



Kostiantyn Lozhkin
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TOPIC: German Colonies in Ukraine: Tragic History & the Search for Family Heritage

SPEAKER: Kostiantyn Lozhkin, M.Sc. in System Programming, Senior Software Engineer & Independent Researcher (Berlin)

MODERATOR: Prof. Dr. Andrii Portnov, Centre for Advanced Study Sofia

DATE: 15 December 2025, Monday

TIME: 18:00–19:30 (Berlin Time)

This lecture will be held in English.

Registration is open until December 14, 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 lecture series “Science First Hand” on “**German Colonies in Ukraine: Tragic History & The Search for Family Heritage**” by **Kostiantyn Lozhkin**, M.Sc. in System Programming, Senior Software Engineer & Independent Researcher (Berlin).

Report summary: overview with a personal genealogical investigation. The speaker will explore the phenomenon of German colonization in Ukraine during the 19th and 20th centuries, tracing the journey from the economic prosperity of colonies like Landau and Chortitza to their tragic destruction under the Soviet regime. A special focus of the talk is a “citizen science” case study: the reconstruction of a family tree when traditional archival documents are missing or destroyed. The speaker will demonstrate how modern tools – including DNA testing, digital databases and collective genealogical intelligence – can help restore lost family heritage.

The SPEAKER: Kostiantyn Lozhkin is a Senior Magento Developer, based in Berlin. A naturalized German citizen with Ukrainian roots, he has been researching his family genealogy since 2017. Although not a professional historian, Kostiantyn applies a systemic engineering approach and OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) techniques to historical research. He is an active volunteer in the Ukrainian community in Berlin, assisting the German-Ukrainian Academic Society with video production, and runs a personal travel channel on YouTube. He holds an M.Sc. in System Programming.

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