Dear Ukraine Decolonial Studies Network Participants,

As an affiliated society of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, we are delighted to offer this digest with a selection of panels at the 58th ASEEES Annual Convention. The digest includes sessions organized by the Ukraine Decolonial Studies Network, panels and roundtables featuring our esteemed participants, as well as selected highlights of events that intersect with our mission and thematic interest in the development of postcolonial/decolonial approaches to Ukraine.

Ukraine Decolonial Studies Network Participants at ASEEES 2026:

Panel Highlights

Ukraine Decolonial Studies Network Affiliate Group Meeting

Thu, November 12, 7:00 to 9:00 pm CST, The Palmer House, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 1

Organized and moderated by Svitlana Biedarieva (Independent Scholar), Olha Korniienko (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam, Germany), Kateryna Yeremieieva (U of Würzburg, Germany), Oksana Nesterenko (New York U), John Vsetecka (Nova Southeastern U).

Decoloniality, Self-Determination, and Agency in Ukraine I: Cultural Transformation (panel)

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Thu, November 12, 4:00 to 5:45 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, LaSalle

Svitlana Biedarieva (Independent Scholar): *Ambicoloniality and Inter-Imperiality: Decolonial Approximations in Ukrainian and Mexican Art*

Olha Korniienko (ZZF Potsdam, Germany): *Decolonizing Visibility: Fashion, Knowledge, and Agency in Soviet Ukraine*

Kateryna Yeremieieva (U of Würzburg, Germany): *Laughing from the Peripheries: Reconfiguring Ukrainian Satire during the Long Perestroika*

Oksana Nesterenko (New York U): *The Avant-Garde Affirms the Nation's Right to the Future: Ukrainian Experimental Opera as the Struggle against Recolonization*

Chair: Emily S. Channell-Justice (Harvard U); Discussant: Joanna Getka (U of Warsaw, Poland)

Decoloniality, Self-Determination, and Agency in Ukraine II: Contested Narratives (panel)

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Fri, November 13, 8:00 to 9:45 am CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Kimball

Oleksandra G. Shtepenko (Interregional Academy of Personnel Management, Ukraine): *The Ambicolonial Perspectives of Contemporary Ukrainian Women's Dramaturgy on Forced Exile*

Joanna Getka (U of Warsaw, Poland): *Understanding the Mechanisms: Between Empire and Knowledge: Russian Politics of (Im)Memory and the Colonial Denial of Ukrainian Agency*

Hanna Liebiedieva, Södertörn U (Sweden): *The Literary Canon in Ukrainian Classrooms Amidst War: School Curricula and Nation-Building in 2022*

Chair: Olha Korniienko (ZZF Potsdam, Germany); Discussant: Ksenia Turkova Choate (Independent Scholar)

Decoloniality, Self-Determination, and Agency in Ukraine III: Jewish and Diasporic Voices (panel)

Panel series sponsored by Ukraine Decolonial Studies Network

Fri, November 13, 10:00 to 11:45 am CST, Floor: 7th fl, Montrose 5

Yaroslav Zhuravlov (U of Jena, Germany): *From Exile to Statehood: Diaspora Agency, Collective Action, and Holocaust Memory in the Ukrainian Case*

Olga Petrova (Central European U, Hungary): *Reclaiming Ukraine's Jewish History: In Defense of the Term 'Ukrainian Jewry'*

Anastasiia Simferovska (Northwestern U): *Triggers and Traumas: Forging a Jewish Artist in the Wake of the Russo-Ukrainian War*

Yulia Gasio (California State U, Long Beach): *Integrating Indigenous Ukrainian Aesthetic Traditions: A Historical Reading of Ukrainian Diaspora Artist VALYA's Work as Decolonial Practice*

Chair: Oksana Nesterenko (New York U); Discussant: Alexandra Birch (Columbia U)

Decoloniality, Self-Determination, and Agency in Ukraine IV: Imperial Myth and Religion (panel)

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Sat, November 14, 4:00 to 5:45 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, Clark 1

Kateryna Budz (U of Edinburgh, UK): *The Soviet Ban on the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (1946) as Imperial Practice*

Larysa Moisieienko (Kremenchuk Humanities and Technology Academy, Ukraine): *A Decolonial Analysis of Religious Narratives in Post-2019 Ukraine*

Tetiana Hranchak (Syracuse U): *Decolonizing Sources: The 'Rus'-Russia' Imperial Myth and the Reconstruction of Truth*

