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In what language do Ukrainians decolonise themselves? Recording of meeting and discussion of the Interdisciplinary Team for Postcolonial Research (in Ukrainian and English).

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At the opening meeting of the Interdisciplinary Postcolonial Research Group, we heard from people involved in the formation of the political and intellectual manifestations of Ukrainian sovereignty. They are guides to Ukrainian memory and the everyday - the complexity of the places they inhabit and speak from. Thus, the issues of decolonization and the language and practices that make it possible would be approached.

The struggle and resistance of Ukrainians is a response to Russia's ongoing military aggression and territorial annexations since 2014, to the propaganda and disinformation campaign to erase Ukrainian identity and political self-determination. On the other hand, Ukrainians respond to geopolitical discourses which overlook their agency.

The resistance is military, or intellectual, or based on affective and solidarity-driven social practices. We therefore want to ask: How do Ukrainians understand solidarity? What are forms of the "local agency" taken by the collectives who fight for their existence in Ukraine? How can anti-colonial resistance express complexity (linguistic, cultural, political) and democratic impulse without slipping into a bipolar worldview of warring empires?

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