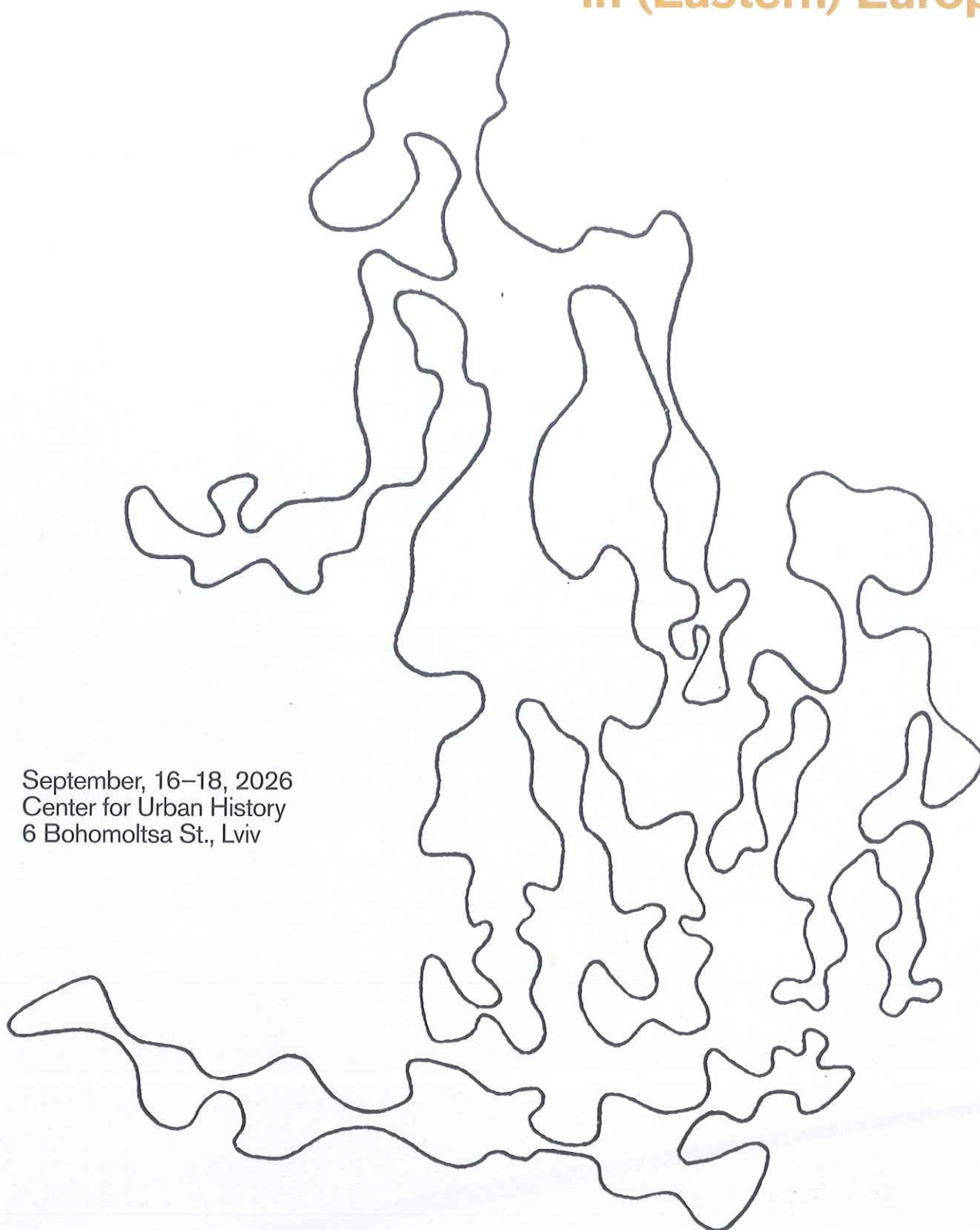


Experiencing the Borders:

The Long 1940s
and Their Legacies
in (Eastern) Europe

September, 16–18, 2026
Center for Urban History
6 Bohomoltsa St., Lviv



16.09**WEDNESDAY****15:30****Registration****16:00****Round Table. Experiencing the Borders: Multidisciplinary Perspectives**

Gruia Bădescu (University of Konstanz)

Catherine Gousseff (CNRS / CERCEC / EHESS)

Diána Vonnák (Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences)

Anna Wylegała (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences)

Moderator: Masha Cerovic (EHESS / CERCEC)

18:30**Reception****17.09****THURSDAY****10:00–10:15****Greetings****10:15–11:45****Panel 1. Border, Infrastructures and Regimes**

Chair: Sofia Dyak (Center for Urban History)

Viktor Drozdov (Izmail State University of Humanities) in cooperation with Liliia Tsyganenko (Izmail State University of Humanities), "On the Banks of the Soviet Danube": Discourses and Practices in the Construction of the Soviet Borderland in Izmail Oblast during the 1940s

Tamás Stark (ELTE Research Centre for the Humanities), The Iron Curtain Dividing East and West

Hüseyin Oylupinar /online/ (IRES, Uppsala University), Deportation as Re-Bordering: Crimean Tatars and the Remaking of Crimea in the Long 1940s

Discussant: Masha Cerovic (EHESS / CERCEC)

11:45–12:00**Break****12:00–13:30****Panel 2. Minorities and Re-bordering**

Chair: Kseniia Kuzina (EHESS / CERCEC)

Leonidas Ntitsizian (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences), Greek State's Minority Policies on the Borders with Bulgaria: The Special Case of Armenians in Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

