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TOPIC: Scholars in Exile: Ukrainian Diasporic Academic Institutions and Jewish-Ukrainian Intellectual Dialogue during the Cold War

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DATE: 28 April 2026, Tuesday

TIME: 18:00–19:30 (Berlin Time/ CEST)

This lecture will be held in English.

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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 within our lecture-series “Science First Hand” on “**Scholars in Exile: Ukrainian Diasporic Academic Institutions and Jewish-Ukrainian Intellectual Dialogue during the Cold War**”, given by **Dr. Yaroslav Zhuravlov**, Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine), and at the Imre Kertész Kolleg, and Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Jena, Germany).

Summary: Despite centuries of coexistence and cultural exchange, the history of Ukrainian-Jewish relations has been shadowed by periods of extreme violence. The first half of the 20th century was particularly tragic, encompassing pogroms, wars, and genocides that together claimed millions of lives. In the late 1950s, political and intellectual conditions led Ukrainian and Jewish intellectuals, primarily in the United States, to begin discussing a shared past and historical memory. Scholars and public activists began seeking opportunities to establish ongoing forums for these discussions. As a result, the UVAN Commission for the Study of Ukrainian-Jewish Relations was established in New York, and a small

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Ukrainian-Jewish committee was formed to give these conversations a more organized form. From the 1960s to the 1980s, Ukrainian-Jewish conferences were held and collective volumes addressing the most challenging aspects of the shared past were published. Though these efforts were small in scope, scholars sent an important message: mutual understanding is possible when grounded in critical analysis, honesty, and respect.

SPEAKER: Dr. Yaroslav Zhuravlov is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Imre Kertész Kolleg at Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany. He is working on a project titled "Eastern European Debates of the Holocaust in Exile and Emigration". His research focuses on transnational memory practices, diasporic political cultures, and the interaction between Eastern European societies and Western institutions in the late 20th century (based on the Ukrainian case). Dr. Zhuravlov received his Ph.D. in history in 2019 from the Institute of History of Ukraine at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Before joining the Imre Kertész Kolleg, he worked as a researcher at the Institute of History of Ukraine in Kyiv and held a postdoctoral position at Bielefeld University in Germany. His scholarly interests include Holocaust and genocide studies, Jewish history, post-Soviet and post-imperial transformations, memory politics, diaspora studies, and the history of political communication.

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