

US-UA WORKING GROUP  
**YEARLY SUMMIT**  
**XIII**

PROVIDING UKRAINE WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD  
AMIDST WAR

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in the US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit XIII Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War – Year Four, scheduled to be on June 18, 2025 at the National Press Club in Washington DC. The forum will bring together government and key non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the US to take measure of Ukraine's 2023-2024 progress/regress in six traditional categories associated with advanced polities: "democratic governance, mature market economics, energy security, general security, social cohesion and an established yet forbearing national identity" in the face of continued high intensity conflict on her soil. To facilitate the said examination, the event will run six panel discussions, two highlight focus sessions and a tally-master report. In total, more than two dozen featured speakers are expected to address the conference proceedings.

## SUMMIT INVOCATION

Oh Lord, Master of Heaven and Earth  
You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,  
We beseech you to help Her sustain  
Your precious gift

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## PROGRAM

### **US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit XIII Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War – Year Four June 18, 2025**

**Venue: The University Club | 1135 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW | Washington DC 20036**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM      Registration**

**9:00 AM – 9:05 AM      Word of Welcome**

**9:05 AM – 10:10 AM    Panel Discussion I**

*Theme: Robust Democratic Politics – Assessing Ukraine's Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Amb. William Taylor [Atlantic Council of the United States]

Panelists/Graders:

- Steven Nix [Director for Europe & Eurasia/International Republican Institute]
- Bo Pyskir [Vice President/Rebuilding Ukraine Association]
- Orest Deychakiwsky [US Helsinki Commission Policy Advisor 1981-2017]

Special Commentator:

- Katie Fox [Deputy Director for Eurasia/National Democratic Institute]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Free Media & Respect for Human Rights*
- *Effective Political Parties & Strong Civil Society*
- *Appropriate Governance Amidst Martial Law*
- *Conditions in Occupied Ukraine*

**10:10 AM – 11:15 AM    Panel Discussion II**

*Theme: Mature Market Economics – Assessing Ukraine's Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Amb. William Courtney [A-Senior Fellow/RAND Corporation]

Panelists/Graders:

- Anders Aslund [Chairman/Economics Education and Research Consortium]
- Howard Shatz [Senior Economist/RAND Corporation]
- Tymofiy Mylovanov [President/Kyiv School of Economics]

Special Commentator:

- Jon Queen [President/Berezan Port Project]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Sound Fiscal Policy*
- *Sound Monetary Policy*
- *General Business Transparency*
- *Well Articulated Plans for Post War Recovery*

**11:15 AM – 11:20 AM    Coffee Break**

**11:20 AM – 12:25 PM    Panel Discussion III**

*Theme: Ever Greater General Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Glen Howard [President/Saratoga Foundation]

Panelists/Graders:

- Luke Coffey [Senior Fellow/Hudson Institute]
- George Barros [Institute for the Study of War]
- Phillip Petersen [President/New Generation Warfare Center]

Special Commentator: Steven Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Professionalized Armed Forces*
- *Modernized Military Industrial Complex*
- *Reliable Allies*
- *Reliable Strategy to End the War Favorably*

**12:25 PM – 12:40 PM    Lunch    [Press Interviews During Break]**

**12:40 PM – 12:55 PM    First Highlight Focus Session**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable & Prosperous Ukraine At Peace With Neighbors Matters---UA Gov’t Vantage Point*

Featured Speaker:

- HE Oksana Markarova [Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States]

**12:55 PM – 1:15 PM    Second Highlight Focus Session (w/ Q & A)**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable & Prosperous Ukraine At Peace With Neighbors Matters---US Gov’t Vantage Point*

Featured Speaker:

- Kyle Parker [US Helsinki Commission Senior Senate Representative]

**1:15 PM – 2:20 PM    Panel Discussion IV**

*Theme: Ever Greater Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Amb. Roman Popadiuk [Diplomacy Center Foundation]

Panelists/Graders:

- Ariel Cohen [EG &SP Director/International Tax and Incentive Center]
- Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]
- Jock Mendoza-Wilson [Director of Communications/SCM-DTEK]

