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## Edmonton Conference to Examine the Legacy of World War II for Ukraine and Eastern Europe

23-24 OCTOBER 2015

### INVITED SPEAKERS:

- Paul Goble (Tartu University, Estonia),
- Yitzhak Brudny (Hebrew University of Jerusalem),
- Hakan Kirişli (Bilkent University, Turkey),
- Janusz Onyszkiewicz, (International Centre for Democratic Transition),
- Yaroslav Hrytsak (Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine),
- Mark Von Hagen (Arizona State University),
- Janusz Bugajski (Centre for European Policy Analysis)
- Ariel Cohen (Institute for the Analysis of Global Security),
- Yuri Shapoval (the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine),
- Vladyslav Hrynevych (the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine),
- Jan M. Piskorski (University of Szczecin),
- as well as other leading specialists.

The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, in partnership with the Center for U.S.-Ukrainian Relations, is organizing a major international conference to examine the political, social and demographic consequences of the Second World for the people and postwar states of Eastern Europe. Titled “Contested Ground: The Legacy of the Second World War for Eastern Europe,” the conference will take place at the University of Alberta on 23-24 October 2015 and will be open to scholars, students and members of the general public.

The Ukrainian postwar experience is to be compared and contrasted with that of other countries that ended up as members of the Warsaw Pact or as uneasy neighbours of the Soviet Union. Besides the Cold War and the lingering effects of the devastation wrought by the bitter conflict, the conference will also consider how narratives of the war were shaped by the official histories adopted by different governments, distorted by post-war propaganda, and contested in the memories of veterans and

survivors. Of course, the legacy of Second World War has acquired new relevance due to Russian President Vladimir Putin’s annexation of Crimea, his hybrid war in eastern Ukraine, and the Kremlin’s escalating military threats directed at former Soviet republics and satellites.

A distinguished group of scholars has already agreed to present papers at the Edmonton conference. James Sherr of Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs) in the United Kingdom will be the featured speaker at a public banquet to be held on 24 October to mark the conclusion of the conference. A world-renowned authority on Russia and Ukraine, he will address the theme “The ‘Peace of 1945’ and the Current State of Affairs in Ukraine.” More details will be provided as further arrangements are made. A limited number of tickets will be available for the dinner, which will also mark the beginning of the 40th anniversary commemorations of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies.



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CIUS fulfills its mandate by organizing research and scholarship in Ukrainian and Ukrainian-Canadian studies: it publishes books and an electronic journal *East/West: JUS* — the only scholarly periodical in Canada devoted solely to Ukrainian and Ukrainian-Canadian studies; develops materials for Ukrainian-language education, mainly for western Canada's bilingual school program; organizes conferences, lectures, and a seminar series; and awards graduate and undergraduate scholarships, as well as research grants to scholars.

As part of its mandate, the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

- studies contemporary Ukraine from social-science, interdisciplinary, and contemporary perspectives
- publishes English-language books on Ukrainian and Ukrainian-Canadian topics
- supports quality Ukrainian language and culture education
- offers the most comprehensive English-language Internet Encyclopedia of Ukraine (IEU) — a web-based project providing information on Ukraine, its history, society, economy, culture, and on Ukrainians in Ukraine and abroad
- organizes and co-sponsors international conferences, lectures, and a seminar series
- establishes and runs scholarly and

student exchanges, as well as various collaborative research projects in Canada and worldwide

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### UKRAINIAN STUDIES IN TRANSITION: 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) is a leading centre in the field of Ukrainian studies outside Ukraine. It is an integral part of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta. Founded in 1976, CIUS provides institutional support for Ukrainian scholarship in Canada.

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