

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

MacEwan University hosts panel discussion about the hope and resilience of the people of Mariupol

Edmonton – The public and the media are invited to a panel discussion that explores hope and resilience of those experiencing trauma and hardship.

Mariupol: Stories of Rebirth invites you to consider the present and future of a Ukrainian city facing unimaginable horrors through Russian warfare.

Dr. Oksana Tashkinova, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Pryazovskyi State Technical University in Mariupol, will bring a firsthand perspective of her city's resilience. Dr. Marielle Papin, a Canada Research Chair and Assistant Professor at MacEwan University, will bring a global perspective on innovative governance and urban sustainability. Dr. Denise J Larsen, a University of Alberta professor and co-leader of Hope Studies Central, will close by exploring the role of hope in city building.

Together, these stories will uncover the power of collective resilience and the potential for urban rebirth and community rebuilding in our Cities of Tomorrow.

This event is part of the 2024 Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Cities of Tomorrow, inviting students, faculty, staff and the broader community to explore the theme through stories of hope, belonging and rebirth.

The evening is a collaboration between MacEwan University's [Interdisciplinary Dialogue Project](#) and the [Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre](#).

About the Presenters

Dr. Oksana Tashkinova - Associate Professor, Sociology and Social Work, Pryazovskyj State Technical University, Mariupol, Ukraine

Dr. Oksana Tashkinova's research interests cover a wide range of topics, including sociology of education, sociology of the city, contemporary issues in social work, and forced migration. She has 15 years of work experience in higher education institutions in Ukraine (Pryazovskyi State Technical University) and Poland (University of Warsaw and Polish Institute of Advanced Studies – PIAST).

Currently, at Dalhousie University Resilience Research Centre, Dr. Tashkinova is deeply engaged in researching the experiences of Ukrainian youth newcomers in Canada. As an investigator of her hometown's history and present, Dr. Tashkinova focuses specifically on examining the social processes, interconnections, and their impacts on the development of the Mariupol community from a sociological perspective.

Dr. Marielle Papin - Assistant Professor, Political Science, MacEwan University

Dr. Marielle Papin was recently awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Urban Wellness (Urban Policy and Governance) for her research into the role of cities and other transnational actors in governance collaboration.

Dr. Papin joined MacEwan in 2022 as an assistant professor of political science. She is an urban and

international relations scholar. She investigates how cities seek to improve the well-being of their residents through urban wellness and environmental policies and initiatives.

Dr. Denise J Larsen - Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

Dr. Denise J Larsen's primary research interest is in the study of hope as it relates to counselling psychology and educational practices. She co-leads Hope Studies Central, a research unit with a 31-year history in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. A registered psychologist and former elementary classroom teacher, Dr. Larsen's research focuses on the role of hope along with its effective use and benefits in various contexts including in individual, group, couples, career, and peer counselling contexts.

The media are invited to join us:

Wednesday, March 20

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Kule Theatre

9-323, Robbins Health Learning Centre

10910 - 104 Avenue NW

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