Fiona Greenland (U of Virginia): *International Cultural Governance and the Overrepresentation of Rus': Bureaucratic Obstacles and Decolonial Pathways for Ukrainian Cultural Agency*

Chair: Nicholas Denysenko (Valparaiso U); Discussant: Pavlo Smytsnyuk (New York U)

Ukraine and the Decolonization of Global Security (panel)

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Thu, November 12, 2:00 to 3:45 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 1

Marcin Skladanowski (John Paul II Catholic U of Lublin, Poland):

Why Do International Security Studies Need Decolonisation?: The Consequences of Russocentrism for Distorted Understandings of Regional and Global Security

Khrystyna Holynska (RAND Corporation): *Decolonizing Deterrence: Ukraine's Response to Russian Nuclear Coercion*

Yehor Brailian (Taras Shevchenko National U of Luhansk, Ukraine): *Networking without Borders: How the Ukrainian Diaspora in Great Britain during the Cold War Reshaped Decolonization*

Sergii Pakhomenko (Mariupol State U, Ukraine): *Decolonising Historical Memory in Ukraine: Security Motives, Dilemmas, and Controversies*

Chair: Khrystyna Holynska (RAND Corporation); Discussant: Maksym Yakovlyev (National U of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine)

Postcolonial Identities in Central Asian and Caucasian Literature, by Tamar Koplatadze (book discussion roundtable)

Thu, November 12, 2:00 to 3:45 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, LaSalle 5

Tamara Hundorova (National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine), Epp Annus (Ohio State U / Tallinn U, Estonia), Diana T. Kudaibergen (U College London, UK), Svitlana Biedarieva (Independent Scholar), Tamar Koplatadze (U of Oxford, UK).

Chair: Naomi Caffee (Reed College)

Soviet Famine as Genocide in the 20th Century (roundtable on online teaching)

Fri, November 13, 1:30 to 3:15 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 12

John Vsetecka (Nova Southeastern U), Karolina Koziura (U of Toronto, Canada); Kristina Hook (Kennesaw State U).

Chair: Marta Baziuk (Holodomor Research & Education Consortium, Canada)

Crime of Genocide in Modern Socio-Political Context: Dichotomy Between Fighting and Tolerating Impunity (panel)

Sun, November 15, 12:00 to 1:45 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 9

John Vsetecka (Nova Southeastern U): *Confronting Genocide in the Age of Transitional Justice: Historical Lessons from Ukraine for the Present*

Yurii Kaparulin (U of Michigan / Kherson State U, Ukraine): *Russian Genocide in Ukraine and the Risks of Remaining at the Level of Political Statements*

Kristina Hook (Kennesaw State U): *Genocide as Policy Framework: Conceptual Clarity and Atrocity Prevention in Russia's War against Ukraine*

Kseniya Yurtayeva (Kharkiv National U of Internal Affairs, Ukraine): *Strategy for Prosecuting Russian Genocide Committed during Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine: Legal and Conceptual Implications*

Chair: John Vsetecka (Nova Southeastern U); Discussant: Steven Seegel (U of Texas at Austin)

Rethinking and Restoring Cinematic Color (panel)

Thu, November 12, 2:00 to 3:45 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Wabash

Jordan Zaugg (U of Kansas): *The Blues, the Reds, and the Pinks: Interpreting Color in Evgenii Bauer's After Death*

Olga Blackledge: *We Were Greatly Impressed by Ukrainian Animation in Some Kind of Yellow Tones': Color in Kyivnaukfilm's Animation*

James M Steffen (Emory U): *Color Film on the Periphery: The Restoration of The Color of Pomegranates*

Chair: Vitaly Chernetsky (U of Kansas); Discussant: Daniel Thomas Bird (Hamo Bek-Nazarov Project, France)

Translating Women Poets across Languages, States, and Empires (Roundtable)

Thu, November 12, 4:00 to 5:45 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, Sandburg 6

Alyssa Dinega Gillespie (Independent Scholar); Joanna T. Huss (Kent State U); Margarit Ordukhanyan (CUNY Hunter College); Sibelan E. S. Forrester (Swarthmore College); Lada Kolomiyets (Dartmouth College)

Chair: Hilary Bird (Independent Scholar)

The Algorithms of Atrocity: Holocaust Studies in the Age of Generative AI (panel)

Thu, November 12, 4:00 to 5:45 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, Montrose 5

