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Muslims in Ukraine

Old History - New Challenges

Workshop

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Although present-day Ukraine is a mainly Christian country, Islam has deep roots in the area. The Ukrainian lands were once a frontier between the Christian and the Islamic worlds, with Crimea being home to the Crimean Khanate, one of the successor states to the Golden Horde, which ceased to exist only in the late 18th century with the occupation of the peninsula by the Russian Empire. Today, Ukraine's Muslim communities account for about 1 million people, most of whom are Crimean Tatars, Ukrainians, and people from Muslim countries who came to Ukraine long ago. In 2021, Crimean Tatars, along with Karaites and Krymchaks were recognized as indigenous peoples of Ukraine, with the right to self-rule and representation in the Ukrainian parliament.

This workshop aims to shed light on the undeservedly overlooked Muslim heritage in Ukraine, exploring the long-established historical roots of Islam in the region, as well as highlight the challenges the ongoing Russian war against Ukraine poses towards these communities.

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