

International Seminar
"Managing Diversity in Plural Societies" *

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Organizing Institutions:

Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy, Kyiv, Ukraine

Forum Eastern Europe, Ottawa, Canada

Institute of Ethnic and Political Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

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PROGRAMME
(Kyiv, May 20-23)

May 20 - Official Opening of the Seminar

10.00 - 10.30. Welcome Greetings:

✓ **Ivan Kuras, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine**

Serhiy Holovaty, Minister of Justice of Ukraine

✓ **Chris Westdal, Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine**

✓ **Steven Lee, National Director, Canadian Center for Foreign Policy Development**

Markian Bilynskyj, Director, Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy

** The seminar will take place in the Institute of Ethnic and Political Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Address: 8 Kutuzova Str.*

Registration of participants:

May 19 - Hotel "Cooperator" (53/80 Saksahanskoho Str.),

May 20 - IEPS, from 9.00 till 10.00 am.

10.30 Morning Session

Theme: "Managing Ethnic and Cultural Diversity"

Co-chairs: Prof. Ivan Jaworsky and Yuri Levenets

✓ 10.30 - 11.10. Opening Presentation: "The Canadian Multicultural Experiment: How Relevant for Eastern Europe?" (Prof. Will Kymlicka, University of Ottawa).

Regional presentations: *Professor Levenets*

11.10 - 11.30. "The Model of the Nation in a Plural Society" (Yury Levenets, Deputy Director, Institute of Ethnic and Political Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

11.30 - 11.50. Coffee Break

✓ 11.50 - 12.10 "The Process of Institution Building in Ukraine: Protection of Human and Minority Rights" (Prof. Volodymyr Yevintov, Director, Ukrainian Centre for Human Rights).

✓ 12.10 - 12.30. "Ukraine's Membership of the Council of Europe and its implications for the Protection of Human/Minority Rights" (Tetyana Shamrayenko, Head of the Department of Legal Policy, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine)

12.30 - 12.50. Commentators:

✓ Yuri Bilukha, State Committee for Nationalities and Migration

✓ Serhiy Hrabowsky, Editor-in Chief, "Geneza" Philosophical and Political Journal: "Advantages and Potential Threats of Multi-Ethnicity in Transitional Societies"

12.50 - 13.30. Discussion

13.30 - 15.00. Lunch

15.00 Afternoon Session: Managing Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (II)

Co-Chairs: Prof. Magdalena Opalski and Oleksandr Zarembo

✓ 15.00 - 15.40. Opening Presentation: "The Management of Ethnic Diversity: The Canadian and Comparative Experience" (Prof. John McGarry, King's College, Affiliated with the University of Western Ontario).

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Regional presentations

✓ 15.40 - 16.00. "Cultural Aspects of the Ukrainian National Rebirth" (Prof. Borys Parokhonsky, the "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" National University).

✓ 16.00 - 16.20. "Nationality, Minority and Inter-Ethnic Issues in the Programmes and Activities of Ukraine's Political Parties" (Ivan Lozovy, Director, Institute of Statehood and Democracy). *Shushko*

16.20 - 16.40. Coffee Break

✓ 16.40 - 17.00. "The Legal Status of Russian Culture in Ukraine" (Prof. Mykola Shul'ha, Deputy Director, Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences, Board member of the Society of Russian Culture)

17.00 - 17.20 Commentators:

✓ Volodymyr Vasyli'iev, Department of Education, Culture, and Health Care, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

✓ Tamara Melnik, Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy

17.20 - 18.00 - Discussion

May 21. Morning Session: "Language and Education Policies"

Co-chairs: Prof. Volodymyr Yevintov and Prof. Jean-Robert Raviot

Steven Lee
✓ 9.00 - 9.40. Opening Presentation: "State, Official, and Unofficial Languages: How Involved Should the State Be in Language Planning?" (Prof. Ivan Jaworsky, University of Waterloo).

