



Conference of the Ukrainian Society
for Eighteenth-Century Studies and Polish Society
for Eighteenth-Century Studies:

**“EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY UKRAINE AND POLAND
IN THE TEXTS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE EPOCH:
SOCIETY, CULTURE, ART”**

National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy
4-6 December 2025

Call for papers:

March 2025

Deadline for panels/roundtable proposals:

15 July 2025

Deadline for individual paper proposals:

15 July 2025

Notification of acceptance:

1 August 2025

Conference format:

online

Conference languages:

Ukrainian, Polish, English

«Just as medicine is not always pleasant, so the truth may be harsh»

Hryhorii Skovoroda

The 18th century was an epoch of geopolitical changes, unstable inter-state coalitions, and a period of the birth and spread of Enlightenment ideas. This was the era during which the Hetmanate, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and the Crimean Khanate existed, but at the end of the century they were destroyed by the geopolitical ambitions and encroachments of the Habsburg Empire, Prussia and the Russian Empire. This was the time when wonderful palaces and gardens were created, which still embellish Ukraine and Poland. This was the period when Ukrainian and Polish societies got acquainted with novel ideas in education, culture, and science.

This conference will attempt to answer several questions. What paradigms, frameworks, and theoretical concepts influenced the sociopolitical, economic, and cultural life in the Ukrainian and Polish lands? How to talk about difficult issues of Ukrainian-Polish history of the 18th century? Is it possible to overcome the stereotypes that were formed due to the influence of nineteenth- and twentieth-century historiography?

At the conference, we will be interested in the following questions/thematic areas:

- Ukrainian and Polish lands in the light of geopolitical challenges/changes of the period;
- Elites and empires: integration strategies and practices of engagement / cooperation with the imperial centre vs hidden opposition, radicalism and emigration;
- Metropolises and periphery: social reform projects, constitutional changes and the transformation/dismantling of state institutions;
- The military 'face' of the era in the period's texts and documents;
- Haydamaka Uprising and Koliivshchyna Rebellion in the research optics of Ukrainian and Polish historians;
- Ukrainians-Poles-Jews: «controversial triangle» of difficult relations;
- Religious life: conflicts/confrontation, conversion, influential figures and ideas;
- Imperial practices: population accounting and migration processes;
- The city and cityscape in Ukraine and Poland of the 18th century;
- Central and Eastern Europe through the prism of Western European ego-documents (travel accounts, epistolary texts, diaries, etc.);
- Polish and Ukrainian literature of the eighteenth century: development, mutual influence, common plots and themes;
- Reception of the Enlightenment ideas in politics, education, culture, and everyday life;
- Educational centers and practices: continuity, innovation and reformation;
- Eighteenth-century palace and estate culture;
- Folk culture and everyday life in the period's documents and texts;
- On the way to emancipation: the 'women's world' in 18th-century Ukraine and Poland.

Proposals from senior scholars and early career researchers are invited for individual papers of twenty minutes duration (abstracts of approximately 250 words), fully organized panels of three papers with indication of the panel chair (a panel proposal should include abstracts of approximately 250 words for each paper and a brief description of the panel topic), and roundtable sessions of up to five speakers (abstract of 500 words). Each potential participant is to provide a short biography (50 words), including academic affiliation. Proposals on interdisciplinary research are warmly welcome.

For panels, please send your panel description, short bios, and academic affiliation of panelists and chair to sklokin@ucu.edu.ua and nvoloshkova@gmail.com before **15 July 2025**. For roundtable sessions, please send your roundtable description, bios and academic affiliation of panelists and chair to sklokin@ucu.edu.ua and nvoloshkova@gmail.com before **15 July 2025**. For individual papers, please send your abstract, a short bios and your academic affiliation to sklokin@ucu.edu.ua and nvoloshkova@gmail.com before **15 July 2025**.

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