

**PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE**  
**Bykivnia, Babyn Yar, Bucha – between the massacre and memory about it**

**November 25, 2024**

Place: Pilecki-Institut,  
Pariser Platz 4A, 10117 Berlin, Germany  
The conference will be held offline and online.

The aim of the conference is to analyze the causes and consequences of memorial discourses about past and present tragedies, as well as the commemorative practices that have emerged from them.

**Main topics of the conference:**

- Perceptions of the "triangle of evil" in the different European countries: politicians, academics, media, and the public.
- What different intellectuals, political and cultural groups in the European community understand by the terms communism, Nazism and rashism.
- Should we compare communism, Nazism and rashism?
- The essence of rashism: sources, conceptualization, promoters.

**11.00-11.15**  
**WELCOME**

**Andrii Portnov**, Professor of Entangled History of Ukraine, European University Viadrina, Co-director of the Viadrina Centre of Polish and Ukrainian Studies, Director of PRISMA UKRAÏNA Research Network Eastern Europe.

**Igor Kąkolewski**, Professor, Director the Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin. Co-coordinator for the preparation and distribution of German-language materials, organizer of the conference in Berlin.

**Andrzej Hoja**, PhD, Partner coordinator, historian in the Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

**MODERATOR**

**Andrii Portnov**, Professor of Entangled History of Ukraine, European University Viadrina, Co-director of the Viadrina Centre of Polish and Ukrainian Studies, Director of PRISMA UKRAÏNA Research Network Eastern Europe.

**11.15-11.30**  
**PROJECT PRESENTATION**

**Svitlana Liakhovets**, art historian, coordinator of Central and Eastern Europe projects at the Institute of Lithuanian History, expert at the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation, Head of NGO Svitarta. Author of the idea and project manager of the Bykivnia, Babyn Yar, Bucha project.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**11.30-11.50**

**Yuri Shapoval**, Dr hab. (history), professor, main research fellow at the Department of Theory and History of Political Science, Kuras Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Field of research interest: political history and the history of political thought

in Ukraine in the XIX-XXI centuries; the politics of memory and the process of decommunization in contemporary Ukraine; history of the Communist totalitarian system in Ukraine; Holodomor in Ukraine; Polish-Ukrainian relations in the XX century.

## **The Phenomenon of Communism in Ukraine as an Object of Scholarly and Socio-Political Interest**

**11.50-12.10**

**Larysa Yakubova**, Dr hab. (history), Head of the Department of History of Ukraine 1920-1930, Institute of History of Ukraine. **Field of research interest:** history of ethnic minorities of Ukraine, national question, national policy, history of Eastern Ukraine and Donbas; history of Russian and Soviet totalitarian regime; Russo-Ukrainian War 2014 – 2024; rashism and the ‘Russkiy mir’.

## **Rashism: Challenges of Public Interpretation, Scholarly Conceptualisation, and Memorialisation**

**12.10-12.30**

**Roman Podkur**, PhD (history), senior research fellow at the Department of history of Soviet state terror, Institute of History of Ukraine. **Field of research interest:** history of the Communist totalitarian system in Ukraine; history of the communist secret services; political history of the XX century.

## **The Unpunished Crimes of Communist Regime and Their Perception in Europe**

**12.30-13.00**

**DISCUSSION**

**13.00-14.00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**14.00-14.20**

**Anatolii Podolskyi**, PhD (History), Leading Research Fellow at the Department of Ethnopolitical Studies, Kuras Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; Head of the Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies. **Field of research interest:** History of Jews of Ukraine of the XX century, History of the Holocaust; Ukrainian-Jewish relations in historical perspective; comparative studies of the history of genocide of the XX century.

## **Teaching Holocaust History in Ukraine during russian aggression and war: challenges and results**

**14.20-14.50**

**Nadiia Honcharenko**, senior research fellow, Institute for Cultural Research of the National Academy of Arts; research fellow Non-Residential Scholarship at Indiana University (USA). **Field of research interest:** cultural studies, historical education, memory policy.

## **Memory in Constant Flux: Initiatives and Commemoration Practices on the Victims of Communist and Nazi Regimes in Contemporary Ukraine.**

**14.50-15.50**

## PANEL DISCUSSION

**Franziska Davies, Tomasz Stryjek, David Rieff, Remigijus Černius**

### **About the conference**

The conference will contribute to the understanding of the tragedies of the last century and the inclusion of memories about present tragedies into the general memory paradigm of Ukrainian and European society. The conference can influence the memory culture in different European countries due to solid analytical approaches and well-thought-out presentations of academic papers. The conference will contribute to the development of clear and appropriate terminology to describe the current Russian-Ukrainian war.

The conference is an important intellectual component of the holistic presentation of the project "Bykivnia, Babyn Yar, Bucha - Between the Massacre and the Memory of It".

Project website: <https://bbb.in.ua/>

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Project partners:

- Ukrainian Institute of National Memory
- Zentrum für Historische Forschung Berlin der Polnischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
- Lietuvos istorijos institutas
- Sectoral State Archive of the Security Service of Ukraine
- The National Historical and Memorial Reserve Bykivnia Graves
- Babyn Yar is a National Historical and Memorial Reserve
- Archive department of Bucha City Council