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Colloquium with Oksana Dutchak (Kyiv)

Destruction, Reconstruction and Adaptation: Spaces and Networks of Social Reproduction in Ukraine during the War

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Social reproduction is embedded in both spatially fixed infrastructure and relatively flexible networks. This embeddedness, as well as the very essence of it - reproduction of life makes social reproduction sensitive to interruptions, but also "adaptive".

The Russian full-scale invasion and national/ international policies to deal with the war have been influencing both the spaces and networks of social reproduction in Ukraine. Destruction and the resulting displacement, neoliberal austerity, unprecedented border regulations and refugee policies - all these have been leading to a reconfiguration of social reproduction in Ukrainian society.

How did the policies after 2014 influence the infrastructure of social reproduction? How do informal networks stitch the gaps, created by destruction and displacement after the beginning of the full-scale invasion? And what are the challenges for social reproduction in the post-war reconstruction?

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