Regional presentations

✓ 9.40 - 10.00. "Mutual Perceptions of "Titular Ethnos" and Ethnic Minorities in Ukraine" (Oleksandr Mayboroda, Expert of the Center for Political Analysis of the "Den" Newspaper)

✓ 10.00 - 10.20. "Minorities' Education and Languages in Ukraine". (Tetyana Klinchenko, Institute of Ethnic and Political Studies).

— 10.20 - 10.40. "Specificity and Social Status of Intelligentsia, Intellectuals, and Elites in Multicultural Society" (Mykola Tomenko, Vice-President, "Ukrainian Prospects" Foundation).

10.40 - 11.00. Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.30. Commentators:

↑ Boris Tsilevich, Baltic Insight Research and Educational Centre, Riga, Latvia: "Language Policy and Social Conflict in Latvia"

✓ Leonid Finberg, Director, Institute of Jewish Studies, Kyiv: "The Jewish National Minority in Ukraine: Problems and Prospects"

11.30 - 12.30. Discussion

12.30 - 14.00. Lunch

14.00. Afternoon Session:

✓ Co-Chairs: Prof. Vyacheslav Pokotylo and Prof. Will Kymlicka

✓ 14.00 - 14.40. Opening Presentation: "Promoting Inter-Cultural Understanding: Canada's Multicultural Programs" (Judy Young, Special Advisor, Multiculturalism, Canada Heritage Department).

Regional presentations:

14.40 - 15.00. "Insuring the Educational Needs of Ethnic Communities in Ukraine: The Multicultural Aspect" (Borys Chyzhevsky, Head of the Department of National Minorities and New Educational Institutions, Ministry of Education of Ukraine).

15.00 - 15.20. National Languages and National Education for Ethnic Communities in Crimea: the Needs and the Realities" (Prof. Lenur Arifov, Head of the Commission on National Minorities and Deported Peoples, Parliament of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea).

15.20 - 15.40. "Ukrainian-Jewish Relations in Education and Scholarship in Ukraine" (Oleksandr Zarembo, Institute of Ethnic and Political Studies)

15.40 - 16.00. Coffee Break

16.00 - 16.30. Commentators:

Ilona Tomova, Committee for the Defence of Minorities, Sofia, Bulgaria: "Ethnic Stereotypes in Public Education in Bulgaria"

Andrzej Chojnowski, Dept. of History, University of Warsaw, Poland: "The Experience of the Polish-Israeli Commission for the Revision of History Textbooks"

16.30 - 17.30. Discussion

May 22. Morning Session: "Migration and Refugees"

Co-chairs: Oleg Shamshur and Oleksandr Piskun

9.00 - 9.40. Opening Presentation: "Migration Issues in Ukraine: Seen from a Canadian and Comparative Perspective" (Prof. Magda Opalski, Carleton University).

Regional Presentations:

9.40 - 10.00. "Development of Ukraine's Legislation on Migration Issues" (Oleksandr Piskun, Migration Problems Research Center).

10.00 - 10.20. "IOM's Capacity Building and Direct Assistance Programmes in Ukraine". (Nicolas de Zwager, Head of the Office, IOM Kyiv Bureau)

10.20 - 10.40. "Recommendations of the UNHCR on Improving the National Legislation of Ukraine Concerning Refugees" (Christoph Bierwirth, Senior Legal Officer, UNHCR Office in Ukraine)

10.40 - 11.00. Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.30. Commentators

Oleh Shamshur, First Deputy Chairman, State Committee of Ukraine on Nationalities and Migration. "CIS Geneva Conference of 1996 and the Follow-up Activities"

Yuriy Buznytsky, Chair, Migration Problems Research Center: "NGO Involvement in Migration and Refugees Issues"

Volodymyr Novik, Department for Nationalities and Migration, Kyiv State Administration. Regular and Irregular Migrants in Kyiv City: Current Situation and General Trends"

11.30 - 12.30. Discussion

12.30 - 14.00. Lunch

14.00 Afternoon Session: "Regional Elites and Regional Ethnopolitics"

Co-Chairs: Serhiy Hrabovskyj and Boris Tsilevich



- ✓ 14.00 - 14.40. Opening Presentation: "Federalism, Autonomy, and Self-Determination" (Prof. Jean-Robert Raviot, Fondation National des Sciences Politiques, Paris).

