International workshop Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) Durham University



During the evacuation at Kyiv train station, 28 February 2022. Photo by Oles Navrotskyi

UNDERSTANDING DISPLACEMENT IN UKRAINE: INTERDISCIPLINARITY PERSPECTIVES

Venue: IAS, Seminar room Cosin's Hall, Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RL

This workshop is part of the interdisciplinary project

'Looking back to move forward: History, recovery, and sustainability in understanding the war in Ukraine on a global scale'

led by Markian Prokopovych and Chrysostomos Apostolidis at the Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University, 2024

Agenda

The workshop starts from the assumption that to draw meaningful recommendations for managing displacement caused by war, such as in the case of contemporary Ukraine, it is necessary to examine regional historical roots and processes that led to it as well as to draw on other examples of displacement, historical as well as contemporary, and the solutions that have been offered. While the war in Ukraine is specific in that it was not in any way caused by an internal societal conflict within the country, there is a need to re-examine the corpus of research on other conflicts worldwide and how they led to displacement issues within and beyond the immediate war zone. Understanding the nature of displacement, its social processes, and the displaced persons' current needs, for example, in the areas of education and culture, is key to devising contemporary social policy. Furthermore, this might help to support future institutional and societal recovery and reform in countries affected by the displacement of Ukrainians.

Bringing in expertise from Ukraine, as well as relying on the knowledge of the international expert community, the workshop aims to explore historical, economic, socio-cultural, psychological and health implications of displacement in contemporary Ukraine. The workshop will complement existing research initiatives on displacement with an aim to offer fresh perspectives for research and policy-oriented decision-making in the field, with a potential focus on Ukrainian refugees in the UK and other countries in Western Europe. The value of the new initiative lies in its capacity to convene experts and stakeholders to address critical issues from multiple perspectives, including understanding state responsibilities, promoting civil society engagement, addressing comprehensive migration governance, and advancing inclusive social policies. The workshop aims to facilitate collaborative dialogue and interdisciplinary exchange, fostering effective networking for evidence-based research and the development of innovative solutions and actionable strategies to support displaced populations with the goal of enhancing their resilience in navigating complex challenges.

PROGRAMME

6 JUNE

9:00-10:15 Opening remarks: Markian Prokopovych, Durham University, and Kateryna Ivashchenko-Stadnik, CARA & IAS Fellow

Opening keynote: Franck Düvell, Osnabrück University, 'Understanding Displacement in Ukraine: The exceptionality of the case, post-colonial framing, and a migration order approach'

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:45 Re-examining the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme

Chair: Olga Demetriou, Durham University

- Kathy Burrell, University of Liverpool, 'Beyond the UK's Homes for Ukraine hosting scheme: The uncertainties and precarities of 'post-guesting' lives'
- Tetyana Hnatyuk, independent researcher, 'Ukrainian Studies on a local level: An example of research projects on hospitality for local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region (UK)'
- Eleana Kasoulide, York University, 'Hosts' experiences of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme: Findings from a qualitative study'

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:15 Displacement, education and aspects of childhood and teenagerhood

Chair: Kateryna Ivashchenko-Stadnik

- Rebecca Clifford, Durham University, 'Child Holocaust survivors and displacement: The "double dislocation" of global diaspora'
- Oakleigh Welply, Durham University, 'Language, belonging and integration in contexts of migration: An education perspective'
- Anna Mason and Maria Callaghan, Durham County Council, 'Integrating Ukrainian pupils into school life: The Durham context'

13:15-14:45 Lunch

14:45-16:00 Cities and displacement

Chair: Tetiana Vodotyka, CARA & IAS Fellow

- Viktoria Sereda, Virtual Ukraine Institute for Advanced Study (VUIAS), Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 'Invisible boundaries: Urban spaces and sense of belonging among Ukrainian displaced'
- Hanna Ruszczyk, Durham University, 'Polish municipalities support for displaced Ukrainians'
- Diana Bezverhaya, Durham County Council, 'Integrating displaced Ukrainians in the urban landscape of North-East England'

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:45 The Role of institutions. Research on displacement in Ukrainian Studies

Chair: Chrysostomos Apostolidis, Durham University

- Emily Channell-Justice, Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, 'Civic responses to forced migration: A decade of displacements in Ukraine'
- Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies, 'From displacement to displacement: Understanding the post 2022 Ukrainian "Newcomers" in Canada'
- Jonathan Birtwell, Sanctuary Programme, King's College London, 'Developing a universal safe pathways policy that engages communities in the UK'
- Sarah Tierney, Sanctuary Programme, King's College London, 'The King's Sanctuary Programme: The role of universities in providing sanctuary to staff and students who experience forced migration'

17:45-18:00 Coffee break

18:00-19:30

Evening keynote: Peter Gatrell, University of Manchester, 'Ukrainian displacement: past, present, and future in comparative perspective'

Chair: Markian Prokopovych

Dinner

7 JUNE

9:00-10:15 Aspects of reception: methods and approaches

Chair: Markian Prokopovych

- Kathryn Cassidy, Northumbria University, 'Accommodating alter-geopolitics: Debordering Romania after the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine'
- Irina Lapshyna, University of Osnabrück, 'The role of diaspora in refugee reception: The case of the Ukrainian diaspora in Germany'
- Olga Demetriou, Durham University, 'Displacement and memory in Mediterranean refugee reception sites'

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:15 Aspects of internal displacement

Chair: Kateryna Ivashchenko-Stadnik

- Serhii Bilivnenko and Stanislav Cherkasov, Zaporizhzhia National University, 'People on the move: Collecting oral history data under Russian-Ukrainian war conditions'
- Daryna Dvornichenko, University of Oxford, 'Losing and finding home twice: Ukrainian women's experiences of secondary internal displacement'
- Oleg Zubchenok, Kyiv School of Economics, 'Ukrainian small- and medium-sized business resilience during the war'
- Oksana Mikheieva, European University of Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder, 'Interactions between voluntary sector, businesses and authorities in helping IDPs in Ukraine: New spaces of trust and cooperation'

12:15-12:30 Coffee break

12:30-13:30 Concluding discussion: Displacement and Ukrainian Studies

13:30-15:00 Lunch

End of Workshop