From Ethnic Minorities to a Global Community: Re-Defining Ukrainian Diaspora in the era of Post-Globalization

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In the last decade or so, a significant qualitative shift has been taking place in the lives of many minorities, informed by accelerated speed of global economic, cultural, and personal exchanges and by ever-evolving global relations, partnerships, tensions and resistance movements. Long established Ukrainian communities of North America and around the world have been also experiencing rapid change in how they live and practice their Ukrainian culture and identity. In my presentation, I revisit various meanings that has been assigned to “Ukrainian diaspora” over the last century or so, consider how these meanings evolved and interacted with each other over time, and discuss what defines “Ukrainian diaspora” as a global phenomenon in the third decade of the 21st century. My discussion is informed by my long-term involvement and research into various Ukraine-based and diasporic communities around North America and Europe.