

Fifth Young Researcher's Workshop
of the German Ukrainian Historical Commission
Genocide in History and Law

5 – 8 October 2023 – Wrocław

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ARRIVAL **Thursday, 5 October**

18.30 **Reception at the German General Consulate in Wrocław**
(ul. Podwale 76, 50-449 Wrocław)

Friday, 6 October

10.00 – 10.30 Opening by **Gelinada Grinchenko** (Wuppertal),
Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich) and **Krzysztof Ruchniewicz** (Wrocław)

10.30 – 12.00 **Presentations of the Participants 1 –
Atrocities of World War 2**

Alexandra Pulvermacher (Klagenfurt): Life and Death
of Soviet Prisoners of War in Occupied Ukraine, 1941 – 44

Michelle Kettner (Munich): Forgotten Voices: Women and
Children in the Romanian Holocaust and the Iași Pogrom
Discussant **Martin Schulze Wessel** (Munich)

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 14.00 **Presentations of the Participants 2 –
Genocide and Law**

Andriy Hrynychuk (Lviv): International Advocacy
Efforts of Milena Rudnytska in the 20s and 30s of the
20th Century

Francesco Spera (Lecce): Memory Laws in Ukraine and
in the European Continent: How Has Russia's Invasion of
Ukraine Influenced Ukraine's and European Memory Laws
Discussant **Christian Walter** (Munich)

14.00 – 15.30 Lunch

15.30 – 17.30 **Workshop Sessions**

Martin Schulze Wessel (Holodomor and the Question
of Genocide)

Christian Walter (Prosecuting Genocide in International
Law)

18.00 – 19.30 **Lecture**

Christian Walter (Munich): The Russian Aggression
against Ukraine and the Future of International Law

20.00 Dinner

Saturday, 7 October

9.30 – 11.00 **Presentations of the Participants 3 –
Genocide and Memory Cultures/Politics**

Gundula Pohl (Hagen): Historical Comparisons of
Genocidal Violence as a Political Resource: Struggles
for Recognition, Political Discourse and History-
Political Practice in the Russian Federation and Belarus

Ines Skibinski (Bonn): The Use of the Term 'Genocide'
Regarding the Massacres in Volhynia and its Emotionali-
zation in Poland

Discussant **Gelinada Grinchenko** (Wuppertal)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Presentations of the Participants 4 –
The Aftermath of Genocide**

Hera Shokohi (Bonn): Genocide, Political Repression
and National Tragedy: The Victims of Stalinism in Post-
Soviet Kazakhstan and Ukraine

Renata Hanynets (Frankfurt/Oder): Discourses about
Jewish Heritage in Contemporary Lviv

Discussant **Natalia Khanenko-Friesen** (Edmonton)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 17.00 **Workshop Sessions**

Gelinada Grinchenko/Natalia Khanenko-Friesen
(Holodomor, Holocaust, War: Trauma and "Truth"
in Oral History Egodocuments)

Krzysztof Ruchniewicz (German-Polish History School
Textbook)

17.30 – 19.00 **Lecture**

Kristina Hook (Kennesaw): Genocide Prevention:
Research, Policy, Law

19.30 Dinner

DEPARTURE **Sunday, 8 October**

10.00 Visit of the Centrum Historii Zajezdnia for an exhibition
about the history of Wrocław 1945 – 2016 (optional)

About the Workshop

The classification of mass crimes as genocide, according to the UN Genocide Convention (1948) has become a political issue today and is claimed by various victim groups. Since 2006, when the Ukrainian Parliament declared the Holodomor as a genocide of the Ukrainian people, Ukraine has confidently sought international ratification of this assessment. Today, during the large-scale war of Russia against Ukraine, the scholars are once again discussing Russian atrocities in Ukraine through the conceptual prism of genocide.

This workshop plans to discuss the topic broadly and in an interdisciplinary and comparative framework with other historical case studies.

Organisers

Martin Schulze Wessel, Gelinada Grinchenko and Krzysztof Ruchniewicz

Workshop venue

Centrum Studiów Niemieckich i Europejskich im. Willy'ego Brandta
Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, ul. Strażnicza 1 – 3, 50-206 Wrocław

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