The Voice of My Brother’s Blood: The Murder of a Town in Eastern Galicia – with Omer Bartov

For centuries Poles, Ukrainians, and Jews lived side-by-side in the East Galician town of Buczacz. The German conquest of the region in 1941 transformed a site of co-existence into a site of genocide. By the time the Soviets liberated the town in 1944, the entire Jewish population had been murdered by the Nazis, with ample help from local Ukrainians, who then also ethnically cleansed the region of the Polish population. In this talk Omer Bartov explores the dynamics of this instance of horrifying communal violence, illuminates its reasons, and discusses its erasure from local memory. One of the world’s leading authorities on the subject of genocide, Bartov is John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History and Professor of History and Professor of German Studies at Brown University and the recipient of many awards. His numerous path-breaking books include *Hitler's Army: Soldiers, Nazis, and War in the Third Reich; Murder in Our Midst: The Holocaust, Industrial Killing, and Representation; Mirrors of Destruction: War, Genocide, and Modern Identity; Germany's War and the Holocaust: Disputed Histories; and Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-Day Ukraine.*

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