

**Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program
Oxford University Ukrainian Society**

OXFORD MODEL UKRAINE CONFERENCE:

**“Ukraine's Domestic and Foreign Affairs:
Quo Vadis?”**

New College

7-8 April 2011

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Thursday, 7 April 2011

McGregor Matthews Room, New College

9:00 AM -9:05 AM **Session 1** – Remarks: **Ihor Bardyn** – Conference Chair, Director of CUPP

Chair: **Kataryna Wolczuk**, University of Birmingham

9:05 AM - 9:30 AM Address by:

British Ambassador to Ukraine, HE Leigh Turner

9:45 AM-12:00 PM **Session 2 – Rule of Law**

Session Discussant: **Kataryna Wolczuk**, University of Birmingham

1. The Rule of Law, the Role of Public Servants in Maintaining Rule of Law, and Ukraine's Participation in the Threshold Country Program to Reduce Corruption Among Public Servants. **Bohdan Vitvitskiy**, US Department of Justice, New Jersey, USA
2. Counter-Revolution Politics, Culture and the Rule of Law in Viktor Yanukhovich's Ukraine. **Taras Kuzio**, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation, Washington D.C., USA
3. The Role of Civil Society in Creating and Maintaining the Rule of Law. **Mykola Ryabchuk**, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C., USA
4. Justice Reforms: How Close to International Standards? **Nazar Fedorchuk**, Kyiv, Ukraine

12:00 PM-1:00 PM *Lunch Break*

1:00 PM-3:00 PM **Session 3 – Governance and Finance**

Session discussant: **Paul Chaisty**, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

1. A Model of Democratic Governing for Ukraine? **Andriy Olenyuk**, Clifford Chance LLC. Kyiv, Ukraine
2. Transparency of Government and Public Institutions. Can Transparency be Achieved in Ukraine? **Nazar Kholod**, Peterson Institute of International Economics, Washington D.C., USA
3. International Organizations and Donor Agencies in Ukraine (IMF, World Bank, USAID, EBRD). What projects do they support? Should Ukraine Borrow Money from the IMF and the World Bank? **Olga Zakrevska – Washington, D.C., USA**
4. The Dnipropetrovsk Clan in the Soviet Era and Why it Lost out to Donetsk in Independent Ukraine. **Sergei Zhuk**, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, USA
5. Constructing a post-Soviet Identity: A Journalist Perspective on Ukraine. **Brigid McCarthy**, US National Public Radio, Washington D.C., USA

3:00 PM- 3:15 PM *Break*

3:15 PM -5:15 PM **Session 4 – Civil Society**

Session discussant: **Sarah Whitmore**, Oxford Brookes University

1. Constructing Civic Society and Political Democracy through Education: the Case of Ukraine. **Serhiy Kovalchuk**, University of Toronto, Canada

2. Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions in Ukraine. **Oleksandr Zhurakovskiy**, St. Cross College and **Anton Krasun**, St. Cross College, University of Oxford

3. Current Status of Freedom of the Press and Media. Are Changes /Improvements Needed? **Yuriy Lukanov**, Independent media Trade Union, Kyiv, Ukraine

4. Ukrainian Politicians – Change of Methods/ Patterns of Influencing the Public Opinion through Mass Media. **Andiy Kulykov**, Live Anchor, Talk-show ‘Svoboda Slova’, ICTV Channel, Kyiv, Ukraine

5. The 2010 Presidential Election Campaign, Lessons and Consequences. **Taras Berezovets**, Berta Communications, Kyiv, Ukraine

5: 15 PM – 6:00 PM *Break*

6:00 PM- 7:30 PM **Session 5 – Keynote Address**

Chair: **Nazar Bobitski**, King’s College, London

Mr. Giorgi VASHADZE, Deputy Minister of Justice, Tbilisi, Georgia

“Georgia’s Battle Against Corruption: Lessons for Ukraine”

Discussant: **Taras Kuzio**

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9:00 AM -11:00 AM **Session 1 – Foreign Affairs**

Session Discussant: **Anzhela Yevgenyeva**, St. Hilda's College

1. A Ukrainian-European Model. **Yuriy Yekhanurov**, Former Prime Minister of Ukraine, President of the Institute for Competitive Society, Kyiv, Ukraine
2. Ukraine's Foreign Policy Priorities. **Borys Tarasiuk**, Former Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Member of Ukrainian Parliament, Kyiv, Ukraine
2. Foreign Policy Options: Joining the EU, Joining the Customs Union between the Russian Federation and Belarus, or Pursuing Neutral Status? **Andreas Umland**, the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Kyiv, Ukraine
3. Russian Expansion in Ukraine and its Limits. Olexiy Haran, the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Kyiv, Ukraine

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM *Break*

11:15 AM -1:15 PM **Session 2 – Ukraine's Existing and Future Alliances**

Session discussant: **Svitlana Kobzar**, Alma College, University of Cambridge

1. Ukraine and EU Prospect for Integration. **Andrew Wilson**, University College London, UK
2. Soft is Beautiful...Ukraine's Approach to Regional Integration. **Kataryna Wolczuk**, University of Birmingham, UK
3. Ukraine and NATO – When if Ever? **James Sherr**, the Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House, London, UK
4. The Agenda of the Yanukhovich's Government for Euro-integration - **Adrian Karatnycky**, Atlantic Council of the USA, New York, USA

1:15 PM -2:00 PM *Lunch Break*

2:00 PM -4:00 PM

Session 3 – Alliances, Partnerships and People

Session discussant: **Roman Tashlitski**, Rivne University of Economics and Humanities

1. The End of Ukraine's European Perspective: The Culturological Aspects. **Oxana Pachlovska**, University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy
2. Ukrainian Eurotrip: Challenges, Pitfalls and the Need for Companions. **Yaroslav Kovalchuk**, University of Algarve, Portugal
3. Ukrainian Diaspora in Israel: Unknown, Unwanted, Underestimated? **Dmytro Kaniewski**, Deutsche Welle Ukrainian Bureau, Bonn, Germany
4. Government for Elite, by Elite, at the Expense of the People. **Martin Nunn**, People First Foundation, Kyiv, Ukraine

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 PM – 5: 30 PM

Session 4 – Keynote Address

Chair: **Kalypso Nicolaidis**, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine

“Ukraine’s Integration into the European Union”

Discussants: **Adrian Karatnycky** and **James Sherr**

CANADA-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM MODEL UKRAINE CONFERENCES

The aim of the Conferences is to discuss and formulate a model for Ukraine's governance and future development as envisioned by young people who are eager to contribute to the future of the country.

To this end the following conferences have been held and planned:

Washington Model Ukraine Conference, at George Washington University, February 2010:

The Identity, Rights and Responsibilities of a Ukrainian Citizen Today.
Elections, Politics, History and Culture in a Renewed Ukraine.

Ottawa Model Ukraine Conference, at the University of Ottawa, November 2010:

The Politics of Education and Elections in Ukraine.

Oxford Model Ukraine Conference, at the University of Oxford, April 2011:

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Kyiv Model Ukraine Conference, November, 2011

Decision Time
