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UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL ENCOUNTERS SERIES EVENT

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Date: October 23-24, 2015
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A Special Event in the
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Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series

Day One – Friday – October 23

Venue: Wild Rose Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

8:30 am – 9:00 am — Registration

9:00 am – 9:40 am — Forum Focus Event I: Looking Back at the 'Peace of 1945' & Serving Historical Memory

Chair:
Lubomyr Hajda [Harvard University]

Featured Speaker:
Volodymyr Kravchenko [Director/CIUS-University of Alberta]

9:40 am – 11:05 am — Session I: The Yalta Summit/Expectations & Results [Jan-Feb '45]

Moderator:
Roman Petryshyn [MacEwan University]

Speakers:
Yuri Shapoval [National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine]
Paul Goble [Tartu University/Windows on Eurasia]

11:05 am – 11:15 am — Coffee Break

11:15 am – 12:40 pm — Session II: In the Wake of the War—The Human Cost; The San Francisco Conference [Mar-Apr '45]

Moderator:
Myroslav Yurkevich [University of Alberta]

Speakers:
Olexandr Hladun [Institute of Demography and Social Studies/NASU]
Valeriy Kuchinsky [Columbia University]

12:40 pm – 1:10 pm — Lunch Break

1:10 pm – 1:50 pm — Forum Focus Event II: Soviet and Post Soviet Remembrances of World War II and Its Aftermath in Russia

Chair:
Zenon Kohut [University of Alberta]

Featured Speaker:
Yitzhak Brudny [Hebrew University of Jerusalem]

1:50 pm – 3:15 pm — Session III: VE Day—A Triumph Celebrated Twice [May '45]

Moderator:
Bohdan Harasymiv [CIUS-University Of Alberta]

Speakers:
Vladislav Hrynevych [National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine]
Janusz Bugajski [Center for European Policy Analysis]

3:15 pm – 3:25 pm — Coffee Break

3:25 pm – 4:50 pm — Session IV: The Potsdam Gathering [Expectations/Results] [Jul-Aug '45]

Moderator:
Lori Thorlakson [University of Alberta]

Speakers:
Derek Fraser [University of Victoria]
Vlad Socor [Jamestown Foundation/EDM]

4:50 pm – 5:30 pm — Forum Focus Event III: Soviet and Post Soviet Remembrances of World War II and Its Aftermath in Ukraine

Chair:
Serge Cipko [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies]

Featured Speaker:
George Liber [University of Alabama]

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm — Speakers and Moderators Reception [By Invitation Only]

Venue: Alumni House, University of Alberta

Event 'Reflection': "Grappling with Fateful & Painful Memories: From the Holocaust to Katyn Forest"

Chair:
Svitlana Krys [MacEwan University]

Featured Speaker:
Yaroslav Hrytsak [Ukrainian Catholic University]

Day Two – Saturday – October 24

Venue: Wild Rose Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

8:30 am – 9:00 am — Registration

9:00 am – 9:40 am — Forum Focus Event IV: "Making Sense of the Road from Potsdam to Churchill's Talk in Fulton, Missouri"

Chair:
Frank Sysyn [CIUS-University of Alberta]

Featured Speaker:
Ariel Cohen [Atlantic Council of the United States]

9:40 am – 11:05 am — Session V: The 'Peace of 1945'/Case Study in Consequences: The Crimean Tatars and Postwar UA Refugees

Moderator:
Myroslav Shkandrij [University of Manitoba]

Speakers:
Robert Keyserlingk [University of Ottawa] (dec.) - read by Jars Balan [University of Alberta]
Hakan Kirimli [Bilkent University]

11:05 am – 11:15 am — Coffee Break

11:15 am – 12:40 pm — Session VI: The 'Peace of 1945'/Case Study in Consequences: Poland & Baltic States

Moderator:
Heather Coleman [University of Alberta]

Speakers:
Janusz Onyszkiewicz [International Center for Democratic Transition]
Marius Laurinavicius [Center For European Policy Analysis]

12:40 pm – 1:10 pm — Lunch Break

1:10 pm – 1:50 pm — Forum Focus Event V: "Post WW II 'Population Transfers': Taking Measure of the Turmoil and the Toll"

Chair:
Zuzanna Lorek [University of Alberta]

Featured Speaker:
Jan M. Piskorski [University of Szczecin]

1:50 pm – 3:15 pm — Session VII: The 'Peace of 1945'/Case Study in Consequences: Moldova & Romania

Moderator:
Bohdan Klid [CIUS-University of Alberta]

Speakers:
Vlad Spânu [The Moldova Foundation]
Aurel Braun [University of Toronto]

3:15 pm – 3:25 pm — Coffee Break

3:25 pm – 4:50 pm — Session VIII: The 'Peace of 1945'/Case Study in Consequences: Austria & Finland

Moderator:
David Wineroither [University of Innsbruck]

Speakers:
Mark Von Hagen [Arizona State University]
Pekka Holopainen [Oak Leaf League for the War Veterans´ Heritage/Finland]

4:50 pm – 5:30 pm — Forum Focus Event VI: 'The Peace of '45 and the Current Situation in Ukraine'

Chair:
Walter Zaryckyj [Center for US-Ukrainian Relations]

Featured Speaker:
Herman Pirchner [American Foreign Policy Council]

Host Moderator for Forum: Walter Zaryckyj/Center for US-Ukrainian Relations

7:00 pm – 9:45 pm — Cocktails and Post Forum Banquet

Maple Leaf Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

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Introduction of Special Guests

