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### **April 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting**

*“Framing the Ukrainian Peasantry in Habsburg Galicia 1846-1914” as a source for the study of Ukrainian family history by Prof. Andriy Zayarnyuk*

Prof. Zayarnyuk teaches in the Department of History at the University of Winnipeg. He received his PhD in history from the University of Alberta. His specialized area of study is the social and cultural history of Eastern Europe in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries



*Our April Speaker - Andriy Zayarnyuk*

For our April UGG-NCR monthly meeting, the topic of Prof. Andriy Zayarnyuk's presentation was based on his PhD dissertation, *Framing the Ukrainian Peasantry in Habsburg Galicia: 1846-1914, With Focus on the Sambir Area* (2003) and also his book of the same title. From the information provided, Andriy had certainly conducted detailed research in the libraries and

archives in Lviv, Peremyshl, Warsaw and Kyiv. He had investigated Church records, legal documents and local newspapers from this period. Prof. Zayarnyuk in his book and especially in his dissertation makes references to individuals and events at the village and regional levels in the Sambir region. If members have roots in the Sambir and Staryi Sambir areas of Halychyna (Galicia) they may encounter names of villages and individuals with family names that are familiar.

He describes the role of the Prosvitas, which were reading societies and community centres, where people may attend to read newspapers, publications, listen to lectures and take part in other cultural activities. He discusses the role of the Greek Catholic Church and individual clergy who were active in promoting Ruthenian and later Ukrainian national identity. He mentions the various categories of the local gentry also known as the 'shliakhta'. In some cases, entire villages were known as 'shliakhta' villages.

His book discusses the influence of the Greek Catholic Church, the Prosvitas and the newspapers in the everyday life of the people and provides a rich source of information on the local history. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

*Framing the Ukrainian peasantry in Habsburg Galicia, 1846-1914, 2013.*

His book may be acquired from the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies and inquiries can be submitted through the web page: [https://www.ciuspress.com/books/?filter\\_book-author=andriy-zayarnyuk&v=3e8d115eb4b3](https://www.ciuspress.com/books/?filter_book-author=andriy-zayarnyuk&v=3e8d115eb4b3)

For those who are unable to obtain a copy of his book, his dissertation is available from the Library and Archives Canada in electronic format. His dissertation is two volumes and a total of 722 pages. This is the direct link to the thesis:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/thesescanada/vol2/001/nq88073.pdf>

### **Franko Lecture, Olga Onuch, Wed June 2**

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa cordially invites you to the 35th Annual Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture to be delivered by **Olga Onuch** and entitled **“Ukraine: Protest, Migration and Political Opinion in Times of Pandemic.”**

Ukraine has gone from being perceived as a place where there was a weak civil society, to a place where out of “never” we witnessed mass mobilization, and then to the place where “Revolutions” happen. In that three decades, not only has Ukraine become a place where ordinary citizens “voice” their discontent often, but it is also a place that has witnessed mass “exit” in the form of out-migration. Employing evidence from more than 200 interviews and 16 focus groups with both activists and ordinary citizens who participated in Ukrainian protests, as well as 6 original surveys collected over the last 15 years, Onuch will provide an in-depth look at the EuroMaidan protests and the post-EuroMaidan context to examine the import of civic coalitions and identities that first formed in 1990 and have continued to drive politics in today’s Ukraine.

The lecture will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 7.30 PM on Zoom. To register to the event, please click on this link:  
<http://bit.ly/FrankoLecture2021>

### **DP Camps Website**

*Submitted by Andriy Sawchuk*

For those of you who had family members in Displaced Person camps in Post-WWII Europe, the website <http://dpcamps.org/> provides a wealth of information regarding DP camps in Germany and other parts of Europe.

### **Ancient Ukrainian Coins Found In Ireland**

*Article from “UnderCoil.com” submitted by Christine Robitaille*

A metal detecting fan discovered a unique find in the territory of Ireland in the summer of 2020. These ancient Ukrainian coins made from silver and gold were stamped in extremely limited number to pay merchants and mercenaries. This was the first time when such coins were found in Ireland (near Cork).

*Is it a hoard of some ancient warrior?*

The coins were discovered by a metal detecting fan (Robert Carley) who sent us pictures of his find and a short description.

Here is the text of the letter:

“These coins were detected on the ravine edge when part of it had devolved after heavy rain. Since I spend a lot of time metal detecting and I live not far from the place (Glanmire), I decided to go treasure hunting there at the weekend. I found the coins in the leather purse; basically, there were just fragments of it left. There were no other finds apart from the coins, and I thoroughly studied search every nook and cranny there. At first, I couldn’t define the origin of the coins, but when I did, I understood that the find was a unique one. Every fan of metal detecting would dream of finding something like that. I’d like to impart my happiness with others and show that Ireland is rich with valuable finds. All you have to do is look for them.” ....

To read the full article, please go to:  
<https://undercoil.com/coins/>

### **Ancestry.com at the Ottawa Public Library**

*Submitted by Gail Proschuk*

The “library edition” of Ancestry.com normally available at any branch of the Ottawa Public Library, can be accessed during the pandemic from home. All that is required is a valid Library membership.

At this time, home access has been extended to September 30, 2021.