

Continuing Education Fall Lecture Series: Roots of Conflict in Eastern Europe

Presenter: **Dr. Daniel Stone**, Professor Emeritus, University of Winnipeg

Dates: **November 1, 8, 15 and 22** (Tuesdays) from 9:45 to 11:30 am

Nobel prize winner Pearl Buck might have been talking about today's conflicts in Eastern Europe when she observed that "If you want to understand today you have to search yesterday." Many of today's Russians see their country's invasion of Ukraine as an appropriate measure reflecting more than 1000 years of a unified history. In sharp contrast, many of today's Ukrainians, looking back, see at least 800 years of differentiation and independence. Historical issues also lie behind Hungary's and Poland's disputes within the European Union that they joined in 2004.

You won't want to miss this timely and thoughtful look at the history that lies behind the current issues in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Our presenter is Daniel Stone, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Winnipeg where he specialized in Russian and East European History. He is Past-President of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada and current Chair of the Programs and Exhibits Committee.

Here is the outline for the four lectures in the series:

1. Russia's claim to Ukraine. Why one thousand years of history makes many Russians think Ukraine is a region, not a country.
2. Who is Vladimir Putin and what does he want? A short biography of Vladimir Putin with an emphasis on his aims and methods for ruling Russia.
3. Ukraine's independent tradition. How the Mongol Invasion set Ukraine on an eight hundred year path towards becoming an independent state on an eight hundred year path towards becoming an independent state and how it has handled independence.
4. Hungary, Poland, and the European Union. Why these once large European countries insist on their distinct traditions.

Registration is now open!

You can register by signing up at the club, by phoning the club office **(204) 954-7880** or by emailing uwc@mymts.net. The fee for the course is **\$50 for members** and **\$65 for non-members**. Please ensure you pay before **November 1** - cash, cheque, e-transfer or credit card (surcharge applies for credit card). Coffee/tea will be served before the class starts and again at the break.