Event 'Reflection': "The 'Peace of 1945' and the Current State of World Affairs"

Introduction:
Taras Kuzio [CIUS-University of Alberta]

Featured Speaker:
James Sherr [Royal Institute of International Affairs/Chatham House]

Remarks on the Occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies and a Note of Gratitude to the Forum Participants:
Volodymyr Kravchenko [Director/CIUS-University of Alberta]

Jars Balan is Coordinator of the Kule Ukrainian Canadian Studies Centre for the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta. He is the author of numerous scholarly and popular articles on Ukrainian Canadian history, literature and theatre, and an illustrated history of Ukrainians in Canada published by Oxford University Press. He is currently involved in initiating and conducting research on the Ukrainian community in Canada during the Second World War and its immediate aftermath. He will be reading an unpublished paper by the late Robert J. Keyserlingk of the University of Ottawa.

Aurel Braun is currently a Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the University of Toronto. He is also a Center Associate of the Davis Center at Harvard University. Additionally he is a senior member of the Centre for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies and of the Centre for International Studies, and a Fellow and Senator of Trinity College at the University of Toronto. Between July 2012 and June 2015 he was a Visiting Professor teaching in the Department of Government, Harvard University. Professor Braun has twice been appointed a Visiting Scholar at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. In March 2009, the Federal Cabinet via a Governor-in-Council appointment made Professor Braun the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy) for a three-year term. Professor Braun has published extensively on communist affairs and strategic studies with a special focus on the problems of the transformation of the socialist systems in the former Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe. He is also a specialist in international law. He is the author and/or editor of several books. His latest book is *NATO-Russia Relations in the 21st Century*. His forthcoming book is on Russia, the West and Arctic Security.

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Janusz Bugajski is a Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) in Washington DC and host of television shows broadcast in the Balkans. Bugajski has authored 19 books on Europe, Russia, and trans-Atlantic relations and is a columnist for several media outlets. His recent books include *Conflict Zones: North Caucasus and Western Balkans Compared (*2014), *Return of the Balkans: Challenges to European Integration and U.S. Disengagement* (2013), *Georgian Lessons: Conflicting Russian and Western Interests in the Wider Europe* (2010), *Dismantling the West: Russia's Atlantic Agenda* italicize (2009), America's New European Allies (2009); and *Expanding Eurasia: Russia's European Ambitions* italicize 2008). He is currently working on a book entitled *Eurasian Disunion: Russia's Vulnerable Flanks,* italicize with Margarita Assenova.

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Derek Fraser is a Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Global Studies, Adjunct Professor for Political Science, both at the University of Victoria, and adviser to the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta. He has supported democratization in Ukraine, given lectures on various topics, organized or contributed to academic and foreign policy conferences, notably on Eastern Europe, Ukraine, failed states, the European Union, and China. Derek Fraser had a long career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He served as Canada's envoy in Ukraine from 1998 to 2001, in Greece from 1995 to 1998, and in Hungary from 1988 to 1993. Ambassador Fraser has also worked at Canadian missions in Vietnam, Germany, Russia and Belgium. At headquarters, he was variously Acting Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau, Director at different times of the East and West European Divisions, and Deputy Director of the Latin American Division.

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Paul Goble is a longtime specialist on ethnic and religious questions in Eurasia. Most recently, he was director of research and publications at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy. Earlier, he served as vice dean for the social sciences and humanities at Audentes University in Tallinn and a senior research associate at the Euro College of the University of Tartu in Estonia. While there, he launched the "Window on Eurasia" series. Prior to joining the faculty there in 2004, he served in various capacities in the U.S. State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the International Broadcasting Bureau as well as at the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

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Bohdan Harasymiw is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Calgary, and Acting Coordinator, Centre for Political and Regional Studies at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta. Born in Saskatchewan, he studied at the Royal Military College and Queen's University (both in Kingston, Ontario) as well as at the University of Alberta, before completing his doctorate at the University of Toronto. He joined the University of Calgary in 1969, where he continued teaching until his retirement in 2005. Since retirement, he has participated as an election observer with the Canadian mission in Ukraine in 2006, 2007, and 2010. In 1989-91, he was seconded to the federal government in Ottawa as a Strategic Analyst with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Pekka Holopainen is a retired colonel of the Finnish Army. During his 33-year military career he served in several chief of staff and commander level posts. His international experience includes the post of the Head of the Force Capability Unit in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Chief of the Civil-Military Division, KFOR, as well as the Deputy Head of Mission and Deputy Chief Military Observer, UNMOGIP. In October 2013, after being retired from the Defence Forces, Colonel Holopainen was selected as the Executive Director, Oak Leaf League for the War Veterans´Heritage (Finland).

Vladyslav Hrynevych has been an academic associate of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine since 1988; he is presently Senior Researcher of Ukrainian History tasked with studying the Stalinist Era, World World II and the politics of memory. After completing his undergraduate studies at Kviv National University in 1988, he was awarded a Kandydat Istorychnykh Nauk in 1994 and advanced to Doktor Politychnykh Nauk in 2007. Professional honors have included fellowship study through the Shklar program at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute and through the Jacyk program at CIUS (Universities of Alberta and Toronto), a Fulbright-Kennan scholarship from the Woodrow Wilson International Center (Washington D.C.), a fellowship to work at The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam University, and inclusion in a professional exchange project, "U.S. Perspectives on Holocaust and Holodomor Studies," developed under the framework of the International Visitor Leadership Program by US Government.

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