

## GUEST LECTURE

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### **The past and present of minorities in Transcarpathia (Ukraine)**

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HS 2: 5.15-6.15 pm

(introduction: Ulrike Jessner-Schmid)

Transcarpathia is the westernmost region of Ukraine. During the 20th century, historical storms swept the area to several different state formations. Due to these historical changes, the composition of the population and the several languages spoken in the region makes the area one of the most diverse ones in the county, both ethnically and linguistically. In our presentation, we would like to give an insight into the situation of Transcarpathian minorities, with a short overview of their history and cultural heritage, and reflect on the current events, in the light of the Ukrainian-Russian war. We aim to show how the war and its consequences have affected the lives of minority communities and what obstacles they have to face to maintain their language, culture and identity.

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