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# **“EU- UKRAINE: MEMBERS OR NEIGHBOURS”**

**Opening Address By  
H.E. ROMAN SHPEK**

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# “EU- UKRAINE: MEMBERS OR NEIGHBOURS”

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## CONFERENCE AIMS:

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There is no question that Ukraine is part of Europe, geographically Ukraine is in the heart of Europe, but there is a question on whether Ukraine will be a ‘member’ of the European Union or will remain a ‘neighbour’ of the EU.

The aim of this series of conferences and plenary sessions in Oxford and Kyiv is to host and promote constructive dialogue between students, scholars and practitioners on the complex topic of the ongoing and ever changing relationship between the European Union and Ukraine.

The initial conference held at the University of Oxford on 14 June 2008 hosted scholars from Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and London and seven graduate students from all over the EU. Mr. Richard Spring MP of the British Ukrainian Society made opening remarks and the Oxford University Ukrainian Society organised the events and led the discussion.

Through their initiation of the project the Oxford University Ukrainian Society seeks to foster interaction between the UK (specifically and EU generally) and Ukrainian scholars and students.

The goal is to have a bi-annual plenary sessions in Oxford (June) and Kyiv (November) through which the academic debate and dialogue develops over time. It is our aim that graduate students and scholars whether in the EU or in Ukraine have a chance to respond to their colleagues’ work in a professional and academic setting. At the end of each annual cycle the organisers plan to publish the conference proceedings and all of the papers presented.

We are pleased to say that the 14 June 2008 conference held in Oxford now has a Ukrainian-based compliment, which is taking place in Kyiv at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” on 14 November 2008. It is our pleasure to welcome you as participants, presenters and audience members.

The organisers will publish the edited conference papers and proceedings in Winter/Spring 2009 before the next scheduled session which is to take place in Oxford next June 2009.

## THE CONFERENCE 14 NOVEMBER 2008:

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We are pleased to have brought together 12 graduate students and 8 established experts in the field of Ukrainian and EU studies who are participating in four panel discussions covering the broad range of social, economic and political policy issues related to the EU-Ukraine relationship. We would like to remind both the conference participants and observers that the working language of this conference is English.

**LOCATION:** The conference is a one day event on 14 November 2008 and takes place on the premises of the NaUKMA campus, 2 Skovorody Street, in the Old Academic (Mazepa) Building.

**FORMAT AND STRUCTURE:** The conference will consist of an opening speech by H.E. Roman Shpek. After a short coffee break all the participants will break off into four separate panels, two in the morning and two in the afternoon: Economic Issues (Finance, Business and Industry), Social Policy Issues (Sociology, Gender, Environment, Minority Rights, Education) and Political Issues (dimensions of Political Science and International Relations including internal and external trends and actors). Please consult the schedule for full details.

**PANEL REGULATIONS:** The panels will consist of: one moderator, two academic expert discussants and three to four graduate students (and young academics within two years of finishing their thesis) presenters. Each presentation will be no longer than 10-15 minutes and power-point is strongly encouraged. Each panel will conclude with an open to the public question and answer period.

The conference will end with an open discussion session between all participants and attendees and will be coordinated by the above mentioned moderators who in summary will point out the most prevalent themes in their respective panels.

We have accepted papers for four separate panels: Economic Issues (Finance, Business and Industry), Social Policy Issues (Sociology, Gender, Environment, Minority Rights, Education) and two panels on Political Issues (all dimensions of Political Science and International Relations including internal and external trends and actors).

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and we hope that you enjoy a fulfilling academic exchange at the “EU-Ukraine: Members or Neighbours” Conference.