Amber N. Nickell (Louisiana State U): *Prompting Empathy, Generating Rupture: The Memorial Aftershocks of AI-Generated Holocaust Images*

Olga Zaitseva-Herz (U of Alberta, Canada): *Emotionalizing the Fabricated: The Instrumentalization of Music and Sound in AI-Generated Holocaust Media*

Alexandra Birch (Columbia U): *AI and Integrative Media: New Strategies for Teaching the Holocaust in the USSR*

Chair: Jacob Ari Labendz (Ramapo College of New Jersey); Discussant: Paula Chan (U of Oxford, UK)

Soldiers of Song (Film)

Thu, November 12, 7:30 to 9:30 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Wabash

2024, Ukrainian, Russian, English with English Subtitles

Introduced by Tetyana Shlikhar (U of Notre Dame)

Multispecies Histories of the Steppe from Ukraine to Kazakhstan (panel)

Fri, November 13, 10:00 to 11:45 am CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 1

Iryna Zamuruieva (U of Oxford, UK): *Manufacturing Necessity and Nature: Rapeseed, Imperial Agronomy, and Export-Oriented Agriculture in Nineteenth-Century Ukraine*

Nicholas Morrison (U of Maryland, College Park): *Currents of Socialism: The Bukhtarma Hydroelectric Power Station and Reservoir in Soviet Kazakhstan*

Abylay Stambayev (UC Santa Barbara): *Crossbreeding Sheep on the Kazakh Steppe*

Chair: Taylor Zajicek (Williams College); Discussant: Taylor Zajicek (Williams College)

Concepts of the Polish-Ukrainian Intellectual Dialogue (1831-1918) (panel)

Fri, November 13, 10:00 to 11:45 am CST, Floor: 7th fl, Dearborn 1

Lukasz Adamski (Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue, Poland): *Ruthenia, Little Russia, or Ukraine: Competing Names in the Long Nineteenth Century*

Andriy Zayarnyuk (U of Winnipeg, Canada): *The Elusive Ruthenia: Rethinking Commonwealth's Rus' Between Two Uprisings (1830-1863)*

Gennadii Korolov (Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue, Poland): *The Concepts Federation and Federalism in Polish-Ukrainian Intellectual Interactions (1831-1918)*

Chair: Oksana Dudko (U of Manitoba, Canada); Discussant: Oleksandr Avramchuk (U of Warsaw, Poland)

Democratic and Authoritarian Fragility and Resilience: Lessons from Our Region (Presidential plenary session)

Fri, November 13, 12:00 to 1:15 pm CST, Floor: 4th fl, Red Lacquer

Plenary Speakers:

- Michael H. Bernhard (U of Florida Milada); Anna Vachudova (UNC at Chapel Hill); Isabelle DeSisto (Princeton U); Claudia Laštro (U of Graz, Austria)

Chair: Oxana Shevel (Tufts U)

Crimea Revisited in Contemporary Ukrainian Literature (panel)

Fri, November 13, 1:30 to 3:15 pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, LaSalle 5

Nataliya Shpylova-Saeed (Harvard U): *Russian' Crimea That Has Never Been*

Valentyna Kharkhun (Mykola Hohol State U of Nizhyn, Ukraine) / American U): *Lost and Found: Crimea in Contemporary Ukrainian Novels*

Tetiana Grebeniuk (U of Warsaw, Poland): *Markers of Colonial History in Svitlana Taratorina's Fantasy World*

Olha Voznyuk (Independent Scholar): *Re-Discovering Crimean Tatars' Cultural Legacy in Ukrainian Contemporary Literature*

Chair: Yuliya V. Ladygina, Pennsylvania State U; Discussant: Lyudmila Parts (McGill U, Canada)

Coded Cultures, Edited Empires (panel)

Sat, November 14, 8:00 to 9:45 am CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 5

Ewa Siwak (Texas State U): *Imperial Knowledge Contra National Scholarship: Galicia in The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy in Word and Image*

Michael James Coates (Independent Scholar): *National and Regional Encyclopedias in the Soviet Union*

Kateryna Lytvynenko (U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): *Hidden in Plain Sight: Coded Visual Culture and the Transmission of National Identity under Soviet Rule*

Chair: Ewa Siwak (Texas State U); Discussant: Steven Seegel (U of Texas at Austin)

Soviet Recolonization of Ukraine: Language, Dictionaries, Translation (panel)

