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German-Ukrainian Study und Work Camp at the Buchenwald Memorial

4 – 14 August 2024

The focus of the International Study & Work Camp is the history of Buchenwald under National Socialism.

With more than 278,000 inmates from over 50 nations, Buchenwald was one of the largest German concentration camps. Over 56,000 people died here from hunger, sickness, exhaustion, and through the violence of the SS Guards.

After 1945, the Soviet Union used the former concentration camp as an internment camp for members of the Nazi organisation, as well as for innocent people. Thousands did not survive the Soviet Special Camp Nr. 2 on the Ettersberg mountain near Weimar.

The focus of the study and work camp is also determined by the interests of the participants. Possible topics could/can be:

- The development of German-Soviet relations until 1941 – between ideological contrasts and interest-driven approaches
- The treatment of Soviet soldiers as prisoners of war and in concentration camps using the example of Buchenwald
- Questions about the “Forgotten Holocaust” in the German-occupied areas/territories of Eastern Europe
- Survival and a new beginning? The situation for those returning to the Soviet Union
- The “Great Patriotic War” – remembering and forgetting during the “Cold War” and in Russia and Ukraine today

We would like to offer you space and time for **individual and/or group-based research** in the archive and library (including digital research). These have a special emphasis at the Buchenwald Memorial. We would also like to invite experts and committed individuals from the participating countries to join us for analog and digital discussions on the above-mentioned topics.

Practical work is also carried out in cooperation with the volunteer initiative “Buchenwald Railway Memorial Trail”. Along the former railroad line of the camp, we will be creating and working on memorials in the form of stones with the names of people deported from Buchenwald concentration camp to the Auschwitz extermination camp.



The participants are invited to bring other content to the camp that is independent of the seminar topic! Leisure activities and a weekend excursion are a part of the program.

Further information about the Buchenwald Memorial: <https://www.buchenwald.de/>

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Brief project overview:

- Duration:** 4.08. - 14.08.2024 (Attendance on all days is a prerequisite for participation)
- Participants:** approx. 15 interested people from Ukraine and Germany (other nationalities are also welcome)
- Age:** at least 18 years old
- Language:** English and German (passive and active language skills/B2 are required for all participants)
- Accommodation:** In the International Educational Center of the Memorial in 2-3 person rooms with showers in the rooms.
- Catering:** Active participation in the project also includes shopping and cooking together. Kitchen teams are put together and take turns cooking for the whole group.
- Costs:** Participants must pay for their own transportation to and from the camp and must also ensure that they have sufficient insurance coverage in the event of an emergency.
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- Application:** Please enclose a short letter explaining your motivation for participating to the above email addresses till 16th of June 2024.

