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would like to invite you to a lecture:

## Images of Ukrainian Science in the 20th and 21st Centuries

**Dr. Martin Rohde**

**Tuesday May 10th 2022, 5 p.m.**  
(Valentinská 91/1, 110 00 Praha 1).

It is also possible to participate online.  
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In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Ukrainian scholars based at Shevchenko Scientific Society in the Habsburg Empire, invented the idea of a Ukrainian “national science”. In my talk, I will discuss this travelling concept in different spaces throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with glimpses in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the recent situation. I will focus on political epistemologies embraced by institutions and scholars, which embraced and shaped this concept.

When introduced in Habsburg Lemberg/L'viv, *Ukrainoznavstvo* ('Ukrainian Studies') was already a travelling concept with its intellectual roots in the Ukrainian lands of the Russian Empire. In the following decades, the discipline and its genealogy circulated between different spaces, which I will sketch out: the Ukrainian lands of the Habsburg Empire and its follow-up states; the Ukrainian diaspora in Central and Western Europe, as well as in Northern America (since the late 1940s); the Soviet Union (with an emphasize on the so-called “Ukrainization” of the 1920s, its violent end and the image of Ukrainian science in the post-war Soviet Union); independent Ukraine, which draw selectively from the previous traditions. Given the current relevance, I will particularly focus on exploitation of scholarly discourses and the mobilization of scholars in times of war.



**Illustration:** Participants of the Ukrainian summer courses in L'viv, 1904, L'viv National Literary-Memorial Museum of Ivan Franko, sign. 232 mem.

### Biography:

Martin Rohde studied History, Slavic Philology and Eastern European History in Salzburg and Göttingen, followed by a PhD in History at the University of Innsbruck with a dissertation on “National Science’ between Two Empires. The Ševčenko Society of Sciences, 1892-1918,” awarded the Award of Excellence of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (Austria). He is an alumnus of the Graduate School “Austrian Studies” (Innsbruck) and the Herder Institute Research Academy (Marburg). He was previously employed by the University of Innsbruck, at the chair for Austrian History, and by the MLU Halle-Wittenberg, at the chair for East European History. In March 2022, he started his Schrödinger-Fellowship by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) with a project entitled *Transregional Region-Making in the Eastern Carpathians. Ukrainian Knowledge Production and its Challenges, 1921-1939*. His research interests include Imperial history, transnational and transregional entanglements, history of knowledge and science, spatial perception, history of eugenics and racism, historical memory Regional focus: Habsburg Empire, Ukraine, Russian Empire, Soviet Union, Poland, ČSR.