Gruia Bădescu (University of Konstanz), Fixating the Border: Frontier Urbanism and the Lived Experience of Re/bordering in Rijeka, 1945–1960

Róbert Szabó /online/ (Eötvös Loránd University), From One Refuge to Another: Transylvanian Grammar School Teachers in the Refugee Crises of the Long 1940s

Discussant: Joachim von Puttkamer (Friedrich Schiller University Jena / Imre Kertész Kolleg)

13:30–14:30**Lunch****14:30–16:00****Panel 3. Border Change, Subsistence and Welfare**

Chair: Iryna Klymenko (Research Centre Ukraine / Max Weber Foundation)

Paul Lenormand (University of Paris Nanterre), Crossing the Borders, Pushing the Boundaries: Circulating People and Goods in Healthcare and Welfare within the Czechoslovak Exile during and after the Second World War (1938–Late 1940s)

Tetyana Zhurzhenko (Centre for East European and International Studies), War Veterans and Social Welfare in the New Soviet Borderlands (Lviv oblast, 1944–1948)

Iryna Sklokina (Center for Urban History), Social Provision in the Borderlands as a Site of Comparison, Negotiation, and Resistance: Case of Western Ukraine, 1944–1953

Discussant: Ioulia Shukan (EHESS / CERCEC)

16:00–17:30 Panel 4. Forced Migration and Property Redistribution

Chair: Artem Kharchenko (Kharkiv National University of Arts / Dnipro State University)

Anna Wylegala (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), *You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbour's House: Appropriation of the Jewish, Polish and Ukrainian Houses in Eastern Galicia, 1939–46*

George-Ciprian Lungu (University of Trento), *Borders Experienced, Crossed, and Reinscribed: Micro-history of the Ethnic German (Volksdeutsch) Families from the Mureş Valley in the Zone of Reghin*

Guénola Inizan (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography), *The Confiscation of Housing as a Tool for Erasure and the Colonization of Urban Space: The Case of Contemporary Occupied Mariupol*

Discussant: Iryna Sklokina (Center for Urban History)

18:30

Keynote lecture. The Materiality of a Border in the Move. Soviet Violent Bordering in the 1940s and the Search for an Unattainable Territorialized Loyalty

Sabine Dullin (Sciences Po Paris)

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FRIDAY

10:00–11:30 Panel 5. War and Borders: Mobility and Choices

Chair: Oksana Mikheieva (Kyiv School of Economics)

Alexios Ntotorakis Exarchou (Charles University), *Enacting the Border: Displacement and Violence on the Strymonas River, 1941–1944*

Sophie Lambroschini (Centre Marc Bloch), *Commuting across Hostile Borders: The Everyday Experiences of Ukrainian Refugees Circulating to and from Russian-Occupied Territories*

Qianrui Hu /online/ (SSEES, University College London), *The Shifting Experience of Borders as Cognitive Frameworks for Wartime (Im)mobility Decision-Making: Evidence from People from 'Donbas'*

Discussant: Michal Frankl (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe)

11:30–11:45 Break

11:45–13:15 Panel 6. Border Crossing, Border Drawing: Personal and Existential

Chair: Mykola Hlibishchuk (Chernivtsi National University)

Lucien Turczan-Lipets (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient / Humboldt University), *Effects of Border Crossing on Kyivan Jewish Intellectuals during the Long 1940s (Writer Natan Zabara and His Students)*

Olha Petrenko-Tseunova /online/ (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), *Perceptions of Distance and Border Crossing in Ukrainian Women's Writing: Émigré, Galician, and Soviet Ukrainian Perspectives in 1941*

Liana Blikharska (Center for Urban History), *Drawing the Borders, Living the Changes: Ivan Krypiakevych, Volodymyr Kubiovych, and Their Professional and Personal Trajectories of Rebordering*

Discussant: Katherine Younger (Glasgow University)

13:15–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:45 **Panel 7. Borders, Places, Memories**

Chair: Pavlo Leno (Uzhhorod National University)

Matthieu Rey (Institut français du Proche-Orient / CNRS), *From a Center of Coercion to a Shelter: A Local History of Imperial and Post-imperial Borderland*

Orysia Kulick (historian and author) in cooperation with Anna Muller (University of Michigan-Dearborn), Kristin Poling (University of Michigan-Dearborn), Cecilia Woloch (writer and independent scholar), *Dźwiniacz Górny: A Borderlands Journey*

Beata Szymków (independent researcher), *The Village Near the Disappearing Border. Korsenz/Korzeńsko's Millennium in the Borderland*

Discussant: Petro Dolhanov (Rivne Regional Institute of Post-Graduate Pedagogical Education / Mykola Haievoi Center for Modern History, Ukrainian Catholic University)

15:45–16:00 **Break**

16:00–17:15 **Panel 8. Re-narrating Borders**

Chair: Ajmal Hussain (University of Warwick)

Szymon Pietrzykowski (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute), *What Is This "West" All About? Re-interpreting Polish Postwar "Recovered Territories" (Ziemie Odzyskane)*

Léa Xailly (Europes-Eurasia Research Centre, INALCO), *On the Political Use of Migratory Memory: The Kresowians in Poland's Eastern Policy*

Discussant: Ondřej Žila (IMS, Charles University)

18:30–20:00 **Round Table. Experiencing Borders Today: War, Mobility, Crossings**

Joanna Konieczna-Salamatin (University of Warsaw)

Marek Radziwon (Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Lviv)

Hannelore Valier (European Union Advisory Mission)

Tetyana Zhurzhenko (Centre for East European and International Studies)

Moderator: Natalie Nougayrède (re/visions)

20:30 **Reception at "Atlas" restaurant** (Rynok square, 45)

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