**Imagined Geography of Ukraine from the Late Eighteenth to the Late Twentieth Century: Regions, Cities, Landscapes, and Population**

**Tuesdays, 18:00 (CET). Online**

**Invitation link to join weekly sessions:**

<https://ceu-edu.zoom.us/s/94435576174>

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The course will explore how various entities within Ukraine, including regions, cities, and landscapes, were conceived and constructed from the late eighteenth to the conclusion of the twentieth century. We will discuss how travellers, scholars etc. from both local imperial centres and Western perspective perceived, constructed, and described these entities. Additionally, we will explore how these perspectives evolved over time.

We plan to focus on numerous case studies, encompassing regions like Galicia, Sloboda Ukraine, Crimea, and Donbass, cities, as well as cities such as Kyiv and Dnipro. Furthermore, we will examine the perception of Ukraine as a whole. Throughout the course, we will discuss various methodologies used in the field of imagined geography, mental/cognitive mapping, othering etc.

**Assessment:** To successfully complete the course, you must attend a minimum of **8 out of 12 classes**. Additionally, you have to prepare questions for at least **6 classes**. You have the flexibility to submit your questions in **one** of three ways:

1. Advance Email Questions: Submit your questions based on the reading for the class in advance (by Monday evening) via email addressed to [shuliakovan@ceu.edu](mailto:shuliakovan@ceu.edu);

2. Zoom Chat Questions: Pose your questions, derived from the reading and lecture, in the Zoom chat during the discussion;

3. In-Person Questions: Engage in the discussion by asking your questions, based on the reading and lecture, in person during the class.

In the event that you miss a class but wish for it to be counted as attended, you must watch recorded lecture, read recommended literature, and then write a reflection paper (500-600 words), encapsulating your understanding and insights from the class materials. Ensure that you submit this reflection paper no later than two weeks after the original lecture date.

**Mentoring sessions:**

Mentoring sessions are **mandatory** for students working on their research papers for the 'Imagined Geography of Ukraine' course. Those who expressed interest in participating in mentoring sessions, regardless of their stipend status for this semester, will be placed in mentoring groups based on their English proficiency, academic background, and interests during the second week of IUFU studies (starting on October 1st). Students awarded the research stipend for the Fall semester of 2023 are required to attend a minimum of **8 out of 12** mentoring sessions. Each group will meet once a week following the main lecture on Tuesdays. The specific time and day of these meetings will be determined by the mentors. After your group assignment, please direct any additional questions to your mentors.

**Lectures and Discussions**

**26 September:'To attend everything, observe everything & preserve an account of all that passes before me': Britons and Their Texts of Travels in Ukrainian Lands in the Early 19th Century**

***Dr. Natalia Voloshkova (Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz)***

**Recommended literature and sources:**

Voloshkova, N. “On Terrains of the Other Empire: Mary Holderness's Account of Her Residence in Early 19th-Century Crimea,” in *British Women Travellers: Empire and Beyond, 1770-1870*, edited by Sutapa Dutta: 70–85, (London and New York: Routledge, 2020).

Holderness, Mary. *Notes Relating to the Manners and Customs of the Crim Tatars; Written During a Four Years’ Residence Among That People* (London, 1821), 1-25.

**3 October:** **Imagined Geography of Ukraine in the Early Nineteenth-Century Travel Accounts: Othering vs. Cultural Translation and the Case of Invention of Landscape Description**

***Dr. Kateryna Dysa (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, All Souls College, Oxford)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Tolochko, Oleksii. “From the ‘Russian Jerusalem’ to the ‘Slavic Pompeii’,” in *Eighteenth-Century Ukraine*, ed. by Z. Kohut et al. (London, Toronto, 2023), 97-114.

Thompson, Carl. “Representing the Other,” in *Travel Writing* (London, New York, 2011), 130-6.

**10 October:Imagined Geography as a Field of Historical Research: Topics, Sources and Methodological Approaches**

***Dr. Frithjof Benjamin Schenk (University of Basel)***

**Recommended Literature (you can choose 2 out of 3 texts):**

Schenk, F. B. “‘A Sixth Part of the World’. The Career of a Spatial Metaphor in Russia and the Soviet Union (1837-2021)”, *Kritika. Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 24(2), (2023), 349–380.

Schenk, F. B. (2017) “Eastern Europe”, in Mishkova, D. and Trencsényi, B. (eds.) *European Regions and Boundaries. A Conceptual History*. New York, Oxford, 2017), 188–209.

Schenk, F. B. “Mental Maps: The Cognitive Mapping of the Continent as an Object of Research of European History” (Mainz: Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte. 2013). Available at: <http://ieg-ego.eu/en/threads/theories-and-methods/mental-maps/frithjof-benjamin-schenk-mental-maps-the-cognitive-mapping-of-the-continent-as-an-object-of-research-of-european-history?set_language=en&-C=>

**17 October:** **Imagined Geography of Galicia in the Nineteenth Century**

***Dr. Larry Wolff (New York University)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Wolff, Larry. *The Idea of Galicia History and Fantasy in Habsburg Political Culture* (Stanford, 2010), 231-79.