Regional presentations

- ✓ 14.40 - 15.00. "Ethno-Regional Policy in Ukraine: Current Situation and Prospects" (Prof. Yury Rymarenko, Institute of the State and Law, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine).

- ✓ 15.00 - 15.20. "Regional Politics and Ukraine's National Security" (Hryhoriy Perepelytsia, National Institute of Strategic Studies).

- ✓ 15.20 - 15.40. "The Situation, Problems, and Objectives of the Transcarpathian Hungarians" (Miklosh Kovach, Head of the Association of Hungarian Culture, Uzhhorod).

15.40 - 16.00. Coffee Break

- ✓ 16.00 - 16.20. "Ethnic Russians in Crimea: Past and Present" (Prof. Volodymyr Kazarin, General Director, Crimean Research Center of Humanities, Simferopol).

✓ 16.20 - 16.50. Commentators:

Volodymyr Kulyk, Center for Political Analysis of the "Den" newspaper

Oleksiy Haran', Department of Political Sciences, "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" National University.

16.50 - 17.30. Discussion

May 23. Theme: "The Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

Morning Session

Co-chairs: Prof. Lenur Arifov and Ivan Lozoviy,

- ✓ 9.00 - 9.40. Opening Presentation: "The Special Case of Indigenous Peoples: A Canadian and Comparative Perspective" (Prof. Jeremy Webber, Faculty of Law, McGill University).

Regional Presentations

✓ 9.40 - 10.00. "Developing Legislation Concerning Indigenous Peoples: Ukraine's Approach" (Igor Koliushko, Commission on Legal Policy and Judicial Reform., Verhovna Rada of Ukraine)

✓ 10.00 - 10.20. "International Law, Crimean Tatars, and their Struggle for Indigenous Status" (Nadyr Bekirov, Head of the Department of Law and Politics, Mejlis of Crimean Tatar People)

✓ 10.20 - 10.40 "Public Attitudes Concerning the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (Natalie Belitser, Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy)

10.40 - 11.00. Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.30 Commentators:

✓ Valentyna Polistchuk, Head of the Sector on Citizenship, Department of Citizenship, Administration of the President of Ukraine: "Changes in the Ukraine's Legislation on Citizenship in a Process of State Building"

✓ Oleksandr Moskaletz, National Institute for Strategic Studies: "Political Aspects of the Problem of Indigenous Peoples in Ukraine"

11.30 - 12.30. Discussion

12.30 - 14.00. Lunch

✓ 14.00. Afternoon Session:

Co-Chairs: Prof. Roman Zvarych and Nadyr Bekirov

✓ 14.00 - 14.40. Opening Presentation: "The Rights of Indigenous Peoples: International Perspectives" (Prof. Bill Bowring, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex).

Regional presentations:

✓ 14.40 - 15.00. "The Crimean Tatars: A Historical Perspective on their Indigenous Status in Crimea" (Prof. Valerij Vozgrin, Institute of History, St.-Petersburg Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation).

15.00 - 15.45. Commentators:

Status of Indigenous Peoples in European Liberal Democracies.

Representatives of the Embassies of Denmark and Finland

✓ Concluding Comments by the organizers:

John Jaworsky, FEE

Natalie Belitser, POID

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ARRIVAL DAY

12 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Arrival to Simferopol meeting in the airport by the representatives of Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Karaim and Krymchak's Societies, Voluntary Organisations - participants and Seminar's organizers.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Placing in the hotel ("Tavria" tourist centre), short rest and lunch in same place.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The meeting with the Chairman of Mejlis of Crimean Tatar People - MR. M. Jemilev

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Visit to the Crimean Tatar settlement Molodezhnoe and other settlements of Crimean Tatar People. Visit to Kebir-Dzhami mosque.

