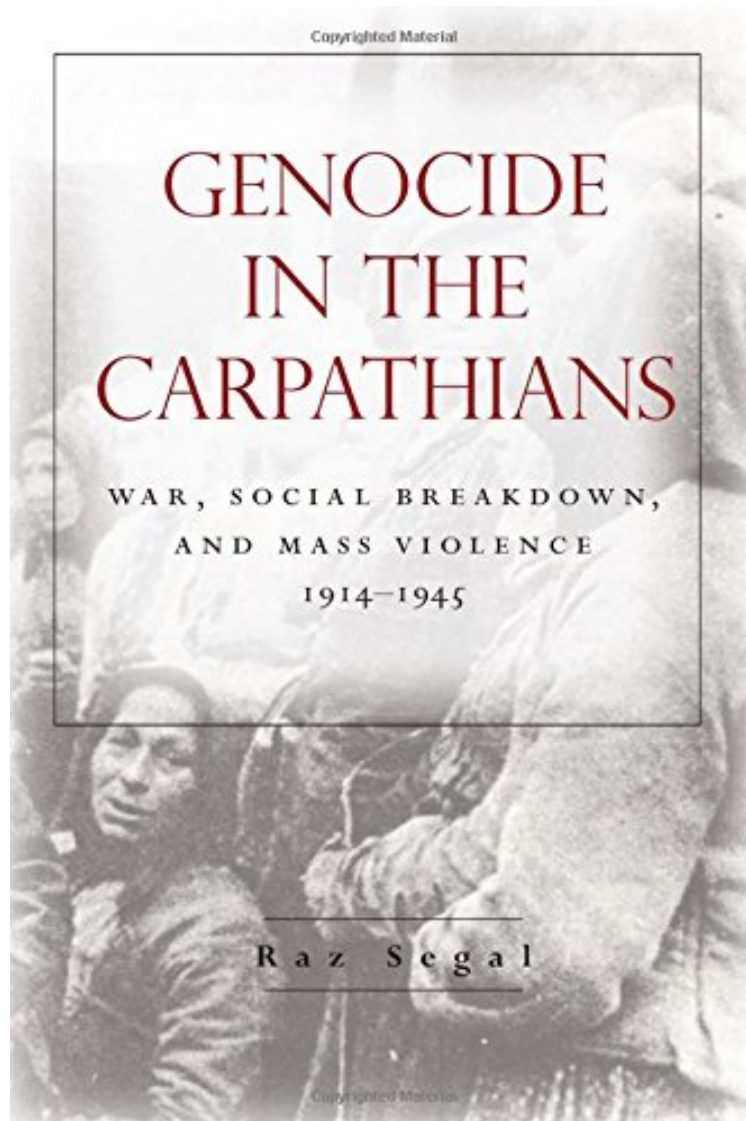


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time, and all praised *Genocide in the Carpathians: War, Social Breakdown, and Mass Violence, 1914-1945* (Stanford Studies on Central and Eastern Europe):

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By Frequent Shopper
The rearrangement of Central European borders by the Versailles Treaty and the subsequent destruction of generations of old communal relations were instrumental and contributed to the severe human rights abuses in Karpatalja, now referred to as Subcarpathian Rus. For over a millennium, this region was part of the Hungarian Kingdom and played an important part in the attempt to shake off Hapsburg hegemony after the Ottoman wars. While the book brings notable insights, it is trying to be politically correct and represents an anti-Hungarian point of view. Repeatedly calling Hungarians as colonizers and occupiers even though the region was part of Hungary for over a millennium, refers to Hungarian massacres without verifiable sources, using instead hearsay, detracts from the value of its presentation. Figure 2 of the book has the caption "The empty field in the place of the old Jewish cemetery in Mukachevo, Ukraine, 2012." During our contemporary visit to Mukachevo, we visited the well kept Jewish cemetery where even one can get the information where certain individuals or families are interred. It is NOT a plowed field. Segal fails to dwell on the massive deportations and mass violence committed by the "liberators" of 1944. Surely an objective appraisal of the events in Karpatalja (Subcarpathian Rus) still needs to be written.

Genocide in the Carpathians presents the history of Subcarpathian Rus', a multiethnic and multireligious borderland in the heart of Europe. This society of Carpatho-Ruthenians, Jews, Magyars, and Roma disintegrated under pressure of state building in interwar Czechoslovakia and, during World War II, from the onslaught of the Hungarian occupation. Charges of "foreignness" and disloyalty to the Hungarian state linked antisemitism to xenophobia and national security anxieties. Genocide unfolded as a Hungarian policy, and Hungarian authorities committed mass robbery, deportations, and killings against all non-Magyar groups in their efforts to recast the region as part of an ethnocratic "Greater Hungary." In considering the events that preceded the German invasion of Hungary in March 1944, this book reorients our view of the Holocaust not simply as a German drive for continent-wide genocide, but as a truly international campaign of mass murder, related to violence against non-Jews unleashed by projects of state and nation building. Focusing on both state and society, Raz Segal shows how Hungary's genocidal attack on Subcarpathian Rus' obliterated not only tens of thousands of lives but also a diverse society and way of life that today, from the vantage point of our world of nation-states, we find difficult to imagine.

"Relevant to the wider historiography of the Holocaust, genocide in general, and ethnic cleansing in Europe, this book is a very serious contribution to the current debates on these subjects. The critique of the timeless notion of antisemitism as supposedly possessing sufficient explanatory power regarding persecution of the Jews is sound and very productive. This is an exemplary piece of scholarship." (Vladimir Solonari University of Central Florida)
"Segal's work presents a rare example of an integrated narrative of Jewish and eastern European history, something that in effect many of us strive for. It presents a vital reading about the past for the future, in the borderlands and elsewhere." (Hana Kubtov H-Nationalism)
"In offering a novel interpretation of the source material that aspires to go beyond simply filling a hole in the historiography, the author presents many perspectives and draws on an impressive array of primary and secondary sources to construct an engaging narrative." (Holly Case Cornell University)
"*Genocide in the Carpathians* is an assured and original contribution to the field of modern European history. By looking at the experiences of different groups—Jews, Ruthenians, and Roma—over time and under different regimes, Segal challenges historians to think beyond a German-centric explanation for the Holocaust and towards genocide as a result of the interplay of state-building, ethnic relations, local politics and international diplomacy." (Dan Stone, Royal Holloway University of London)
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