Sincerely,

Nadiya Kravets and Olga Onuch

Conference Co-Chairs

On behalf of “EU-Ukraine: Members or Neighbours” Conference Coordinating Committee

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14 NOVEMBER 2008  
NaUKMA, 2 Skovorody Street,  
Staroakademichny (Old Academic) Building, Congregation Hall  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION:</b> NaUKMA, Lobby of the Congregation Hall
<b>09:30 - 09:40</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> Nadiya Kravets OUUS President Emeritus, Larysa Chovnyuk Vice President for Foreign Cooperation, NaUKMA
<b>09:40 - 10:30</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS:</b> H.E. Roman Shpek
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK:</b> Lobby of the Congregation Hall

<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>PANEL ONE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Congregation Hall)</b>
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**EU, Europe, NATO, Russia: Neighbours, Members, Friends Or Foes  
Post-Communist Choices in Ukrainian Foreign Policy**

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#### **Moderator:**

**Maksym Yakovlyev** (NaUKMA)

#### **Expert Discussants:**

**Dmytro Potekhin** (Director of European Strategy Group, Ukraine )  
**Dr. Joanna Konieczna** (University of Warsaw)

#### **Presenters:**

‘European Future for Ukraine: A Matter of Geopolitics?’  
**Olga Burlyuk** (Law Department, NaUKMA, Kyiv)

‘EU-Ukraine-Russia triangle: geopolitical project for Europe in the XXI century’  
**Alexandra Shapovalova** (National Taras Shevchenko University, Kyiv)

‘Ukraine on the Road to European Integration. Next Exit: NATO’  
**Maciej Olchawa** (Jagiellonian University, Krakow)

‘Deciding on NATO: Necessary Step or a Premature Move?’  
**Yulian Brachevsky** (National Taras Shevchenko University, Kyiv)

**11:00 – 12:30    PANEL TWO: SOCIAL ISSUES (Journals Hall)**

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**How Our ‘Neighbours’ Effect Us on the way to ‘Membership’: Social Policy Changes in Immigration, Migration and Gender**

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**Moderator:**

**Dr. Mychailo Wynnyckyj** (NaUKMA)

**Expert Discussants:**

**Dr. Volodymyr Yermolenko** (NaUKMA)

**Dr. Olena Bogdanova** (NaUKMA)

**Presenters:**

‘European Pact on Immigration and Asylum: Prospects for Labour Immigration’

**Taras Byk** (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

‘European Union Engagement in the Black Sea Region: Efforts to Combat Illegal Migration’

**Julia Klymko-Overchenko** (College of Europe, Brussels)

“Gender Mainstreaming as a Strategy for Realisation of Gender Equality in the European Union and in the Ukrainian Context”

**Tanja Havlin** (Mechnikov National University, Odessa)

**13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH-** Provided for Participants ( ‘Porters’ Pub, 13 Spaska Street )

**14:30 - 16:00 PANEL THREE: POLITICS (Congregation Hall)**

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**EU-Ukraine on Who’s Terms Their’s or Our’s:  
Rights, Development, Democracy and Change**

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**Moderator:**

**Maksym Yakovlyev** (NaUKMA)

**Expert Discussants:**

**Dmytro Potekhin** (Director of European Strategy Group, Ukraine )  
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**Presenters:**

‘False Promises or a Genuine Policy? EU Democracy Promotion Efforts in Ukraine’  
**Christine Svitlana Otsver** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen)

‘The Role of Poland in the European Union’s Policy Towards Ukraine’  
**Marta Golonko** (University of Warsaw)

‘Perspectives of the EU Market Access for Ukrainian Nationals in The Context of the Enhanced Agreement Between Ukraine and European Union’  
**Olga Shchodra** (Ivan Franko National University, Lviv)

**14:30 - 16:00 PANEL FOUR: ECONOMICS (Journals Hall)**

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**Our ‘Neighbours’ Money in Our Markets and Our Products in Their Markets:  
An analysis of the effects of Euro Zone Expansion and European Trade on Ukrainian  
Market**

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**Moderator:**

**Olena Boytsun** (Dnipropetrovsk National University)

**Discussants:**

**Dr. Edilberto Segura** (Kyiv School of Economics)  
**Dr. Pavel Popov** (Ministry of Economy of Ukraine)

**Presenters:**

‘The Role of Business Actors in the EU-Ukraine Trade Policy Making’  
**Evghenia Sleptsova** (University of Birmingham)

‘The Exchange Rate Policy in Ukraine and Euro Zone Expansion’  
**Iryna B. Nasadiuk** (Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Kyiv)

