

The Last Words in the World: Ukrainians and the war experience

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Huerta Vera Cruz Room, Student Center



Exiled from Donetsk since the 2014 Russian occupation, Stiazhkina will give a presentation on the occasion of the upcoming publication of her two books in the English language, the novel "*Cecil the Lion Had to Die*" and "*Ukraine, War, Love: A Donetsk Diary*". In her talk she will share some episodes from Donetsk's recent history that are entangled with her own experiences. She will speak about life in the world of the last words, about the Kennedy brothers who lived and worked in Donetsk, about a referendum on Donetsk joining the United Kingdom, about a New York where few New Yorkers have ever been, about lectures given to rats in the Izolyatsia concentration camp, and about the choice to be Ukrainian as a choice of love and freedom.

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