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PROGRAMME

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Russia's war against Ukraine, which began in 2014 with the annexation of Crimea and the war in the Donbas, and escalated into a full-scale attack in February 2022, was a challenge to the entire system of international relations that has developed since the end of World War II. Researchers and politicians are analyzing the events of the past 20 years, trying to see retrospectively the key moments and signs that had predetermined the current development of the situation. Analyses of Putin's rhetoric, the memory politics of the Great Patriotic War in Russia, and the formation of the Russian lobby in the West are all becoming the subject of intense academic debate.

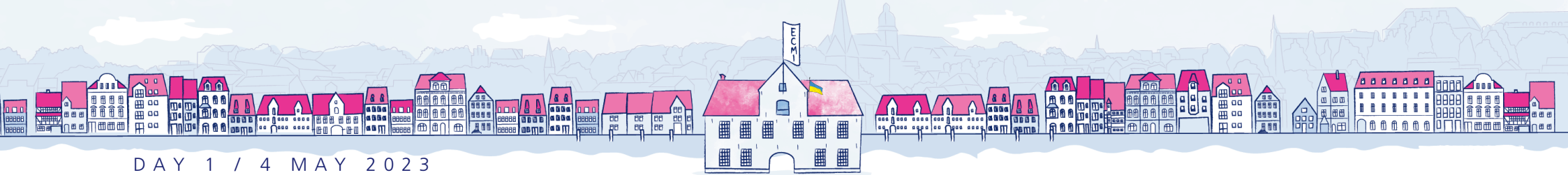
Likewise, the internal Ukrainian processes – the reactions of society and the state to the challenges of Russian aggression – arouse more and more research interest from various aspects. Russia's war against Ukraine has had the most dramatic impact on the lives of Ukrainians: tens of thousands killed and wounded, millions of refugees and internally displaced persons, economic paralysis, and enormous damage to infrastructure. Experts agree that it will take decades to overcome the various destructive consequences of the war. At the same time, they acknowledge that the war had a significant impact on the values and identity of Ukrainians, becoming a catalyst for the formation of the Ukrainian nation and horizontal ties, rethinking established social, gender, and other roles. These macro-social processes are already the subject of research by anthropologists, sociologists, political scientists, and other scholars.

This workshop will examine how the war affected Ukraine's ethno-religious minorities, their identities, religious and cultural practices, and value orientations.



4 – 5 MAY 2023
ECMI HQ, FLENSBURG

CONVENORS
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DAY 1 / 4 MAY 2023

09:30–10:00 WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

10:00–11:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

The Minefields of Religious Landscape in Ukraine

Cyril Hovorun (University College Stockholm, Sweden; Loyola Marymount University, USA)

11:00–12:30 PANEL 1 / MODERATOR: KYRIAKI TOPIDI

Majority-Minority Relations in Ukraine: State Minority Politics in a Changed Security Context

Kateryna Haertel (FUEN's office in Brussels, Belgium)

Language Behaviour of National Minorities in Ukraine during the War: Attitudes, Ideologies, Narratives

Nadiya Kiss & Monika Wingender (Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany)

Impact of the Armed Conflict in Ukraine on the Status of National Minorities: Legal Aspects

Olha Sribniak (EU Project Pravo-Justice, Ukraine)

12:30–13:30 LUNCH

13:30–15:00 PANEL 2 / MODERATOR: NADIA ZASANSKA

Muslim Organizations in Ukraine and the Challenges of Wartime: Civil Islam, Mobilization, and Resilience

Oleg Yarosh (Aarhus University, Denmark)

Shia Muslims of Ukraine during the Russian Invasion

Akif Tahiev (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany)

Memory of Forced Displacements in the Discourse and Survival Strategies of Crimean Tatars in Occupied Crimea

Elmira Muratova (Aarhus University, Denmark)

15:00–15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30–17:00 PANEL 3 / MODERATOR: ELMIRA MURATOVA

Exodus of Hungarian Minority from Ukraine? War Induced Ethnic Dynamics in the Ukrainian-Hungarian Border Region,

Ágnes Eröss, Katalin Kovály & Patrik Tátrai (Geographical Institute Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences, Hungary)

Christmas and Cultivation: The Geopolitics of Minority Hungarian Churches' Aid in Ukraine's Transcarpathian Region

Marc Roscoe Loustau (Journal of Global Catholicism at College of the Holy Cross, USA)

Christian Evangelical Pacifism in the Context of the Russian Invasion

Tatiana Vagramenko (University College Cork, Ireland)

19:00 DINNER

DAY 2 / 5 MAY 2023

09:00–10:30 PANEL 4 / MODERATOR: NADIA ZASANSKA

The Ukrainian National Minority in Poland and Refugees from Ukraine

Tomasz Kosiek (University of Rzeszów, Poland)

Shifts in Religious Beliefs: The Experience of Ukrainian Youth Refugees in Polish Educational System

Larysa Sugay (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)

Public Discourses Connected to the Russian War in Ukraine: Representation of Jewish Communities

Alla Marchenko (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00–12:30 PANEL 5 / MODERATOR: ELMIRA MURATOVA

War as a New Reality for Religious Minorities of Ukraine: Jehovah's Witnesses Case
Liudmyla Fylypovych & Vita Tytarenko (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

Ukrainian Meskhetian Turks in the Condition of War and Relocation

Mykola Homanyuk (Kherson State University, Ukraine)

Impact of War in Ukraine on Budjak Bulgarians

Domagoj Krpan (University of Rijeka, Croatia) & Vedran Obućina (University of Regensburg, Germany)

12:30–13:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

13:00–14:00 LUNCH