‘Transnationalisation and Change in Economic Institutions: The Case of Ukraine and Industrial Standards Regulation’  
**Julia Langbein** (European University Institute (EUI), Florence)

**16:00 - 16:30**    **COFFEE BREAK:** Lobby of the Congregation Hall

**16:30 – 17:30**    **CLOSING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION** (Congregation Hall)

Lead by **Nadiya Kravets** (DPhil Candidate, St. Antony's College, Oxford)

**EU-Ukraine the Way Forward ?**  
**Questions to Pose and Future Research Topics to be Addressed?**

**18:00**    **RECEPTION** - Center for Polish and European Studies (NaUKMA)  
8/5 Voloska Street, Building 6 (Basement)

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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We are very pleased to present the following group of distinguished guests, academics, practitioners along with accomplished graduate students as participants of 'EU-Ukraine: 'Members' or 'Neighbours' Conference in Kyiv November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008.

## **OPENING ADDRESS**

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### **H.E. ROMAN SHPEK**

Roman V. Shpek is a Ukrainian statesman and diplomat. He graduated from the Lviv Forestry Engineering Institute with certificate as an Engineer (1976) and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration and International Economics from the International Management Institute, Kyiv (1991). Since 1992, Mr. Shpek served in various senior posts of the Ukrainian government and from 2000 to 2008 he was the Head of the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the European Union. Today, Roman Shpek is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, a Vice-President of Alfa Bank Ukraine and a member of the Board of Directors of British Ukrainian Society.

## **DISCUSSANTS and MODERATORS**

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**DR. OLENA BOGDANOVA** is a fellow at the Sociology Department of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy since September 2007. She has been repeatedly awarded Open Society Institute grants and is an alumna of the OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarship Programme (Oxford University, 2001-2002) as well as OSI/FCO Scholar Hansard Society Programme (London School of Economics and Political Science, 2002). She has also worked for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Mission in Ukraine and is currently closely involved into the implementation of the IOM Capacity Building in Migration Management Programme. Her subjects of scholarly interest include democracy and democratisation studies, sociology of religion, happiness studies.

**MS. OLENA BOYTSUN** is a member of the permanent committee of Oxford University Ukrainian Society. An economist by education (Dnipropetrovsk National University, Passau University, University of Oxford), Olena is on the final stage of completing her PhD in financial globalisation and works as the Communication Director at the real estate holding in Kiev. Besides economics, Olena is a passionate chess player (Women International Master in chess) and is widely involved in the chess management.

**DR. JOANNA KONIECZNA-SALAMATIN** is a lecturer and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Sociology at the Warsaw University. Dr. Konieczna is a prolific writer and has published numerous works on Polish foreign policy and EU's relations with Eastern 'neighbours'. In 2005 she co-authored a study on Ukraine's relations with the EU titled "More than Neighbours. Final Report of The Enlarged European Union and Ukraine: New Relations Project", published by the Stefan Batory Foundation.

**DR. PAVEL POPOV** is the Director of the Department of bilateral trade-economic relations, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, and holds a PhD in Economics.

**MR. DMYTRO POTEKHIN** is a well-known blogger at *Ukrainska Pravda*. Occasionally, he gives advice on strategic non-violence to human rights groups in Russia, Belarus, Armenia and Iran. In 2004 he co-initiated and managed a nationwide non-partisan voter education and mobilisation campaign "Znyayu!". Before joining the "For Truth!" civic movement in 2001 worked as a policy analyst at the Embassy of Japan in Kyiv. Dmytro holds an M.A in International Relations. He studied in Kyiv, Budapest and Stanford. He is also a co-founder of [potyah76.org.ua](http://potyah76.org.ua), which is a Central European online journal of modern literature and the Director of European Strategy Group, Kyiv Ukraine.

