

UKRAINIAN-POLISH RELATIONS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY



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Area of scientific research: Ukrainian-Polish relations in the inter-war period (1921–1939) and during World War II.

Scientific output of M. Kucherepa. Approximately 250 research works have been published, including monographs, articles, learning aids, guidance papers, published in the native and foreign publications.

Research supervision of the following Ph. D. theses:

Visyn V. The Soviet Regime in the Volyn Region (September 1939 – June 1941) (1997).

Davydiuk R. The History of the Origin and Development of the Volyn Ukrainian Association (1933–1939^s) (1998).

Martyniuk Y. The Formation and Activities of Local Authorities in Volyn (1919–1939) (2001).

Visyna T. The Ukrainian Cooperative Movement in Volyn in the 1920^s and 1930^s (2002).

Mylus V. The Central Government and the Orthodox Church in Volyn in the Latter 1940s and the 1950^s (2002).

Galukha V. Land Consolidation in Volyn (1921–1939) (2008).

Sushchuk O. The Soviet Punitive and Repressive System, 1944–1953 (as evidenced in the Volyn region) (2009).

Boiko V. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in the United Nations (1945–1964) (2013).

Poniedielnik L. The Literary and Artistic Life of Volyn during the Interwar Period (1921–1939) (2016).

Mukharovska A. The Activities of the State Committees for the Accounting of Losses to the Economy and Population of the Volyn and Rivne Oblasts Caused by the German Invasion (2016).

Summary. The history of Ukrainian-Polish relations in the twentieth century is among those problems of historical studies which are considered to have been insufficiently examined up to now. There are no special works which provide a comprehensive treatment of the complex and controversial processes involved in the relations of these two nations. The fact that some pages of our shared history have not been adequately investigated opens the door for some political forces to introduce speculation about them, and to take advantage of this in some manner. If this topic is researched on a scientific level, this possibility is eliminated, and an opportunity is created for building relations between Ukraine and Poland, between these neighbouring peoples, on a foundation of truth and of an objective reconstruction of their common history, and to acquaint broad segments of their respective societies with these realities.

Scientific activity of the school. In recent times thirteen workshops have been held that deal with issues of Ukrainian-Polish relations during the period from 1918 to 1947. Eleven volumes of the scientific journals “Poland and Ukraine: Difficult questions” have been published, containing reports, discus-

sion materials, and a chronology of events in Volyn and Galicia during the period from 1939 to 1945.

More than 350 research works centering on the school's thematic area have been published, including monographs and 18 educational handbooks. Members of the school have been involved in the development of four studies with government funding and international grants. Eleven Ph. D. (*Kandydat*) and one Ph. D. (*Doctorak*) theses have been prepared. Professor B. Zabrovary and Associate Professor V. Dmytruk have worked with success in this school.

Members of the School

Valentyn Visyn, Ph. D. in History, Associate Professor in the Department of Engineering Pedagogy, Psychology and Ukrainian Studies at the Lutsk National Technical University. V. Visyn is a recipient of the Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Education and the Certificate of Distinction from the Ukraine Ministry of Education and Science. In December 2015, he defended his Ph. D. (*Doctoral*) thesis "The Cooperative Movement in Volyn in the Second Half of the 19 Century and the First Third of Twentieth Century: the Historical Aspect".

Areas of scientific research: the history of the Second World War; the history of Volyn (1939–1941); and the history of societies in Volyn.

Ruslana Davydiuk, Ph. D. in History, Associate Professor at the Rivne State Humanities University; a participant in numerous national and regional scientific conferences and seminars; a member of the scientific and editorial group of the book "Rehabilitated by History: the Rivne Region"; awarded the Order of Princess Olga, third level.

Area of scientific research: activities of political parties in western Ukraine during the interwar period.

Research supervision of the following Ph. D. thesis:

Danylchuk V. Ukrainian "Ostarbeiter" 1941–1947 (as evidenced regarding the Rivne region) (2011).

Tetiana Visyna, Ph. D. in History, Associate Professor in the Department of Economic Theory and International Economics at LUEENU.

Areas of scientific research: foreign trade activities and policies of Ukraine; the cooperative movement in Volyn.

Oksana Sushchuk, Ph. D. in History, Head of the Department "Book of Remembrance" of the Editorial and Publishing Group "The Research Center for Volyn Historical Research".

Areas of scientific research: the Soviet punitive-repressive system; the history of World War II.

Larysa Poniedielnik, Ph. D. in History, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Modern and Contemporary History of Ukraine at LUEENU.

Areas of scientific research: the history of Ukrainian-Polish relations in the interwar period; the cultural development of Volyn oblast.

Anna Mukharovska, Ph. D. in History, laboratory worker in the Department of Special Legal Disciplines at the Rivne Institute of the Kyiv University of Law National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Areas of scientific research: the history of World War II; Ukrainian-Polish relations.

Yaroslav Tsetsyk, Ph. D. in History, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Law at the National University of Water Management and Nature. Yaroslav Tsetsyk is the author of 85 scientific and methodological works. He is currently working on his doctoral thesis.

Area of scientific research: the socio-political and socio-economic development of Volyn from 1895 to February 1917

