

**PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE
BYKIVNIA, BABYN YAR, BUCHA – BETWEEN THE MASSACRE
AND MEMORY**

November 25, 2024

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

Organizers: NGO Svitarta, Center for Historical Research Berlin Polish Academy of Sciences, Centre of Polish and Ukrainian Studies at the Viadrina University, Pilecki Institute in Berlin, Lithuanian Institute of History. Supported by the EVZ Foundation.

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.

**10.30-11.00
REGISTRATION**

**11.00-11.15
WELCOME**

Hanna Radziejowska, director of Pilecki Institute in Berlin

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

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

**MODERATOR
Andrii Portnov**

**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, 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 19th-21st 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 20th century.

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

11.50-12.10

Larysa Yakubova, professor, Head of the Department of History of Ukraine 1920-1930, Institute of History of Ukraine. Field of research: 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, senior research fellow at the Department of history of Soviet state terror, Institute of History of Ukraine. Field of research: history of the Communist totalitarian system in Ukraine; history of the communist secret services; political history of the 20th 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, 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: history of Jews in Ukraine in the 20th century, history of the Holocaust; Ukrainian-Jewish relations in historical perspective; comparative studies of the history of genocide of the 20th 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: 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.

14.50-15.20

CLOSING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

14.50-15.30

David Rieff, an American essayist, journalist, and policy analyst, whose work has largely focused on war, humanitarian action, the global food system, and the politics and ethics of memory. He is a fellow at the New York Institute for the Humanities at New York University, a member of the US Council on Foreign Relations, and an honorary professor at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

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/de/>

The project is implemented by Svitarta with the support of the EVZ Foundation.

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