

Sixth Workshop of the German-Ukrainian Historical Commission  
for Emerging Scholars

(Not) Far from the War:  
The Russo-Ukrainian War in Refugees'  
Testimonies, Oral Histories, and Diaries

26–27 August 2024 – Wrocław

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ARRIVAL Sunday, 25 August

DAY 1 Monday, 26 August

- 10.00–10.15 Opening
- 10.15–12.15 **PANEL 1**  
**Narrativization and Storytelling of the Refugee Experience**  
**Nadiia Pastukh** (Kyiv): War/displacement as a framework for constructing the concept of "normal life"  
**Iryna Koval-Fuchylo** (Kyiv): Autobiography narratives about the refugee experience  
**Svitlana Telukha** (Charkiv): Unspeakable? Life Stories and Perspectives of Ukrainian War Refugees in Germany  
*Discussant* **Natalia Khanenko-Friesen** (Edmonton)
- 12.15–13.00 Lunch
- 13.00–14.30 **PANEL 2**  
**Living in a New Place: Experiences and Challenges**  
**Mariia Burtseva** (Edmonton): Ukrainian Displaced Persons in Canada post 2022: Making Home in Times of Peace and War  
**Yurii Pukivskyi** (Lviv): Testimonies of Western Ukrainian Ostarbeiters from the Local History archive  
*Discussant* **Eleonora Narvselius** (Lund)
- 14.30–14.45 Coffee Break
- 14.45–16.15 **PANEL 3**  
**Non-Narrative Strategies in Biographical Research: Influence and Advances**  
**Johanna Hiebl** (Frankfurt/Oder): War Witnessing towards Justice: Scaling-up the Use of OSINT in Participatory Evidence-production.  
**Florence Fausch** (Bern): The city of Basel and Ukraine (at war). A graphic reportage about flight, arrival and home.  
*Discussant* **Felix Ackermann** (Hagen)
- 16.15–16.30 Coffee Break
- 16.30–18.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**The impact of digitalization on biographical research**  
**Gelinada Grinchenko** (Wuppertal)  
and **Felix Ackermann** (Hagen)
- 18.30 Dinner

DAY 2 Tuesday, 27 August

- 9.00–11.15 **PANEL 4**  
**Oral History Research: New Questions and Approaches**  
**Olha Krasko** (Warsaw): Follow-up interviews with Ukrainian refugees within the project "Researching the Collecting, Preserving, Analysing and Disclosing of Ukrainian Testimonies of the 2022 War": methodological and ethical challenges.  
**Yulia Kiselyova** (Charkiv): "Moving West": Ukrainian Academics in Conditions of Forced Migration (2014–2024)  
**Mariia Kazmyrchuk** (Bratislava): A unique prism: Challenges and Opportunities in Collecting Oral Histories of Ukrainian Refugees in Slovakia  
*Discussant* **Gelinada Grinchenko** (Wuppertal)
- 11.15–12.30 Lunch
- 12.30–14.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**Theory and Ethics of Witnessing**  
**Eleonora Narvselius** (Lund)  
and **Natalia Khanenko-Friesen** (Edmonton)
- 14.00–14.30 Closing Remarks, Feedback
- 14.30–16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00–18.00 **Lecture**  
**A. Dirk Moses** (New York): Genocide and Armed Conflict: A Complex Relationship  
This lecture is both the end of the Workshop and the beginning of the Summer Institute.

About the Workshop

Since the start of the full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine, more than 6 million residents of Ukraine have left for Europe. Each of them brought their pain, their history, and their own experience of the war, which they shared within the framework of various significant research projects and initiatives. Our workshop aims to discuss completed and ongoing projects documenting testimonies of the Russo-Ukrainian war conducted in Germany and other countries. The workshop is organized as a pre-Institute event of the Witnessing the War in Ukraine Summer Institute "Testimony in the Pursuit of Justice".

Organisers

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Workshop venue

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