

Call for papers

Social catastrophes of the first half of XX century in Ukraine and the world: historical context and demographic aftermath

International Conference, Kyiv (Ukraine), 18-20 October 2016

This conference seeks to address one of the currently most important themes – demographic losses in Ukraine and worldwide in the first half of XX century. WWI, disintegration of empires, independence wars and creation of new nations marked the beginning of the social catastrophes of XX century. Totalitarian ideologies of the interwar period turned into national tragedies for many peoples of Europe and the world. The Holodomor, mass repressions in the USSR, as well as WW II, changed the ethnic structure of Ukraine and of all of Central-Eastern Europe. Instrumentalization of the history of WW II, manipulation of Holodomor losses and of repressions became one of the most important components of the information war. In the current political rhetoric historical arguments are used to justify neo-imperial policy, annexation of territories, murders and destructions, as well as to undermine international security. In this situation, experts should defend professional standards and give the qualified estimate of tragic historical events and their consequences.

We welcome papers that address one or more of the following areas:

World crisis and their social and demographic aftermath:

- Desintegration of continental empires and national liberation revolutions: social and demographic factors of new world order
- Estimation of national losses in WW I
- WW I and the Ukrainian question in modern political Russian discourse
- Consequences of the “Great terror” for the Red Army
- Demographic effects of Soviet social and repressive measures in Western Ukraine during 1939– 1940
- Holocaust
- Prisoners of war: legal status, housing conditions, death toll
- Civil losses in the Ukrainian-Polish conflict
- Migration during social catastrophes as a factor of demographic tectonics
- Problems of displaced persons (DP) and repatriates
- The war as a destructive demographic factor: historiosophical analysis
- WW I and WW II: common and specific factors
- Demographic losses and memory politics

The State as generator of social catastrophes:

- Famines, genocides and ethnic cleansings in the first half of XX century
- Kremlin's man-made famine policy
- National and demographic dimension of mass repression during the 1930s to 1950s in the USSR
- Changes of ethnic structures of regions caused by State policies
- Holodomor in Russian-Ukrainian "memory wars"

Methodologies for estimating losses of XX century's tragic events:

- Methods of estimating demographic catastrophes
- Tools for demographic investigations of the Holodomor
- Holodomor 1932–1933: calculation of losses
- Sources for study of social catastrophes of the first half of XX century

We invite speakers from various disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, who research social catastrophes of the first half of XX century in Ukraine and in other parts of the world.

Organizational information

The languages of the conference will be Ukrainian and English.

Please send your abstract (no more than 500 words) together with a short biographical statement by **31 January 2016**. Abstracts will be selected by the academic committee. We will notify you about the acceptance of your proposal by **30 April 2016**. If accepted, you will be kindly asked to submit your conference paper by **31 May 2016** in order to have it published in advance.

The recommended length for the articles is 20 pages. If the article is in Ukrainian, please submit an abstract in English (3 pages). References must be cited in footnotes.

The conference will be held in Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (60 Volodymyrs'ka str.)

Conference participation is free of charge. A limited number of travel grants will be made available.

Please send your abstract and a biographical statement, as well as all other inquiries to demography20@gmail.com

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- Institute of history of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Institute of National Memory
- National museum of History of Ukraine in World War II
- Ukrainian center for Holocaust studies
- Kryp'iakevych Institute of Ukrainian studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- National museum “Memorial of Holodomor victims”
- Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute
- Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies
- International Renaissance Foundation

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