

Where are you heading Ukraine?

2019 is an eventful year for Ukraine. Five years after Russia's annexation of Crimea and the beginning of the still ongoing Donbass War, Ukrainians are electing at the end of March a new President and a few months later a new parliament. Many observers expect that this 'super election year' will have sweeping consequences for Ukraine and will shape to the way of the country's urgently needed reform process.

Ukraine is facing numerous challenges. Thus far, the political reforms have been only partially implemented and the power of the oligarchs which held Ukraine in grip in the past is still strong. Parts of Eastern Ukraine are occupied by pro-Russian separatists, Crimea is increasingly interwoven with Russia, and the recent events in the Sea of Azov underlines that the danger of escalation is high and real.

But despite these challenges, Ukraine has not succumbed and the country has noticeably changed in the last five years. Civil society is strong and diverse and is actively involved in political and social processes at many levels. Ukraine has become more open and more closely intertwined with other European countries than ever before.

It is the goal of this conference to explore and discuss in which direction Ukraine is heading in the future. In particular, we will elaborate about several ways and means how Western Europe – and in particular Germany – could further support the country's transition.

We are looking forward to welcoming you!

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Ways and Means to Further Support A Country in Transition

4 - 6 April 2019

Thursday, 4 April 2019

- 15:00 Welcome Coffee & Cake
- 15:30 Words of Welcome
Thomas Müller-Färber, Protestant Academy Locum
- 15:40 TRAVEL REPORTS | **Gathering Impressions About the Current Situation in Ukraine**
Ukrainian Invitees are welcomed to share their impressions
- 16:45 Coffee & Tea Break
- 17:00 PLENARY DISCUSSION | **What Does Ukraine Means for Western Europe – Now, Then, and in the Future?**
Amanda Paul, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Center
Gerhard Simon, Professor emeritus, lecture at the Department for Political Sciences and Sociology of the University Bonn, Cologne
James Sherr, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, Chatham House*
- 18:30 Dinner
- 19:30 INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONVERSATION | **After the Presidential Elections: What to Expect?**
Inga Pylypchuk, free journalist (die Welt, Focus etc.) Kyiv/Berlin
Gerhard Gnauck, East Europe Correspondent, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Warsaw
Ilja Ponomarenko, Kyiv Post, Kyiv
Ingo Manteufel, Head Russia and Eastern Europa program, Deutsche Welle, Bonn*
- 21:00 Finale & Come-together

Friday, 5 April 2019

- 08:15 Morning Prayer (optional)
- 08:30 Breakfast
- 09:30 PLENARY DISCUSSION | **Taking Stock – The War in Eastern Ukraine and the Diplomatic Efforts to Stop it**
Andreas Prothmann, Head, Ukraine Task Force, German Foreign Office, Berlin
Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine, Vienna*
Balázs Jarábik, Nonresident Scholar Russia and Eurasia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Budapest
- 11:00 Coffee & Tea Break

- 11:15 BREAKOUT SESSION | **Too Timid? Assessing the Western European Efforts to Assist Ukraine** (Parallel Working Groups)
- Forum I **Economic Reforms**
Hlib Vyshlinsky, Executive Director, Center for Economic Strategy, Kyiv
Stefan Kägebein, Regional Director Eastern Europe, German Eastern Business Association (Ost-Ausschuss – Osteuropaverein der Deutschen Wirtschaft e. V.), Berlin
Kuziakiv Oksana, Chief Executive, Center for Contemporary Society Studies, Kyiv
Miriam Frey, Faculty of Law, Business & Economics, University of Bayreuth
- Forum II **De-Escalation & Peace-Building: Chances and Limits of Civil Conflict Resolution**
Felix Schimansky-Geier, Coordinator for Civil Conflict Resolution in Ukraine, KURVE Wustrow, Kyiv
Sergii Doma, Program Officer, Ukraine, Center for Civilians in Conflict, Kyiv
Tetiana Kyselova, Associate Professor at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv
Georg Albers, Dialogue Facilitation Officer at the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM), Vienna/Kyiv
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 BREAKOUT SESSION | **Forum I and II continues**
- 15:15 Coffee & Cake
- Forum III **Good Governance: How to Keep Mismanagement and Corruption in Check?**
Uwe Stumpf, Head of Ukraine Program, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), Kyiv*
Mykhailo Zhernakov, Director of DEJURE Foundation, Kyiv
Daria Kaleniuk, Director of the Anticorruption Action Center, Kyiv
Wilfried Jilge, Associate Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin*
Martin Klaucke, Head, "Good Governance and Democratisation Operations", Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Kyiv
- Forum IV **Security: Are there Ways and Means to Support Ukraine in the Field of Defense, Resilience, and Security Sector Reform?**
Mattia Nelles, Foreign and Security Policy Fellow at the Center for Liberal Modernity and editor of "Ukraine Verstehen", Berlin
Ilja Ponomarenko, Defense Reporter, Kyiv Post, Kyiv
Mikhail Samus, Deputy Director of the Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies (CACDS), Kyiv
- Forum V **Church Affairs**
Bohdan Ohulchanskyi, Orthodox Priest, Secretary of the all-Orthodox Pedagogic Association, Kyiv*

- Václav Ježek*, Senior Researcher, Department of Church History and Byzantine Studies, University Prešovská univerzita v Prešove, Prešov (Slovakia)*
Thomas Mark Németh, Institute for Eastern Church and Ecumenical Theology, University Würzburg (Germany)
Dagmar Heller, Senior Researcher, Protestant Institute for Ecumenical Studies and Research, Bensheim (Germany)
Chair & Moderation: *Jennifer Wasmuth*, Professor at the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg
- 18:30 Dinner
- 19:30 EVENING TALK | **Ukraine – How Do You Do? And Where Are You Heading?**
Kateryna Mishchenko, writer, curator, editor (Prostory – a magazine on art, literature and social critique), and co-founder of the Ukrainian publishing house Medusa, Kyiv/Berlin
Mykhailo Minakov, philosopher, political scholar, historian, and, currently, guest professor at the European University Frankfurt (Oder)
Yevhen Hlibouytsky, member of the Nestor Group and Founding Director of pro.mova Strategic Communication Company, Kyiv*

Saturday, 6 April 2019

- 08:15 Morning Prayer (optional) followed by Breakfast
- 09:30 PLENARY | **Reports from the Forums**
- 10:15 Coffee & Tea Break
- 10:30 CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION | **Way Ahead: What Should Germany/Europe Do?**
Alexander Wöll, Professor at the University Potsdam and Chairman German Association for Ukrainian Studies, (Deutsche Assoziation der Ukrainisten e. V.)
Ruprecht Polenz, Director, German Association for East European Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde, DGO) Münster*
- 12:30 Goodbye Lunch
- 13:20 Shuttle Service to Wunstorf Train Station

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