**DR. EDILBERTO SEGURA** is a Professor at Kyiv School of Economics. Dr. Segura joined the World Bank in 1973 and served in senior positions in 35 different countries until 1998. His many positions with the World Bank included Division Chief, Industrial Development and Finance Division, Europe, Middle East and North Africa Region; Director, Country Department II, Latin America and Caribbean Region; and Chief of World Bank Mission in Ukraine. In 1998, Dr. Segura joined SigmaBleyzer as the Chief Economist and the head of the Kiev office where he works with the SigmaBleyzer portfolio of companies in order to improve their efficiency and attract outside investment. Dr. Segura is also the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Bleyzer Foundation. Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Segura is a published author, and he was a visiting professor at Oxford University Said Business School.

**DR. MYCHAILO WYNNYCKYJ** is an Associate Professor at the National University 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy'. Dr. Wynnycky was awarded a PhD in Economic Sociology in 2003 from the University of Cambridge (U.K.). Prior to that, in 1997, Mychailo received an MPhil degree in Sociology and Politics of Modern Society (also from Cambridge), and worked for 7 years (1992-1999) as Vice-President for Sales & Marketing at Lava Computer MFG Inc. in Toronto Canada. During his tenure at the company, Lava's sales increased significantly, and its markets expanded to include North America, Western Europe, South-east Asia, and Australia. Today, Mychailo is Director of the Doctoral School at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy where, in addition to teaching in the Department of Sociology, and at Kyiv-Mohyla Business School, he oversees a project aimed at reforming the traditional Ukrainian "aspirantura" system into a European-styled Doctorate. Since moving to Ukraine in 2003, Mychailo has also been active in consulting several Ukrainian companies on organizational and management issues – particularly as related to sales management. Mychailo's consulting clients include the following companies: Avtek, Asbis, Kakhovka Welding Plant, Euroindex, Rosava, and others. Mychailo's typical day begins and ends with his three children, who seem to develop much faster than even he would hope. In what minimal spare time he has, Mychailo tries to find opportunities to indulge in his two passions: downhill skiing, and flying (he received his private pilot's license in 1999).

**MR. MAKSYM YAKOVLYEV** is a PhD Candidate in Politics and an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Health and Department of Sociology at NaUKMA. His first education is in social work but after a year as a volunteer social worker with the Danish Christian Soldiers' Mission in Fredericia, Denmark, he got his B.A. in sociology with specialisation in social work from NaUKMA and switched to Political Science (M.A. from NaUKMA). Maksym is now finishing his PhD thesis on the processes of institutional isomorphism and façade democracy phenomena in Ukraine. He did his research as a visiting researcher at the University of Oxford and Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena (Germany). In addition to the transitional studies of the CEE countries, Maksym has a passion for both qualitative and quantitative research methods in the social sciences (he is teaching courses in basic and managerial statistics, qualitative sociology and quantitative politics). His main hobbies are foreign languages, linguistics and social psychology.

**MR. VOLODYMYR YERMOLENKO** is Deputy Head of Center for Intercultural Communication of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. Researcher, journalist. MA in International Relations and European Studies (CEU, Budapest), PhD candidate at Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris). Editor-in-chief of quadrilingual (English-French-German-Ukrainian) Dictionary of EU terminology. In 2006-2008 editor-in-chief of the Newsletter for journalists of the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine.

## **PRESENTERS**

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**DR. YULIAN BRAYCHEVSKYY** graduated from Regional Geography and Tourism Department of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (MSc in Geography) in 2002. In 2004-2005 was an OSI/FCO Chevening Scholar at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. In 2007 obtained a PhD in Social and Economic Geography. Research interests include European integration, recent economic and political developments in Ukraine, global development environment.

**OLGA BURLYUK** is a student at the Law School of the NaUKMA. Last year she completed the M.A. degree in European Politics at the University of Maastricht, the Netherlands. During her master's studies, Olga focused on the relations between the EU-Ukraine and the EU-Russia. The paper presented at the conference is the result of the lasting research done in the course of writing her master's thesis. Olga is currently practicing national law in an international law firm in Kyiv.

**TARAS BYK** is a postgraduate student at the European Law Department of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and is working on dissertation titled "Protection of Social Rights of Third Country Nationals in the European Union Law". During 2003-2004 academic year Taras took LLM courses at the Queen Mary College, University of London, studying International Law, EU Law and Human Rights Law. He also worked as a journalist and editor of world news at "Lvivska Gazeta" newspaper and since February 2006 he is serving at the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine.

