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## **Joint Seminar by the Centre of Migration Research (CMR) and the Robert Zajonc Institute for Social Studies (ISS), University of Warsaw**

You are cordially invited to joint seminar by CMR and ISS with **Professor Andrii Portnov**, Professor of Entangled History of Ukraine, Director of the Viadrina Centre of Polish and Ukrainian Studies (Frankfurt/Oder). **Professor Tomasz Zarycki** (Deputy Director of ISS) will be serving as a discussant.

The seminar will be held on **14 November, 2024, 5pm – 7pm, at Room 308, Old Library building, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28**. The seminar will be held in English.

### **On the (Im-)possibility of Russian-Ukrainian Dialogue: Previous Attempts, War Context, Post-colonial Traps**

Looking back at previous attempts of Russian-Ukrainian dialogue (Nikolai Trubetskoy - Dmytro Doroshenko exchange in 1920s, "Kontinent" - "Vidnova" controversy 1970-80s, several book and journal projects after 1991) I would like to formulate and analyse the main topics (battlegrounds), the leading narrating and discursive strategies as well as various epistemological traps in the ongoing intellectual reflection on Russian-Ukrainian past and present in the context of the Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine. My talk is designed as a historian's reflection on the highly emotional and politically relevant issue, a reflection in which I will try critically describe the challenges of using (post-)colonial approach to both Russian imperial and Soviet history.

**Andrii Portnov** is Professor of Entangled History of Ukraine at the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder). In 2023 he was appointed the Director of the Viadrina Centre of Polish and Ukrainian Studies. He has conducted research and lectured in Amsterdam, Basel, Berlin, Brussels, Cambridge, Geneva, Lyon, Paris, Potsdam, and Vienna. His publications deal with intellectual history, historiography, genocide and memory studies in Central and Eastern Europe. He recently published "Dnipro. An Entangled History of a European City" (Boston, 2022), which won the Ab Imperio Book Prize. He co-edited the volumes "Official History in Eastern Europe" (Osnabrück, 2020) and "Histoire partagée, mémoires divisées. Ukraine, Russie, Pologne" (Lausanne, 2020). His short book "Poland and Ukraine. Entangled Histories, Asymmetric Memories" was published in 2021–2023 in English, German, Polish and Ukrainian languages.

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