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**FORMS AND PROSPECTS OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF HISTORICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL CENTER
"CHERKASY REGION THROUGH THE PRISM OF ORAL HISTORY"
IN THE CONTEXT OF STUDENTS TRAINING**

The article refers to the establishment and activities of historical and sociological center "Cherkasy region through the prism of oral history" in the Department of History and Social Sciences of Ukraine in Cherkasy State Technological University. There are displayed the main activities of the Center and analyzed its main achievements, the attention is focused on attracting students to research work.

Key words: *oral history, historical sociological center "Cherkasy region through the prism of oral history".*

The development of historical science needs to attract new sources of research, development of new forms and methods of studying the past. One of the promising areas in historian's work in modern conditions is fixing and analysis of social memory, oral history, which can significantly complement the picture of the world that has been obtained using traditional methods to collect and analyze official sources. The study of oral history also has significant educational potential because it allows students to transfer learning material perception of purely rational sphere to the sphere of rational and emotional, which makes remembering rather simpler. Studying the experience of oral history research and attracting students to research work is undoubtedly important.

Certain aspects of the problem are presented in publications and development of such authors as H. Hrinchenko, P. Tompson, T. Nahayko, I. Stadnyk, O. Yashan [1–4].

The aim of the study is an analysis of the historical and sociological center "Cherkasy region through the prism of oral history" and the implementation of the results into the learning process in preparing students in Cherkasy State Technological University.

In 2014 at the Department of History of Ukraine (now – Department of History and Social Sciences Ukraine) Cherkasy State Technological University created historical and sociological center "Cherkasy region through the prism of Oral History" (hereinafter – Center). The creation of this Centre was the logical extension of research work that was established long ago by the department staff.

Traditionally, teachers and students gathered testimonies of participants of various socially significant events, these materials formed the basis for scientific publications, student papers, tests.

The key to the future fruitful activity was the fact that the staff of the department possesses practical methods of in-depth interviews, focus groups, drafting questionnaires, transcription tools, as evidenced by field research, the results of which are reflected in the books, scientific articles, conference thesis, protected on oral history materials PhD dissertation (Yashan O.O. "Moral and psychological state of Ukraine's population during the occupation of 1941 – 1944: on materials of the Central region of Ukraine").

Historical-Sociological Centre "Cherkasy region through the prism of oral history" is a research unit of Cherkasy State Technological University and works at the Department of History and Social Sciences Ukraine Cherkasy State Technological University.

According to documents Center is subject to the rector, vice-rector for scientific work, and it directly led by director appointed to this post in due course, manages scientific and economic activities of the Centre. Centre provides self-financing.

Center Staff workers – Doctor of History, Professor Bushyn M.I., Doctor of History, Professor Lazurenko V.M., Ph.D., Assoc. Illyashenko Yu.Yu., Ph.D., Assoc. Lysenko A.I., Ph.D., Assoc. Stadnyk I.Yu., Ph.D., Assoc. Teptyuk L.M., Ph.D., Assoc. Khudoliy O.S., Ph.D., Assoc. Yashan O.O., Ph.D. Lazurenko Yu.M.

The priorities of the Center are the following:

- oral history as a source and methods of research the daily life of Cherkassy region during the Second World War (1941 – 1945);
- culture and ethnic identity of Cherkasy region;
- subculture as a unit of analysis of the socio-political identity;
- universe of contemporary mentality;
- personification of regional history in socio-cultural space;
- norm and deviation in the system of ideological orientations;
- worldview universals of the average Ukrainian.

Among the applied aspects of oral history research Center Position highlights memories-descriptions of a fixed outstanding event; study of customary bodies, folklore, traditions and life style of Cherkassy region; study the history of women's movement in Cherkasy region; study of Cherkassy children's organizations in different historical periods; study of international relations and ethnocultural processes in Cherkasy region; agricultural history of the region; casual history of Cherkassy region during the Second World War; life of different generations over a period of time; history of a particular social or political organization activities; deviation of everyday, access to which is complicated or impossible through traditional methods for studying.

During the creation of the Center it was assumed that materials can be used in the preparation of educational and teaching aids in the disciplines of humanitarian, social, psychological, sociological, cultural and regional direction, may be useful to public authorities of Ukraine and the local authorities, teachers, students when writing articles, monographs, dissertations; media, public organizations.

