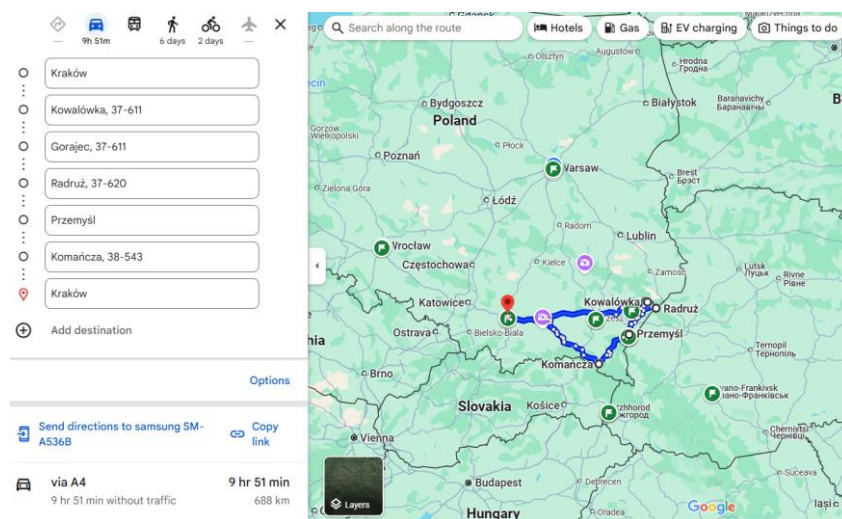


Against Forgetting: The Ukrainian and Lemko Experience of Postwar Deportations in Poland

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The Second World War is arguably the most impactful and traumatic event in modern European history, especially for South-Eastern Poland. What has once been a multicultural mosaic of culture and ethnicity would be thoroughly destroyed by policies of ethnic cleansing, most importantly the Holocaust. We are tracing this history as well as the difficult attempts at preserving memory of the past with the example of Lemko and Ukrainian communities, both of which endured significant political repression in postwar Poland. We will journey through the Nadsanie and Lemkowyna regions, exploring the history of postwar deportations and connecting with individuals and organizations dedicated to preserving the multicultural heritage of southeastern Poland.

This exchange program invites you to immerse yourself in the songs of Ukrainian and Lemko communities. The singing activities are going to be run by the Jagiellonian University folk ensemble called [Dusza/Душа](#). Don't worry if you're unsure about your singing skills! Traditional singing is about coming together as a community and sharing cultural heritage. If singing isn't your focus, you can join a team responsible for creating a podcast that will document the stories of the people and initiatives we encounter. We expect however that you will be actively participating in the singing workshops.



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