



CONTEMPORARY UKRAINE

Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa (Ottawa)

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Deadline: June 30, 2009.

Venue: Chair of Ukrainian Studies,
Univ. of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Co-organizer: Wolodymyr George
Danyliw Foundation.

Scholars and doctoral students are invited to submit a 1000 word paper proposal and a 250 word biographical statement, by email attachment, to Dominique Arel, Chair of Ukrainian Studies, at darel@uottawa.ca. Please also include your full coordinates (institutional affiliation, preferred postal address, email, phone) and indicate your latest publication (or, in the case of doctoral applicants, the year when you entered a doctoral program, the [provisional] title of your dissertation and year of expected completion). To be eligible, papers must not have been accepted for publication by the time of the Seminar.

The Chair will cover the expenses of participants, including discussants, to the Seminar. An international selection committee will review the proposals and notify applicants shortly after the deadline.

Papers of the first four Annual Danyliw Research Seminars in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies can be downloaded at <http://www.ukrainian-studies.uottawa.ca>.

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies, with the support of the Wolodymyr George Danyliw Foundation, will be holding its Fifth Annual Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine at the University of Ottawa. The Seminar will feature research papers, touching on Ukraine, from the disciplines of political science, history, anthropology (ethnology), sociology, economics, religious studies, demography, geography and other fields of social science and humanities. Papers with a theoretical and comparative focus are particularly solicited.

The Seminar is open to all social science research topics, including topics in history. Themes addressed in previous years include regime transformation, constitutional politics, the colored revolutions, language politics, minority rights, regionalism, citizenship, the politics of energy, the study of elections, religion and society, gender, the media, and many more.

In addition, two of its sections will feature special themes: the first will pursue the Seminar's exploration of the politics of memory, ongoing since 2007, with papers touching on the Famine (Holodomor), the Holocaust (Shoah), the purges, deportations and other cases of mass violence committed on the territory of Ukraine in the 1930s, during World War II and the immediate post-War period, involving, among others, the NKVD, German military and paramilitary forces, the Soviet Army, Soviet partisans, the OUN, the UPA, and the Polish Home Army, police, and military forces. We are inviting paper proposals based on current research on social and political history for this period and/or on an analysis of contemporary political issues raised by the memorialization of these events.

The second theme will be devoted to new research on the political economy of Ukraine, particularly as it relates to the informal economy and informal politics, trans-border exchange and other practices, internal and international migration, economic »clans«, corruption, oil and gas politics, the impact of the current global economic crisis, the rule of law, rural political economy and related topics.

The aim of the Seminar is to provide a unique forum for researchers from Canada, Ukraine, the United States, Europe and elsewhere to engage in fruitful inter-disciplinary dialogue, disseminate cutting-edge research papers on the Chair web site, encourage publications in various outlets, and stimulate collaborative research projects. The Seminar adopts the format of a Workshop, where each presentation is followed by group discussion, and is open to the public.