



Ukraine in a Changing Europe

Public Launch of the IMS Research Centre



20. 2. 2023 14:00 – 18:00

**Skautsky Institute, Minuta Hall
Staroměstské nam. 1/4**

On 20 February 2023, the research centre “Ukraine in a Changing Europe” is launched at the Institute of International Studies. The new centre operates at the intersection of humanities and social sciences to enforce academic expertise on contemporary Ukraine to be implemented in the teaching process and beyond. Two main objectives define the thematic scope of the centre’s work:

- 1) de-centring / de-colonizing knowledge production on Eastern Europe through disentangling Ukrainian Studies from Russia-centered Area Studies to provide more space for local voices, manifold agencies, and indigenous interpretations;
- 2) placing the recent Ukrainian developments in a broader context to expose their implications for the future of democracy, European project, and the world order, more generally.

The Centre’s leader is Dr. Valeria Korablyova, Assistant Professor at the Department of Russian and East European Studies. Its institutional partners in Ukraine are National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” and Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv that will be represented at the public opening on 20 February 2023.

Schedule:

14:00 – 14:30 – introduction of the research centre

- Dr. Daniela Kolenovská, Head of the Department of Russian and East European Studies
- Dr. Valeria Korablyova, Head of the Research Centre “Ukraine in a Changing Europe”

14:30 – 16:00 – panel discussion „Ukrainian war refugees in the EU: challenges and opportunities“

Speakers:

- Dr. Viktoria Sereda, Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin, Germany), Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine);
- Dr. Yana Leontiyeva, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences.

Moderator – Dr. Anna Osypchuk, National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”

16:00 – 16:30 – coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 – panel discussion „Reporting from the country at war: academic fieldwork“

Speakers:

- Dr. Jan Šir, Department of Russian and East European Studies, IMS
- Dr. Anna Osypchuk – National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, School for Policy Analysis

Moderator – Dr. Valeria Korablyova, Head of the UiCE centre, IMS

19:00 – wine & cheese reception (*Kavárna u Rotlerů, Kamzíkova 4*)

Registration is required.

Speakers' bios:

Dr. Valeria Korablyova is a sociologist and political theorist, Head of the Research centre “Ukraine in a Changing Europe”, Assistant Professor at the Department of Russian and East European Studies at IMS. She received her habilitation (D. of Sc. degree) in 2015 from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, with the book *Social Meanings of Ideology* (Kyiv University Press 2014). Valeria held research fellowships and visiting professorships at Stanford University, Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, University of Basel, Justus Liebig University Giessen, and other institutions, where she taught special courses on Ukraine and conducted research that inscribed post-Soviet developments into broader regional and global trends. She has published and presented widely on the Maidan uprising and Zelensky’s political project. Dr. Korablyova has taught the following courses at Charles University: “Post-1991 Ukraine” (the golden course in 2018-19), “Reading Europe from Its East: re-framing the EU poly-crisis from the East European perspective”, “Post-Soviet Ukraine: from an “unexpected nation to the unwarranted war”, “The Zelensky Phenomenon: the rise of the audience democracy and performative politics in Ukraine”, “The Postcolonial Condition in Eastern Europe”. Currently, Dr. Korablyova runs several projects on Ukrainian forced migration and societal changes at the country at war, funded by the Rector’s initiative of support for research and educational cooperation with Ukraine.

Dr. Viktoria Sereda is a sociologist, Senior Fellow and Director of the research group “PRISMA UKRAÏNA: War, Migration and Memory” at the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin, Germany), and Professor of Sociology at the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine). Sereda has either led or participated in over 30 sociological research projects on Ukrainian society and its regional dimensions, and she held fellowships at prestigious institutions (University of Basel, Switzerland; Imre Kertesz Kolleg, University of Jena, Germany). She was the

head of the sociological team for the project “Region, Nation and Beyond: An Interdisciplinary and Transcultural Reconceptualization of Ukraine” (2011-2017) at the University of Sankt-Gallen, Switzerland. She was the MAPA Research Fellow at the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University (2016-17, 2019-2020), where she developed a digital atlas of social changes in Ukraine after the Euromaidan. Her forthcoming book is titled “Displacement in War-Torn Ukraine: State, Displacement and Belonging” (Cambridge University press).

Dr. Anna Osypchuk is a sociologist, Associate Professor and Director for Research at the School for Policy Analysis, and the Head of Master Program in Sociology at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. Her team has conducted a number of sociological surveys in Ukraine about IDPs, public perceptions of the situation in Donbas and Crimea, the rise of populism, changes in the academic field, and others. She has participated in international projects (Horizon 2020 JOINT project) and has been a Visiting Professor at Stanford University, JLU Giessen, University of Toronto, and other institutions.

Dr. Jan Šir is a political scientist specializing on political, security, and energy developments in Russia and Eurasia, Associate Professor at the Department of Russian and East European Studies. Dr. Šir is a highly reputable expert, widely present in Czech and international media, regularly commenting on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. His recent books are “Denuclearization of Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan” (Karolinum 2013) and “Russian Aggression Against Ukraine” (edited volume, Karolinum 2017). Dr. Šir is an editor of a peer-reviewed journal “*Acta Universitatis Carolinae. Studia Territorialia*”. He has taught a number of course on the post-Soviet space, including “Russia’s Aggression against Ukraine: implications for European security”. He has recently made several research trips to Ukraine, including to the warzone and the de-occupied territories.

Dr. Yana Leontiyeva is a sociologist and a recognized expert on migration in the Czech Republic. She is the head of the Czech Social Science Data Archive and research fellow at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Dr. Leontiyeva has published widely and participated in multiple research on migration and integration of the foreigners, especially Ukrainians, into the Czech society. She regularly provides policy recommendations to Czech governmental bodies. Currently, she participates in the SYRI project “The impact of the war in Ukraine on the Czech society”.

