

Call for Applications

Workshop of the German-Ukrainian Historical
Commission (DUHK/YHIK) for Emerging Scholars:
**“The End of Wars. Ukraine in Historical and
International Contexts”**

Chernivtsi, September 25-27, 2025

Submission deadline for proposals: **May 30, 2025.**

The workshop will be led by **Prof. Dr. Guido Hausmann** (Regensburg, Germany), **Prof. Dr. Gelinada Grinchenko** (Munich, Germany / Dnipro, Ukraine), **Dr. Ihor Shchupak** (Dnipro, Ukraine), **Prof. Dr. Olexander Lysenko** (Kyiv, Ukraine)

Workshop venue: University of Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Format: Participation in Presence

Languages: English

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After more than three years of Russia's war against Ukraine, the demand of a ceasefire and a peace agreement between Ukraine and Russia began to dominate the international public debate. Ukraine has repeatedly expressed its readiness for a peace treaty, which takes its territorial integrity, sovereignty and security interests into account. However, sudden shifts in international politics, in particular in the US, have seemed to ignore these interests and therefore

the prospects of a just peace. New political alliances have also begun to threaten the possibilities for an enduring peace for Ukraine.

Our workshop will explore the historical and contemporary dynamics of ending wars, focusing particularly on the Ukrainian experience while offering broader comparative insights. Lectures, seminars and discussions will encourage critical reflection on ceasefires, peace agreements, their implementation, and remembrance.

The workshop will specifically address the following questions:

Motivations / Interests: Why and under what conditions have ceasefire negotiations and peace talks been initiated in different historical contexts? What political, military, ideological, or geopolitical factors have motivated the parties to seek an end to armed conflicts?

Procedures: When and how have wars come to an end? What has been the relationship between ceasefires and peace treaties? How have peace agreements been implemented, annulled, or rendered void?

Actors: Who participated in peace negotiations, either directly or indirectly? Who acted as guarantors of peace agreements, and how was their role legitimized?

Consequences: How were the endings of wars linked to political ruptures or transitions? In what ways did peace settlements stabilize or destabilize political orders? Did they contribute to the rise or fall of political careers?

Legitimacy and Perception: How were peace agreements legitimized or contested both domestically and internationally? What roles did parliaments, international organizations, and public opinion play?

Unequal Peace: How were peace terms negotiated and perceived in cases where one side was defeated? How did societies internalize or resist so-called "imposed" peace?

Historians and Historical Memory: How has historical experience shaped the conduct and discourse of peace negotiations? How have historians written about peace settlements, and how have states and societies remembered or reinterpreted them?

Ukraine's Historical and Contemporary Challenges: What are the specific features of Ukraine's historical and contemporary experiences with ceasefire negotiations and peace treaties? Who have been the key actors and guarantors of agreements involving Ukraine? How does the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war reshape understandings of how wars end and how stable peace might be achieved? In what ways does Ukraine's experience challenge or enrich general approaches to peace-making and postwar settlement?

Overall, the workshop can support up to 12 researchers. While we mainly aim to initiate a German-Ukrainian dialogue about the topic, contributions from other countries are very welcome as well. The language of the workshop is English. The German-Ukrainian Historical Commission bears the costs for accommodation and meals and will refund the travel expenses.

Please send us your **application in English with CV, a short motivational letter and an abstract of your research project** (max. 500 words) in one PDF-file by **May 30, 2025** to the following address: duhk@lrz.uni-muenchen.de.