**MARTA GOLONKO** is a doctoral student at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Sciences, University of Warsaw. Junior lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok and at Stanislaw Staszic College of Public Administration in Bialystok, Poland. Author of the publications in the field of European Neighbourhood Policy and Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union. Marta is a co-founder and Vice-President of the Board of the University of Bialystok Foundation. In 2002 Marta participated in the Summer Academy in Dnepropetrovsk on "Managing Change. Managing people serving democratic institutions, citizens and the market" financed by the Open Society Institute and in 2008 she took part in the Summer School for Doctoral Students in Vilnius on: "Challenges of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe: Social Tolerance". Currently she is a proprietor of the "M-Quest Marta Golonko" company (foreign trade agency, European funds consulting) and Member of the Board of the Europartner Academic Association in Bialystok.

**TETIANA HAVLIN** is a doctoral student at the Department of Sociology, Mechnikov Odessa National University. The title of her dissertation is "Gender Roles as a Symbolical System of Socio-cultural Development". Tetiana received her Masters degree in 2005 at the Department of Sociology of the Mechnikov Odessa National University. Her areas of interest include: sociology of culture, gender, law and social policy.

**YULIYA KLYMKO-OVERCHENKO** received full scholarship of the European Commission to study in the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) owing to which obtained MA in International Relations and Diplomacy. At the moment working at International Organisation for Migration, Mission in Kyiv in the Project entitled “Capacity Building on Migration Management”. Research interests include European integration, Ukraine’s foreign policy, illegal migration, civil society. She participated in various youth conferences and seminars abroad, among which “Europe of the Youth and Generations”(Denmark 2004), “Economic Forum of Young Leaders” (Poland 2006), “Brave New Europe” (Slovenia 2006) and much more.

**JULIA LANGBEIN** is a Ph.D. candidate at the European University Institute in Florence. She holds a Diploma in Political Science from the Free University of Berlin and a MA in Russian Studies from the European University at St. Petersburg. In her dissertation Julia analyses how European and Russian state and non-state actors influence change in economic institutions in Ukraine through processes of transnationalisation. In addition, she has a strong interest in comparative political economy, theories of International Relations and post-Soviet transitions.

**IRINA NASADIUK** is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of World Economy and International Economic Relations and Economic Faculty at Odessa Mechnikov National University in Odessa, Ukraine. She is holding MS in Economics degree from Texas A&M University and Kandidat Nauk in Economics of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. She has numerous publications on monetary integration issues and has published several papers on tax evasion in transition economies. Irina’s research interests lie in the area of international economic development, economic integration and international monetary relations. Irina Nasadiuk has been teaching courses on World Economy, International Economics, and International Capital Flows at Odessa Mechnikov National University. Irina has been extensively involved in the Academic Fellowship Program of the Open Society Institute and Curriculum Resource Centre of Central European University (Budapest, Hungary) programs facilitating the sustainability of reforms in higher education of Ukraine.

**MACIEJ OLCHAWA** is a graduate student in Ukrainian studies at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. He holds a B.A. (magna cum laude) in International Studies and History from Loyola University Chicago and an M.A. in Central and Eastern European Studies from Jagiellonian University where he defended his thesis titled ‘Imperial Games: Ukraine in the United States’ Geopolitical Strategy. He currently works in Brussels as an advisor in the European Parliament.

**CHRISTINE SVITLANA OTSVER** is currently a PhD Candidate in Political Science and Law at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) in Munich, Germany. She holds a Master of Arts in German and European Studies (M.A.) from Georgetown University (2005) in Washington, DC, USA. and she has completed a B.A. (maxima cum laude) (2003) in Political Science and German at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA, USA. She is fluent in English, German, Russian, and Ukrainian and possesses basic knowledge of French.

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**OXFORD UNIVERSITY UKRAINIAN SOCIETY** was established in 2004. The Society unites students and alumni of the University of Oxford who take part in the economic and social development of Ukraine. The Society undertakes several projects in Ukraine including 'Oxford Volunteers for Chernobyl', analytical and educational programs.

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