7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Crimean Tatar restaurant "Nesheli" with Ukrainian (Crimean) indigenous peoples' societies representatives participation.

11:30 p.m.

Departure to the hotel

THE 2ND DAY

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

A breakfast

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

The participants' registration ("Tavria" tourist centre's conference-room).

9:30 a.m.

Conference opening. The Chairman - Natalie Belitser, Co-ordinator of the Pilip Orlyk Institute for Democracy.

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.

A Speech of welcome (Professor Magda Opalsky)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Session: Indigenous Peoples, National Minorities and Ethnic Ukrainians in Crimea. The Chairman

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Report: Indigenous Peoples in Crimea: historical destiny, possible perspectives. V.E. Vozgrin, Sant-Petersburg branch of the Russian Scientific Academy (Russian Federation), an academician of the Danish Royal Scientists Academy.

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Supplementary report: The Crimean Karaims - a fit to the revival.

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10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Supplementary report: The Krymchaks - to save the ethnos.

11 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Report: Ukrainians in Crimea: title nation or national minority? Leonid Pilunsky, Co-Chairman Helsinki Citizens Assembly Crimean Branch.

11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Зыгарел ("Coziatru")
Report: Russians of Crimea: ethnic selfidentification, cultural priorities. Prof. Bladimir Kazarin, Chairman of the Society of Russian Culture.

11:40 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Cultural and tongue variety saving and supporting in the polyethnic community (reporter from Canada)

12 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Coffee-break

12:20 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Discussion

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch ("Tavria" Tourist centre)

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Excursion to the Museum of local lore, history, and economy

2:30 p.m.

Departure to Bakhchisaray by bus.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Excursion in the Khan-Palace accompanied by representatives of the scientific and pedagogical public.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

An alternative Program: a visit to the Crimean Tatar national school in Vilino (quests can by own opinion to divide into two groups by the interests: historical-ethnographic and pedagogical).

5:15 p.m.

Visiting of Chufut-Kale

5:30 p.m. - 6:30

Excursion in Chufut-Kale accompanied by representatives of Karaims.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Departure to Yalta by bus.

8:30 p.m.

Placing in the "Dulber" sanatorium (Miskhor)

9 p.m.

A supper in the "Dulber" sanatorium

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THE 3RD DAY

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

A breakfast

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

The Mooring Session. The Chairman: 1) prof. John Yavorsky
2) Nadir Bekirov.

A Round Table. The Democracy and Human Rights in the polycultural and polyethnic community.

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Looking a films: «A Formerly deported peoples' status and relations with the state».

11:45 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Coffee-break

12 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Discussion

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Lunch

2 p.m.

A Round Table. The Democracy and Human Rights in the polycultural and polyethnic community
(continue).

The Chairman: 1) A. Piskun - The Migration Problems Research Centre (Kiev).

2) Boris Tsilevich - Director of the Social Researches Centre (Latvia).

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Coffee-break.

«Stariy Krim» Ramis Nitovkin's and «Returning» Refkat Yakubov's exhibitions representation.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Summary.

The Chairman: 1) Yuriy Buznitsky - Director of the Migration Problems Research Centre
(Kiev).

2) Jean-Robert Raviot - Foundation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France)

7:30 p.m.

Leaving to Yalta.

8 p.m.

Visiting «Alie» Cultural Centre. Cultural Program.

11 p.m.

Returning to the «Dulber» sanatorium.

THE 4TH DAY

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

A breakfast

9:15 a.m.

Leaving to Livadia

10 a.m.

Excursion in the Livadia Palace.

11 a.m.

Leaving to Simferopol

12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Press conference (Simferopol).

2 p.m.

Leaving to the airport

3:13 p.m.

Departure to the Kiev

Note: The organisations, which are responsible for the Seminar's Crimean part: "Crimea" Foundation, "Assistance" Foundation on Naturalization and Human Rights, Crimean Regional Committee of the Helsinki Citizen Assembly, Crimean Branch of the "Renaissance" International Foundation.