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TOPIC: Waiting for *home* – Ukrainian female refugees’ strategies of home-making in Germany

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Jeannine Teichert, research associate at the Institute for Media Studies at the University of Paderborn

Dr. Olena Kononenko, a researcher at the Georg-Simmel Center for Urban Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin

MODERATOR: Dr. Valeria Lazarenko, a researcher at the Georg-Simmel Center for Urban Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin

DATE: 22 January 2025, Wednesday

TIME: 18:00–19:30

This lecture will be held in English.

Registration is open until January 21, 2025 at: berlin@ukrainet.eu

The event will be held on the Zoom platform. During the discussion, you can also use the chat option, or formulate your questions in advance and send them to the following email address: berlin@ukrainet.eu. Please note that the presentation will be video-recorded, so we recommend keeping your microphones and cameras off during the lecture.

Dear ladies and gentlemen! Dear colleagues! Dear friends!

The German-Ukrainian Academic Society and the Embassy of Ukraine in the Federal Republic of Germany invite you to attend the next talk within our lecture series “Science First Hand” on “**Waiting for *home* – Ukrainian female refugees’ strategies of home-making in Germany**”, offered by **Dr. Jeannine Teichert** (University of Paderborn) and **Dr. Olena Kononenko** (Humboldt University in Berlin).

Report summary: Home is one of the central concepts in migration studies. For Ukrainians, finding a new home has become a painful issue: more than 4 million people have been internally displaced, 5 million have left the country. This presentation will show how forced migrants from Ukraine are regaining a sense of home after two years of war. This study was conducted independently by two researchers – human geographer Olena Kononenko, who was forced to leave Ukraine in 2022 herself and collected empirical material in Berlin, and Jeannine Teichert, a specialist in Media Studies, who conducted online interviews with Ukrainian female refugees. By combining their findings and using Sarah Ahmed's concept of home as a common theoretical framework, they were able to approach this painful problem. Home is shown to exist not only as a place of habitual residence, but also as a memory of it, and as a virtual image created by digital media technologies to extend the feeling of home and belonging.

This lecture series is organized by the regional group of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society / UKRAINET with the support of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Federal Republic of Germany. Contact: Dr. Olesia Lazarenko (berlin@ukrainet.eu)

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Dr. Jeannine Teichert is currently employed as a research associate at the Department of Media Studies at Paderborn University, Germany. She holds a doctoral degree in Media Studies from Paderborn University, a Master of Arts in Political Communication from Freie Universität Berlin, and a Baccalaureate in Journalism and Communication Studies from the University of Vienna. Her research areas cover media and migration, interpersonal communication, and digital parenting.

Dr. Olena Kononenko is a researcher at the Georg-Simmel Center for Urban Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin. Her research interests are human geography, urban studies, and sustainable development. Her recent research has been devoted to mental mapping, place-making, and community resilience.

The organizers of the event:

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