

Program of the October 2013 Workshop “Democratizing the Post-Communist State?
Grassroots and Elite Alignments in Contemporary Ukraine“

Thursday, October 10, 2013

9:30 – 10:00 *Opening address, introductory round*

I. 10:30-13:00 *Patterns of Elite Formation and Orientation in Ukraine*
(20 minutes for each presentation, 10 minutes for the discussant)

Heiko Pleines (Associate Professor, Bremen University) - “The political role of the oligarchs in Ukraine. Comparing changes over time”

Elena Semenovna (PhD, Jena University) - “Party-specific elite formation in Ukraine”

Discussant: Olga Kutsenko (Taras Shevchenko University)

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

Tetiana Kostiuhenko (PhD Candidate, NaUKMA) - "Women in Ukrainian Politics and Business Elites in 1991-2011: the Role of Connections and Embeddedness"

Maria Teteriuk (PhD Candidate, NaUKMA Kyiv) – “The Discourse on LGBT rights in Ukrainian national media”

Discussant: Heiko Pleines (Bremen University)

13:00 *Lunch*

II. 14:30-17:30 *Shaping the Ukrainian state: Informal forces, external pressures, and fierce resistance to grassroots pressure*

Kateryna Malygina (PhD student, Bremen University) – "Bureaucratic politicization – a feature of Ukrainian politics? Analysis of appointment patterns in Ukraine in 1990-2009"

Inna Melnykovska (Research Fellow, University of Giessen) – “Europeanization - to be or not to be? The role of business clans in Europeanization reforms in Ukraine”

Discussant: Tamara Martsenyuk (NaUKMA)

15:30-16:30 *Coffee break*

Oleksiy Vedrov (PhD Candidate, Skovoroda Institute Kyiv) – “Urban struggles in Kharkiv: The conflict around Gorki park as a mirror of wider Kharkiv society”

Eduard Klein (PhD Candidate, Bremen University) - “Post-Soviet Anti-Corruption Reforms in Higher Education: The Case of Ukraine“

Discussant: Mihai Varga (FU Berlin)

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III. 9:30-12:00 Civil society: Values, external involvement, and on the ground realities

Olga Kutsenko (Professor, Taras Shevchenko University Kyiv)- “Democratic values in contemporary Ukrainian mass consciousness”

Susann Worschech (PhD Student, Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder) - “The Making of Civil Society: Donor Strategies of External Democracy Promotion”

Discussant: Volodymyr Ishchenko (NaUKMA)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Inna Sovsun (PhD Candidate, NaUKMA Kyiv) - “Education reforms since 2010 and the ensuing student protests“

Mihai Varga (Post-doctoral researcher, FU Berlin) – “A short-lived experiment: the rise of small business as a political force in Ukraine”

Discussant: Olga Nosova (Professor, Kharkiv University)

12:00-13:00 *Presentation of the Center for Societal Research, NaUKMA Kyiv*

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30-17:30 IV. Doing business in Ukraine: Tensions and Clashes

Olga Nosova (Professor, Kharkiv University)– “Corporate Governance in Ukraine: The Clash between Managerial and Stakeholder Interests”

Volodymyr Ishchenko (Lecturer, NaUKMA Kyiv) - “Rightful protest or targeted disruption? Dilemmas of citizen initiatives against big business construction sites in Kyiv”

Discussant: Jan Wielgoths (Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder)

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Tamara Martsenyuk (Associate Professor, NaUKMA Kyiv)- "Gender equality and labor market in Ukraine: Legacies and Practices"

Nina Potarska (PhD Student, NaUKMA Kyiv)– “Workers struggles at an oligarch's company:
The case of a miner strike at *Ferrexpo*”

Discussant: Katharina Bluhm (FU Berlin)

17:00-17:30 Concluding session in the form of plenary discussion
