

Hokkaido-Melbourne Joint Workshop
War, Migration, and Identity: Exploring New Agendas for Ukrainian Studies
in the Asia-Pacific Region

University of Melbourne

8-9 December 2025

Research Lounge, Level 5, Arts West building, Parkville campus

Panel/time	Name	Topic
Day 1. Monday 8 December		
Opening Session 9:00-9:15am	Greetings and opening remarks. Prof. Yoko Aoshima (Hokkaido University), Prof. Mark Edele (University of Melbourne)	
Panel 1 9:15-10:15am	Diaspora and Transnational Activism in the Asia-Pacific Region Chair: Prof. Motoki Nomachi (Hokkaido University) Discussant: Dr Andonis Piperoglou (SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	
	Dr Olga Khomenko (University of Oxford, online)	A Wilsonian Moment on the Periphery: Ukrainian Diaspora and Transnational Activism in North-East Asia (1918–1919)
	Jesse Seeberg-Gordon (PhD candidate, SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	Hawke and the Balts: The Baltic Independence Movement in Australia, 1985-1991
	Dr Iryna Skubii (SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	Ukrainian Community in Australia and Defence of Human Rights in Ukraine
10:15-10:30am	Morning tea	
Panel 2 10:30-11:45am	Language and Memory Beyond Space and Time: A Historical and Linguistic Focus Chair: Dr Iryna Skubii (SHAPS, University of Melbourne) Discussant: Dr Olga Maxwell (SOLL, University of Melbourne)	
	Massayuki Uemura (Hokkaido University)	Criticism of Contemporary Ukrainian-Language Writers of Nikolai Gogol's Era in Russian Journals
	Dr Jennifer R. Cash (Nanyang Technological University)	Risks in the Region: Memories of War, Starvation, and Migration on the Banks of the Nistru
	Prof. Motoki Nomachi (Hokkaido University)	The West Polessian Movement after 30 Years
11:45am-1:00pm	Break	
12:00pm	Lunch University House, 53 Professors Rd, Parkville	

Panel 3 1:00-2:15pm	Fates of Eastern European Ethnic Communities after the Second World War in Australia and Beyond Chair: Prof. Motoki Nomachi (Hokkaido University) Discussant: Prof. Sheila Fitzpatrick (Australian Catholic University)	
	Winter Greet (MA student, University of Melbourne)	The Role of Women in Melbourne’s Ukrainian Diaspora as Protectors of Culture and Memory, from Post-World War II to the Present
	Lucyna Artymiuk (PhD candidate, SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	The Polish Soldier Migrant Scheme 1947-1948
	Dr Oleg Beyda (SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	“The Future of Russia Is Ours”: Russian Liberation Army (ROA) Veterans in Australia
	Assoc. Prof. Julie Fedor & Dr Natasha Wilson (both SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	The KGB’s View on the Ukrainian Diaspora
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30-3:15pm	Chair: Assoc. Prof. Julie Fedor (SHAPS, University of Melbourne) Dr Grazyna Zajdow (MA candidate, SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	Master's Thesis Completion presentation Szymon Zajdow International Brigader: Understanding Transnational Anti-fascist Experiences in the Interwar Period
3:15-3:30pm	Afternoon tea	
Panel 4 3:30-4:00pm	Language, Trauma, and Memory in Eastern European Diasporas in Australia Chair: Prof. Yoko Aoshima (Hokkaido University) Discussant: Prof. Marko Pavlyshyn (Monash University)	
	Dr Kasia Williams (Australian National University)	Language as Archive: Trauma and Memory in Sybirak Narratives in Australia
	Dr Ihor Datsenko (Hokkaido University)	Standards of the Ukrainian Language in the Diaspora following World War II
	Dr Olha Shmihelska-Kozuliak, Dr Iryna Skubii, Prof. Marko Pavlyshyn, Dr Yana Ostapenko (University of Melbourne)	Oral History of the Ukrainian Community in Australia through the Memory of the Descendants: From the Idea to the Methods
	Olga Velyka (PhD candidate, SOLL, University of Melbourne)	Ukrainian Migrants in Australia Post-2022: Language Practices and Identity
	Dr Olga Maxwell (SOLL, University of Melbourne) & Dr Daria Orobchuk (University of Hildesheim)	Language, Trauma and Identity in Exile: A Study of War-Displaced Ukrainians in Australia
6:00-8:00pm	Dinner University House 53 Professors Rd, Parkville	
Day 2. Tuesday 9 December		

9:00-11:00am	Workshop at the AUV Archive: Archiving the Ukrainian Community in Practice Dr Yana Ostapenko (AUV Archive, La Trobe University), Prof. Marko Pavlyshyn (Monash University), and Dr Iryna Skubii (University of Melbourne) 3-11 Russell Street, Essendon, Melbourne	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch University House 53 Professors Rd, Parkville	
1:00–2:00 pm	Chair: Prof. Kate McGregor (SHAPS, University of Melbourne) Aleksandra Riabichenko (PhD candidate, SHAPS, University of Melbourne)	PhD completion presentation Tracing the Post-War Fates of Soviet Collaborators in Australia
Panel 5 2:15-3:15pm	Russia's War Against Ukraine and Ukrainian Refugees Chair: Prof. Mark Edele (University of Melbourne) Discussant: Assoc. Prof. Julie Fedor (University of Melbourne)	
	Prof. Yoko Aoshima (Hokkaido University)	Russia's Nationality Policy Strategy and the Ukrainians and the Occupied Territories of Ukraine
	Kateryna Kasianenko (PhD candidate, Queensland University of Technology)	Fleeting and Persistent Cosmopolitanism towards Ukrainian Refugees in the Japanese-language Twitter Publics
	Assoc. Prof. Galyna Piskorska (University of Melbourne), Assoc. Prof. Olha Hutsol, and PhD student Raisa Hutsol (both at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University)	Internal Migration in Ukraine during the War: The Role of Journalists and Local Media in Preserving Identity and Supporting Communities
	Closing of Workshop Prof. Prof. Motoki Nomachi (Hokkaido University), Assoc. Prof. Julie Fedor (University of Melbourne), Dr Iryna Skubii (University of Melbourne)	
3:15-3:30pm	Afternoon tea	
3:30-4:30pm	Meeting between RIPSS and SRC (future plans and cooperation)	