Fabian Baumann (Basel)  
Discussant: Andreas Kappeler (Wien)
- 12.30 h **URIS: Future Perspectives**  
F. Benjamin Schenk (Basel)
- 13.00 –  
14.00 h **Lunch / Sandwiches**

## About URIS

The objectives of the initiative «Ukrainian Research in Switzerland» are to make a long-term contribution to furthering Ukraine expertise in Switzerland, to foster the next generation of scholars, and to contribute to the international networks of Switzerland-based university research on Ukraine.

URIS receives funding from the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). The initiative announces two «URIS fellowships» once a year. They are 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. The fellowship enables the recipient to spend six months researching at the University of Basel, which has established itself as a dynamic centre for research on Eastern Europe with strong international networks. URIS also maintains a database and a newsletter on Ukrainian studies in Switzerland.

URIS organizes academic workshops in order to encourage the exchange between the ongoing Ukraine-related research projects that are currently underway at Swiss universities and the international scientific community.

This year's URIS conference marks the third anniversary of our initiative that was launched in February 2017.

# Information

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Alte Universität  
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