

Lecture series on Galician German history / activities and projects in the association's work
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THE FATES OF THE ETHNIC GERMAN IN THE BORDERLAND BETWEEN SOUTHEAST POLAND AND SOUTHWEST UKRAINE

1939-1949

Outline of the lecture

American scholarship on the topic of the Galician Germans is limited. This is partly because the fate of 55,000 ethnic Germans in Galicia, relocated during and after World War II, is a drop in the bucket when compared to the 12 to 14 million ethnic Germans who were forcibly relocated from central, eastern, and southern Europe to Germany in what can be termed the “Great Migration of 1945-1955”. And thus the story of the elimination of ethnic Germans from Galicia is largely untold in the west.

Historian Norman Naimark said:

“People do not leave their homes on their own. They hold on to their land and their culture, which are interconnected. They resist deportation orders; they cling to their domiciles and their possessions; they find every possible way to avoid abandoning the place where their families have roots and their ancestors are buried.”

In light of Naimark’s statement, this research on the fate of the Galician Germans explores:

- ◆ What the circumstances of the call for ethnic Germans to leave Galicia were.
- ◆ Why the Galician Germans heeded the call.
- ◆ What the fate was for those Galician Germans who did not heed the call to leave.
- Why the relocation of the ethnic Germans from Galicia was not as voluntary as it appeared.

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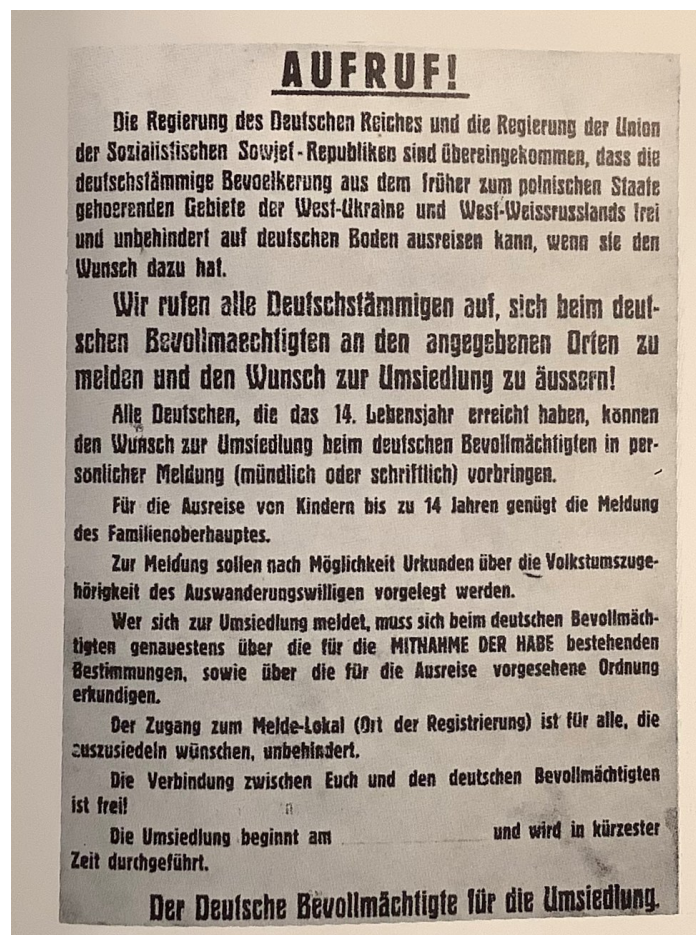
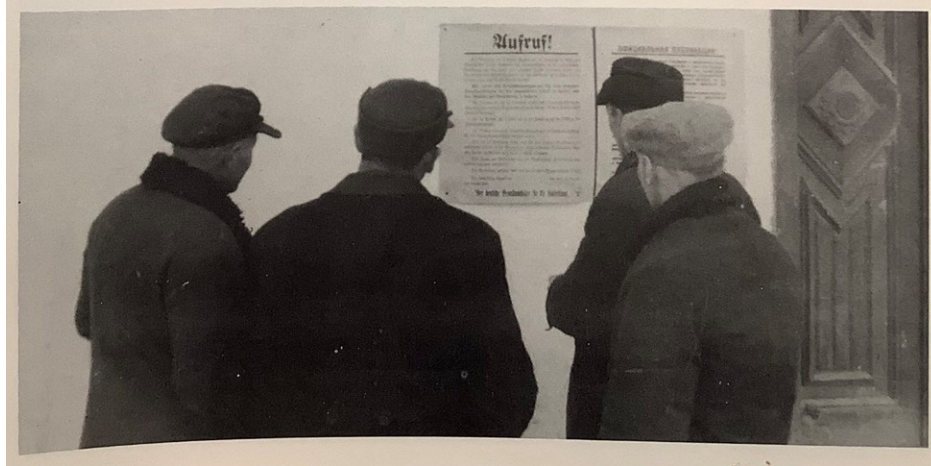
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Call for resettlement in 1939, pictures from the book GALICIA in BILD



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