**24 October:** **Holy Kyiv: A Mecca for Pilgrims in the Long Nineteenth Century**

***Dr. Christine Worobec (Distinguished Research Professor Emerita at Northern Illinois University)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Worobec, Christine D. “Orthodox Faith on the Move in Late Imperial Russia,” in *Nineteenth-Century Pilgrimages: A New Golden Age*, ed. by Antón M. Pazos (London: Routledge, 2020), 205-22.

Воробец, Кристин. «Православные паломники в имперской России: тяготы пути», *О вере и суевериях* (Москва, 2014), 257–278.

**30 October:** **Imperial Unification and Imperial Knowledge: Sloboda Ukraine in the Symbolic Geography of the Russian Empire in the Second Half of the 18th Century**

Dr. Volodymyr Sklokin (Ukrainian Catholic University).

**Recommended Literature:**

Volodymyr Kravchenko, “Sloboda Ukraine: A Borderland Region,” in: Volodymyr Kravchenko, *The Ukrainian-Russian Borderland: History Versus Geography:* 113-140. (Toronto, 2022).

Volodymyr Sklokin, “Catherine II, Evdokim Shcherbinin, and the Abolition of Sloboda Ukraine’s  Autonomy,” in: *Eighteenth-Century Ukraine: New Perspectives on Social, Cultural and Intellectual History*, ed. by Zenon Kohut, Volodymyr Sklokin, Frank Sysyn, with Larysa Bilous: 115-143 (Toronto, 2023).

**7 November:** **The Politics of Heritage: The Russification of Kyiv in the 1820s-1860s**

***Dr. Andreas Schonle (University of Bristol)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Byrne, Denis, ‘Heritage as Social Action’ in *The Heritage Reader*, ed. By Graham Fairclough at al. (London: Routledge, 2008), 149-173.

Bilenky, Serhiyб ‘Kyiv’s Past as Symbolic Capital and Its “Ideological Function,” *Imperial Urbanism in the Borderlands. Kyiv, 1800-1905* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018), 83-110.

**14 November:** **Reimagining Ukraine in the Post-War Soviet Historiography**

***Dr. Nalaia Shlikhta (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)***

**Recommended Literature:**

**21 November:** **Claiming the Homeland. Imagined Geographies of Crimea Through the Prism of Crimean Tatars` Deportation and Return**

***Dr. Martin Kisly (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Uehling, Greta, *Beyond Memory: The Crimean Tatars` Deportation and Return* (New York: Palgrave Macmillann 2004), 25–47.

Williams, Brian G. “A community reimagined. The role of “homeland” in the forging of national identity: the case of the Crimean Tatars,” *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*17, no. 2 (1997): 225-252.

**5 December: The City of Dnipro on the Changing Mental Map of East-Central Europe**

***Dr. Andrii Portnov (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)***

**Recommended Literature:**

Portnov, Andrii and Portnova, Tetiana, “The “Imperial” And the “Cossack” in the Semiotics Of Ekaterinoslav-Dnipropetrovsk: The Controversies of the Foundation Myth,” in *Urban Semiotics: The City as a Cultural-Historical Phenomenon*, ed. by Igor Pilshchikov: 223–50. (Tallinn, 2015).

**12 December:** **European School, Imperial Envy and Courage to Be: Three Stories About Ukraine**

***Dr. Olena Stiazhkina (Institute of History of National Academy of Science of Ukraine)***

**Recommended Literature:**

**19 December:** **Under Western Eyes. How Polish Exile Intellectuals Viewed Ukraine during the Cold War?**

***Dr. Oleksandr Avramchuk (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)***

**Recommended Literature and Sources:**

Włodzimierz Bolecki, Kultura (1946–2000), in The Exile and Return of Writers from East-Central Europe. A Compendium, ed. by John Neubauer and Borbála Zsuzsanna Török (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009), p. 144–188.

*Sources*

Juliusz Mieroszewski, Imperialism: Theirs and Ours (1974), in Between East and West: Writings from Kultura, ed. Robert Kostrzewa (Hill and Wang, New York, 1990), p. 39–51.

Statement of Zbigniew Brzezinski, Former National Security Adviser (1990), in Soviet Disunion: Creating a Nationalities Policy. Hearing Before the Subcommittee on European Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred First Congress, Second Session, July 24, 1990, Vol. 4, p. 1–9.

Memorandum of conversation: Zbigniew Brzezinski and President Kravchuk of Ukraine, September 25, 1991, Madison Hotel, lunch, 2:20-3:35 PM, in Library of Congress, Zbigniew Brzeziński Papers, box II: 208, folder 8, p. 1–2.