Sat, November 14, 10:00 to 11:45 am CST, Floor: 7th fl, Sandburg 6

Valentyna Savchyn (Lund U, Sweden): *Dictionary-Making in Soviet Ukraine as a Mechanism of Imperial Violence*

Lada Kolomiyets (Dartmouth College): *Soviet Language Engineering: Intra- and Inter-Republican Translation in Early Soviet Ukraine*

Susanna Witt (Stockholm U, Sweden): *Shevchenko and Pushkin in the 1930s-1940s: Translation, Intertextuality, and De/Colonization*

Chair: Susanna Witt (Stockholm U, Sweden); Discussant: Evita Badina (Daugavpils U, Latvia)

Ukraine: The Paradigm Change of Slavic Studies (roundtable)

Sat, November 14, 2:00 to 3:45 pm CST, Floor: 4th fl, Red Lacquer

Amelia Glaser (UC San Diego); Vitaly Chernetsky (U of Kansas); Lisa Ryoko Wakamiya (Florida State U); Robert Romanchuk (Florida State U); Dragan Kujundzic (U of Florida)

Chair: Marina Sapritsky-Nahum (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)

Democracy Under Fire: Local Governance, Labor, and Religion in Wartime Ukraine (panel)

Sat, November 14, 2:00 to 3:45 pm CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 7

Sarah Wilson Sokhey (U of Colorado at Boulder): *The Local Dimensions of Democracy under Fire: Evidence from Case Studies of Ukrainian Hromadas*

Olena Nikolayenko (Fordham U): *Miners' Strikes in Ukraine*

Anastasiia Vlasenko (Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine): *Participatory Effects of Decentralization: Evidence from Ukraine*

Oxana Shevel (Tufts U): *Weaponized Religion and Democratic Constraint: State Responses to ROC-Affiliated Churches in Ukraine and the Baltic States*

Chair: Isabelle DeSisto (Princeton U); Discussant: Elise Giuliano (Columbia U)

War as a Catalyst for Cultural Change in Ukraine: Linguistic and Folklore Practices (roundtable)

Sat, November 14, 2:00 to 3:45pm CST, Floor: 7th fl, Clark 10

Olesia Naumovska (Taras Shevchenko National U of Kyiv, Ukraine); Victoria Somoff, (Dartmouth College); Oksana Vykhopen (U of Kansas); Nataliia Naumovska (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign); Svitlana Melnyk (Indiana U Bloomington)

Chair: Iryna Voloshyna (Indiana U Bloomington)

Ukraine on the Doorstep of the European Union (panel)

Sat, November 14, 4:00 to 5:45pm CST, Floor: 4th fl, Red Lacquer

Milada Anna Vachudova (UNC at Chapel Hill); Nadiia Koval (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine): *European Integration in a Time of War*

David Siroky (U of Florida); Lenka Bustikova-Siroky (U of Florida): *Politics of Refugee Reception in Poland*

Mitchell A. Orenstein (U of Pennsylvania); Alina Nychyk (Zurich U of Applied Sciences, Switzerland): *Ukraine's Path to EU Candidacy*

Rachel A Epstein (U of Denver); Juliet Johnson (McGill U, Canada): *Easing Ukraine's Path to EU Accession: Lessons from the Banking Sector Transformation in East Central Europe*

Olga Onuch (U of Manchester, UK); Grigore Pop-Eleches (Princeton U); Graeme Robertson (UNC at Chapel Hill): *Wartime Violence and Attitudes toward the EU in Ukraine*

Chair: Oxana Shevel (Tufts U); Discussant: Katherine Frances Cayton (Cornell U)

Russian and Ukrainian Ideas of Statehood (1918-1922) (panel)

Sun, November 15, 8:00 to 9:45 am CST, Floor: 3rd fl, Salon 12

Susan Smith-Peter (CUNY College of Staten Island): *How Russian Regionalists and Ukrainians Fought for a Federated Siberia (1918-1922)*

Serhiy Bilenky (U of Alberta, Canada): *One Man's Response to Anti-Jewish Violence: Volodymyr Kedrovs'kyi and the 1919 Pogroms in Ukraine*

Oksana Dudko (U of Manitoba, Canada): *Diffused Sovereignty: The Ukrainian Galician Army, Violence, and State Formation in Revolutionary Ukraine (1919-1920)*

Chair: Anastasia Shteinert (Brandeis U); Discussant: Willard Sunderland (U of Cincinnati)

Sincerely,

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