



Preliminary Conference Programme (as of 06 May 2025)

Planning the Future of Ukrainian Studies in Europe

University of Warsaw | 26-27 May 2025

Conference Venue: University of Warsaw main Campus, Krakowskie Przedmiescie 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw

Day 1 - 26 May

Locating Ukrainian Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities: Methodologies

Room: Auditorium Maximum Room A

9:00 - 9:30 **Participants registration and welcome coffee**

9:30 - 10:30 **Introduction - Keynote Speech**

Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State in The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

H.E. Mr Vasyl Bodnar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Poland

Maciej Raś, Vice-Rector, University of Warsaw

Volodymyr Bugrov, Rector, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Eva Lehečková, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Charles University

Il-Il Yatziv-Malibert, Vice-President for European Affairs, Inalco University

10:30 - 12:30 **Panel 1 - Mapping Ukrainian Studies: Comparative Approach between Poland, the Czech Republic, France and Ukraine**

The panel will provide an overview of Ukrainian Studies in the four partner countries, by comparing their institutional, academic, and methodological approaches. It will identify priorities and challenges for developing Ukrainian Studies in these national contexts.

Ukrainian Studies In Poland

Jakub Zajączkowski, Head of Department, Department of Regional and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw

Ukrainian Studies in France: Overview and Perspective with a Focus on Inalco

Olena Saint-Joanis, Ukrainian language teacher, Europe Department, Inalco University

Ukrainian Studies in the Czech Republic

Tereza Chlaňová, Head of Ukrainian Studies, Department of East European Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University



Ukrainian Studies at Ukrainian Universities

Radomyr Mokryk, Senior lecturer at Ivan Franko Lviv State University

Nazarii Deineka, Administrator of the EUkraine Forum for Prague, **Kateryna Mychka**, PhD Student, Department of East European Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University

The university's educational diplomacy through the dissemination of Ukrainian studies in Europe - **Kseniia Smyrnova**, Vice-Rector for Education (International Affairs), Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Establishment of Ukrainian Studies Identity Through Translation: Mitigating Negative Cultural Interference - **Serhii Skrylnyk**, Head of the Department of Theory and Practice of Translation from English, Institute of Philology, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Moderated by: Saroj Kumar Aryal, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw

12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 - 15:15 **Panel 2 - Mapping Ukrainian Studies: European and Global Perspectives**

The panel will offer an overview of Ukrainian Studies across Europe, analysing current trends, key teaching and research areas, and recent developments in the field. Speakers will highlight the academic, institutional, and financial needs for strengthening Ukrainian Studies in Europe, and include a perspective from regions outside of Europe.

Questions and challenges of Ukrainian studies and research at Western universities

Stanislav Tumis, Senior lecturer, Department of East European Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University

Susann Worschech, Political Sociologist, KIU Competence Network Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies Frankfurt (Oder) - Berlin - Scientific Coordinator, European University Viadrina

The Summer Institute Witnessing the War Against Ukraine: Transdisciplinary Solidarities and the Epistemologies of Witnessing

Eleonora Narvselius, Anthropologist, Lund University, Sweden

Moderated by: Vadym Zheltovskyy, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw

15:15 - 15:30 **COFFEE BREAK**



15:30 - 17:00 **Roundtable - Developing Teaching and Research in Ukrainian Studies**

Reflecting on the morning's panels, this roundtable will discuss how we can collectively develop further Ukrainian studies in Europe and the next steps to achieve this goal. Speakers will provide insights and advice for developing Ukrainian studies based on the current strengths and needs of such programmes in European universities.

Yuliya Yurchuk, Senior Lecturer of History of Idea, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University

Anton Saifullayeu, Assistant Professor in History, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

Moderated by: Jakub Zajączkowski, Saroj Kumar Aryal, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw



Day 2 - 27 May

Locating Ukrainian Studies in Training Professionals

Room: Auditorium Maximum Room B

09:30 - 10:00 **Participants registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 - 10:15 **Introductory presentation: *Why the development of Ukrainian studies matters for Ukraine's accession to the European Union***
Hugues Mingarelli, former EU ambassador to Ukraine

10:15 - 11:30 **Panel 3 - Training Experts on Ukraine: Adapting Ukrainian Studies to Professional Market Needs**

The panel will engage with professionals from various sectors to assess the need for expertise on Ukraine. Speakers will identify the skills and knowledge required in fields such as diplomacy, journalism, business, international organisations, and NGOs and explore how Ukrainian Studies can better align professional market needs in Europe.

Ukrainian studies in the context of Ukraine's EU negotiation process across education, economy, foreign policy, and other areas

Ivan Nagornyak, Expert in EU accession negotiations, former Deputy Director General of the Government Office for European and Euro-Atlantic integration

Intercultural worker in the maelstrom of war: the use of Ukrainian studies in the field of integration

Marta Ocknecht, Integration Centre Prague and Post Bellum (Help for Ukraine)

Mykola Lysenko, Founder of the Polish-Ukrainian Institute of Business Development (PUIRB)

Moderated by: Stanislav Tumis, Department of East European Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University

11:30 - 12:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 - 13:30 **Panel 4 - Developing Ukrainian Studies as an Academic Field: Institutional and Disciplinary Perspectives**

The panel will discuss the growing demand for academic expertise in Ukrainian Studies in higher education and research. Speakers will explore how to foster interdisciplinarity between social sciences, language and literature to strengthen the academic foundation of Ukrainian Studies.

Ukrainian Studies at the Crossroads of Cultures and Post-Imperial Deconstruction: Educational Models and Institutional Challenges

Katarzyna Jakubowska-Krawczyk, Director of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Warsaw



Iryna Dmytrychyn, President, Ukrainian Institute in Paris and Head of the Ukrainian Section,
Department for Europe, Inalco University

Ways and means of integrating Ukrainian studies into university curricula and research in France

Galyna Dranenko, Professor in Ukrainian language and literature, Sorbonne Université

Trends in higher education: challenges for language-based area studies

Eva Lehečková, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Charles University

Patryk Kugiel, Analyst, Polish Institute of European Affairs

Moderated by: Serhii Skrylnyk, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv