



# Kule Folklore Centre

Peter & Doris Kule Centre for Ukrainian & Canadian Folklore

## Folklore Lunch Series

# Making Home in Times of Peace and War: Oral History of Ukrainian Displaced Persons in Alberta post-2022

Presented by Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen

**November 24, 2023 | 12pm MST**

**Kule Folklore Centre, 250 Old Arts Bldg.**

(In-person presentation)

As of November 16, 2023, 1,189,320 people have applied for Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa, nearly 922,590 have been approved and 198,642 people arrived. Based on the oral history project "Making Home in Times of Peace and Times of War: Ukrainian Displaced Persons in Canada" currently

underway, this presentation explores the trajectories and experiences of the newly arrived Ukrainians in Canada in the context of the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine and their interactions with Canadians and the Ukrainian Canadians. Analysing the content and narrative strategies of the recorded interviews, this presentation explores the questions – What does home mean to those who have left the war-struck homeland? How do the narrators relate and reformulate their sense of home in times of displacement, loss and related trauma? How does the host country environment affect the evolving redefinitions of home for the Ukrainians?

