

Different Facets of Historical Memory: NAUKMA to Host an International Roundtable on Ukrainian and Jewish Experience

When?

May 27, 2026, 6:30–8:30 pm

Where?

KMBS Big Space (12/4 Voloska street, building 7, 4th floor, room 401)

Organizer:

NaUKMA Literary Heritage Research Group

Working language of the event: English

Format: hybrid — offline and online.

The international roundtable "Historical Memory: Representations of Ukrainian and Jewish Experience" will bring together Ukrainian and renowned international scholars to discuss Ukrainian-Jewish historical memory, traumatic experience of the 20th century, memory politics, and contemporary approaches to understanding the past. The discussion will focus on the Holocaust and the Holodomor, the impact of totalitarian propaganda on shaping historical narratives, post-memory, silence around trauma, and multiculturalism of Kyiv.

The roundtable "Historical Memory: Representations of Ukrainian and Jewish Experience" will be organized in the framework of the project "Jewish Heritage in Ukraine: Interdisciplinary Reflections Through the Lenses of Archival Documents, Culture, History and Literature," implemented in partnership with UNESCO with the financial support from the European Union.

Invited International Speakers:

Myroslav Shkandrij — PhD, Professor of Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba (Canada), researcher of Ukrainian-Jewish cultural relations and the history of modernism;

Amelia Glaser — PhD, Professor of Literature and Jewish Studies at the University of California, San Diego (USA), researcher of Ukrainian, Yiddish, and Jewish-Slavic literary interaction;

Marianne Hirsch — PhD, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University (USA), researcher of cultural memory, postmemory, and visual culture;

Olga Bertelsen — PhD in History, Professor of International Relations and History, researcher of Soviet history, mass violence, and memory politics in Eastern Europe.

Moderator:

Roman Veretelnyk — Doctor of Philosophy in Literary Studies, Head of the Volodymyr Morenets Department of Literary Studies, Senior Project Researcher.

Discussants:

Iryna Borysiuk — Candidate of Philological Sciences, Associate Professor of the Volodymyr Morenets Department of Literary Studies, Literary Heritage Group Coordinator;

Olha Poliukhovych —Candidate of Philological Sciences, Vice President for Research and Academic Affairs, Associate Professor of the Volodymyr Morenets Department of Literary Studies, Project Leader and Academic Director;

Rostyslav Semkiv — Candidate of Philological Sciences, Associate Professor of the Volodymyr Morenets Department of Literary Studies, Senior Project Researcher.

Media representatives, researchers, and all interested parties may join the event upon prior registration: <https://forms.gle/Hijh5zUm7GfQ4MeMA>.

Additional Information:

The project "Jewish Heritage in Ukraine: Interdisciplinary Reflections Through the Lenses of Archival Documents, Culture, History and Literature" is implemented by the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NAUKMA) during 2025–2026 in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

These efforts are part of UNESCO's broader initiative to preserve Ukraine's Jewish documentary heritage, honor collective memory, expand access to archives, and promote intercultural dialogue under the support of the European Union.

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