Virtual Conversations on History, Art, and Cultural Heritage: From Kyivan Rus’ to Modern Ukraine

Ukraine’s history, art, and culture are endangered by the ongoing war. This lecture and conversation series by experts in the fields of history, art history, religion, archaeology, heritage, sociology, as well as museums and conservation, among others, presents the region’s rich historical and cultural complexity through its objects, sites, and monuments. A focus on the medieval and early modern periods featuring Greek, Latin, and Slavic contacts, brings to the fore critical evidence to counter modern misrepresentations of Ukraine’s history and cultural heritage.

Online Schedule (all at 12:00 Eastern Time)

- **22 April**
  “Lacunae of Art History and Kyiv’s Visual Culture”
  Olenka Z. Pevny | University of Cambridge

- **19 May**
  “The Holy Rus’ Concept and Religious Art with Political Connotations: Pochayiv Monastery in the 19th Century”
  Mariana Levytska | National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

- **8 June**
  Discussion Workshop: “The Cathedral of St. Sophia, Kyiv”
  Sofia Koroľ | National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine – Thomas Dale | University of Wisconsin-Madison – Ioli Kalavrezou | Harvard University

- **16 June**
  “Medieval Origins and Modern Constructs; Rus – Ukraine – Russia”
  Christian Raffensperger | Wittenberg University

- **7 July**
  “Mazepa’s Women Before and After Poltava: To Save and To Keep”
  Liudmyla Sharipova | University of Nottingham

- **28 July**
  Discussion Workshop: “Endangered Monuments”

- **8 Sep**
  “Reading the Image of Prince Volodymyr Sviatoslavych in 17th-Century Kyiv”
  Maria Grazia Bartolini | Università degli Studi di Milano

- **29 Sep**
  Discussion Workshop: “Displaced Cultural Heritage”
  Anna Kijas | Tufts University (SUCHO) – Waldemar Jozef Deluga | University of Ostrava

- **13 Oct**
  “Images of Power and their Discursive Site-Specificity in Kyivan Rus”
  Nazar Kozak | National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

- **16 Nov**
  Discussion Workshop: “Historical Memory”
  Danylo Sudyn | National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine – Svitlana Oliana | National Technical University of Ukraine – Alexandra Vukovich | King’s College London

- **1 Dec**
  “Marriages Between the Ruling Clan of Rus’ and Latin Christian Europe”
  Talia Zajac | University of Manchester

- **15 Dec**
  “Taste, Social Class, and Oriental Carpet Design in the 18th-Century Cossack Hetmanate”
  Halyna Kohut | Ivan Franko National University

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