Due to the diverse areas of research that need further consultations, discussions, field expeditions, and work with archival sources Regulation provides establishing close cooperation with the authorities of the city and district executive, Cherkasy regional state administration, Cherkasy Regional Museum, Cherkassy regional state archives, local national-cultural associations and community organizations, the Foundation "Historical heritage", the Ukrainian national union of local lore of Ukraine; Central Museum of the Border Service of Ukraine (Orshanets, Cherkasy region) and other institutions. This work is actively carried out.

An important part of training institution of higher education professional qualifications is the formation of his creative potential that in the future would allow successful solving all the problems that go into his professional competence. The current school is not only and not so much to convey to students a body of knowledge as by giving them a paradigm teach them to acquire knowledge independently by participating in research work, getting accustomed to independent creative research.

Research work of a student in the study of "History and culture of Ukraine", "Sociology", "Political Science" in CSTU is in search work, manifested primarily in independent creative research of socially important problems.

One of the types of individual work that is proposed to students by teachers of the department of History of Ukraine in Cherkasy State Technological University, in particular, is to collect testimonies of people who were World War II in arms, or were in the occupied territories and experienced all the "charms " of "new" Nazi established order. Such materials are recorded by students or filmed in a video interview or written and then sounded during the seminars. This, in our opinion, can move the events of those years from the sphere of purely intellectual to the emotional one. This helps to achieve the goal set by the teacher.

Working with records of memories allows students to develop skills to work with primary sources (as opposed to indirect sources of anthologies using artificially compiled collections of documents, etc.), that is a valuable methodological tool for the development of analytical scientific thinking. On the other hand, work with oral memories that require critical approach, ability to summarize the accumulated material and put into practice the theoretical knowledge helps to develop scientific skills of synthesis. Such work is undoubtedly useful in terms of expanding the overall outlook of students, as well as involves direct contact with the picture of the world of another generation.

For example, based on eyewitness collected from witnesses of the Nazi occupation of 1941 – 1944, the students concluded that exposure to occupational

reality in the minds of Ukrainians in the occupied territories has formed its own distinct image of the enemy.

During the first semester of 2015 – 2016 academic year in CSTU under the auspices of the Centre a project called "The history of my family" was organized and conducted, within this project first-year students of all departments and areas of training conducted researches in history of their families and made up their own family tree. The most informative and interesting reports were presented on seminars, at round tables, during student conference.

So, having analyzed the activity of historical and sociological center "Cherkasy region through the prism of oral history", we come to the conclusion that its activities undoubtedly contributes to the revival of spiritual directions, traditions and values of people's lives, implementation of its results contributes patriotism among student youth, allows solving a range of training and educational problems.

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ФОРМИ І ПЕРСПЕКТИВИ ДІЯЛЬНОСТІ ІСТОРИКО-СОЦІОЛОГІЧНОГО ЦЕНТРУ «ЧЕРКАЩИНА КРІЗЬ ПРИЗМУ УСНОЇ ІСТОРІЇ» В КОНТЕКСТІ ПІДГОТОВКИ СТУДЕНТСЬКОЇ МОЛОДІ

В статті йдеться про створення та діяльність історико-соціологічного центру «Черкащина крізь призму усної історії» при кафедрі історії України

та суспільних дисциплін Черкаського державного технологічного університету. Відображено основні напрями діяльності Центру та проаналізовано основні його здобутки, акцентовано увагу на залученні студентів до пошукової роботи.

Ключові слова: *усна історія, історико-соціологічний центр «Черкащина крізь призму усної історії».*

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ФОРМЫ И ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ ДЕЯТЕЛЬНОСТИ ИСТОРИКО-СОЦИОЛОГИЧЕСКОГО ЦЕНТРА «ЧЕРКАЩИНА СКВОЗЬ ПРИЗМУ УСТНОЙ ИСТОРИИ» В КОНТЕКСТЕ ПОДГОТОВКИ СТУДЕНЧЕСКОЙ МОЛОДЕЖИ

В статье говорится о создании и деятельности историко-социологического центра «Черкащина сквозь призму устной истории» при кафедре истории Украины и общественных дисциплин Черкасского государственного технологического университета. Отражены основные направления деятельности Центра и проанализированы основные его достижения, акцентировано внимание на привлечении студентов к поисковой работе.

Ключевые слова: *устная история, историко-социологический центр «Черкащина сквозь призму устной истории».*