

Biography Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern is the Crown Family Professor of Jewish Studies and a Professor of Jewish History in History Department at Northwestern University (Chicago, USA). He teaches a variety of courses that include early modern and modern Jewish History; Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah; history and culture of Ukraine; and Slavic-Jewish Literatures.

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He has published more than a hundred articles and six books, including *The Golden-Age Shtetl: a New History of Jewish Life in East Europe* that appeared in paperback with Princeton University Press, 2015, and won a National Jewish Book Award.

YPS appeared with commentaries on the situation in Ukraine at Chicago Public Radio, Associated Press Radio, National Public Radio, and also on TV at ZiK, WTTW, CBS, and Al Jazeera.

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