

Fellows



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PROJECT TITLE

The Origins of Genocide in Buczacz, Ukraine

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This research project will trace the origins of genocide in the complexities of interethnic relations over a long time span in the East Galician town of Buczacz, situated some 80 miles southeast of L'viv. Omer Bartov will investigate the dynamic that creates, or prevents, the transformation of a community based on interaction and cooperation into a community of genocide. Composed of a mixed Jewish-Polish-Ukrainian population for centuries, Buczacz saw the eradication of its Jewish inhabitants by Nazi murder squads assisted by local collaborators in World War II. The main outlines of the Holocaust in East Galicia have recently been reconstructed. But we know very little about how genocide actually unfolded on the ground, as well as about the nature of the social fabric upon which these policies were enacted and to which it reacted. This can be better understood only by delving deeper into the past and providing the perspective of all groups involved in the event.

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Omer Bartov is Professor of European History at Brown University.

Publications

U.a. *Murder in Our Midst* (Oxford/New York 1996); *Mirrors of Destruction. War, Genocide and Modern Identity* (Oxford/New York 2000); with Phyllis Mack: *In God*