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Oct 25th UGG-NCR Webinar

The 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Argentina: Some Reflections by Serhii Cipko

Dr. Serhii (Serge) Cipko is Assistant Director, Research and Coordinator, Ukrainian Diaspora Studies Initiative, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies.

At the October meeting, Dr. Serhii Cipko made a presentation on the Ukrainian community in Argentina. In this presentation, Serhii commented on the history of Ukrainian immigration to Argentina and on his recent visits to Argentina and Uruguay.



Serhii Cipko - our October speaker

In August, 2022, the Ukrainian community in Argentina celebrated the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Argentina. Serhii Cipko visited Argentina in August to celebrate this anniversary and also to participate in the book launches of three books.

Serhii began his presentation by reviewing the history of Ukrainian immigration to Argentina with the arrival of the first wave of settlers in 1897-1920 from Galicia and Bukovyna to Apostoles, Misiones. The second wave arrived during the years, 1920-1939 from Galicia and Volynia and also settled in Apostoles and in other parts of Argentina. The third wave of immigration arrived after the Second World War and the fourth wave after 1991. Today, there are approximately 400,000 Argentines of Ukrainian descent.

Serhii's presentation focussed on the Ukrainian settlement in Apostoles, Misiones. He used maps and photos to illustrate the history of this community and the present cultural activities. Historical and cultural monuments were erected to celebrate the Ukrainian history in Argentina. He mentioned the development of Ukrainian churches, schools, museum and dance groups that are active in the community. In Buenos Aires, the Prosvita Society had organized their library and archives to document the history of the community. In Apostoles, the Ukrainian Museum and Cultural Centre celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

On August 22, 2022, Serhii participated in the book launch of his book, *Hace 125 Anos (125 Years Ago)*. This is a collection of Spanish translations of mainly Ukrainian sources about the early years of Ukrainian settlement in the Apostoles area. He was interviewed by the local press on the history of Ukrainians in Argentina. Serhii also visited Uruguay and he concluded his presentation with a description of his recent research plans and activities that included the Ukrainian community in Uruguay.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period. In answer to questions about sources of information on Ukrainian immigration to Argentina, Serhii provided this information:

The institution that maintains an immigration-related database is the Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos:
<https://cemla.com/>

Also worth exploring is the Museo de Inmigración:
<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/interior/migraciones/museo-de-la-inmigracion>

The homepage of the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Archivo Histórico de Cancillería, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto. República Argentina) is:
<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/institucional/patrimonio/archivo-historico-de-cancilleria>

The Archives of the Ministry of the Interior (Archivo General de la Nación - Ministerio del Interior): <https://atom.mininterior.gob.ar/>

Publications by Dr. Serhii Cipko:
Serge Cipko, *Ukrainians in Argentina, 1897-1950: the making of a community*, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, Edmonton, (2011).

Serge Cipko, *Starving Ukraine: the Holodomor and Canada's response*, University of Regina Press, (2017).

Ukrainian Genealogy online lecture series

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is hosting 2 online lectures on Ukrainian Genealogy in November.

WHEN: Nov 23, 2022 @ 7:30 pm
Nov 30, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

WHERE: Two-Part Online Series

COST: \$20 (\$15 for OGS members)

The war in Ukraine has created a lot of concern about the ability to conduct Ukrainian genealogy research, however, the latest news is the war has pushed the effort to digitize Ukrainian archive records at a speed never seen before. This two-part series on researching Ukrainian family history will review the country's geography and history, explain how to locate and access Ukrainian genealogical resources and demonstrate their use in a case study.

Each session will consist of a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions.

Note: The lectures will be recorded, so that registrants who can't attend the live presentations may watch at a more convenient time.

For more information:
<https://torontofamilyhistory.org/event/ukrainian-lecture-series/>

The Making of Modern Ukraine

Timothy Snyder, professor at Yale University, has delivered a series of lectures on the history of Ukraine dating from the pre-historical period until the recent past. To date, there are 20 lectures available for free on YouTube and this series is recommended for those interested in a contemporary interpretation of Ukrainian history. Each lecture is approximately 50 minutes long and a syllabus of his Ukrainian lecture class is available.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJczLlwp-d8>

<https://online.yale.edu/courses/making-modern-ukraine>