Special Commentator: Max Pyziur [DTFE & NGP Research Director/ Energy Research Policy Foundation]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Expanding Domestic Production*
- *Improving Transport Capacity*
- *Enlarging Storage Capacity*
- *Maintaining an Effective Wartime Energy Infrastructure Repair System*

**2:20 PM – 2:25 PM    Coffee Break**

### **2:25 PM – 2:40 PM Third Highlight Focus Session**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable & Prosperous Ukraine At Peace With Neighbors Matters---US NGO Vantage Point*

Featured Speaker:

- Kurt Volker [Distinguished Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]

### **2:40 PM – 3:00 PM Fourth Highlight Focus Session (w/ Q & A)**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable & Prosperous Ukraine At Peace With Neighbors Matters---UA Private Sector View*

Featured Speaker:

- Pavlo Chumak [President/SunPro]

### **3:00 PM – 4:05 PM Panel Discussion V**

*Theme: Viable Social Cohesion – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Amb. John Herbst [Eurasia Center Director/Atlantic Council of the United States]

Panelists/Graders:

- Kateryna Shynkaruk [Bush School of Governance/Texas A&M]
- Amb. James Gilmore III [US Ambassador to the OSCE 2019-2021]
- Ilan Berman [Senior Vice President/American Foreign Policy Council]

Special Commentator:

- Thomas Lang [Founder & CEO/Rebuilding Ukraine Association]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Stable Inter-Ethnic Relations*
- *Stable Inter-Faith Relations*
- *Stable Class Relations*
- *Ability to Withstand the Stresses of War & Hybrid War*

### **4:05 PM – 5:10 PM Panel Discussion VI**

*Theme: Established National Identity – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Discussion Leader/Grader:

- Herman Pirchner [President/American Foreign Policy Council]

Panelists/Graders:

- Alexander Motyl [Professor of Political Science/Rutgers University]
- Janusz Bugajski [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]
- David Kiritchenko [Associate Research Fellow/Henry Jackson Society]

Special Commentator:

- Volodymyr Havrysh [Chair/“Modern Ukraine” Charitable Foundation]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *A Sense of a Common Past*
- *A Sense of a Common Future*
- *Ability to Forge Unity out of Plurality*
- *Ability to Overcome the Devastating Effects of War*

### **5:10 PM – 5:15 PM Tally Master's Count and a Final Word**

## SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Anders Aslund, currently Chairman of the Economics Education and Research Consortium, senior fellow at the Stockholm Free World Forum and adjunct professor at Georgetown University, has been focusing on the systemic transition from a centrally planned economy to a market economy in the post Soviet space for over 30 years. He has been an advisor to, among others, the presidents of Russia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan and has contributed to the economic policy of the Baltic States. From 1989 to 1994 he was a professor of international economics at the Stockholm School of Economics. He graduated from the Stockholm School of Economics, and earned a PhD from Oxford University.

Margarita Assenova is a Senior Fellow at the Jamestown Foundation in Washington DC. and a regular contributor to its flagship publication Eurasia Daily Monitor covering energy security and politics in Europe and Eurasia. For over two decades, she served as Advanced Area Studies Chair for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia at the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State. Ms. Assenova is a recipient of the John Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University for her reporting on nationalism in the Balkans. Her books include *Eurasian Disunion: Russia's Vulnerable Flanks* with Janusz Bugajski (Jamestown Foundation, 2016) and *Azerbaijan and the New Energy Geopolitics of Southeastern Europe, Ed.* (Jamestown Foundation, 2015). Her report Nord Stream 2: Myths, Reality, and the Way Forward (CEPA, 2018) exposed Russian energy ambitions in Europe and offered policy recommendations to U.S. and European policy makers.

George Barros is the Russia & Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) Team Lead on the Russia and Ukraine portfolio at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). His work with the Russia and Ukraine portfolio focuses on Russian information operations, the Kremlin's operational art and campaign design in Ukraine and Belarus, and Ukrainian politics. He has worked on every major effort of the Russia Team since the 2020 Belarus protests. Mr. Barros regularly briefs senior military and political decision-makers and participates in global forums to educate Western allies and partners. His work and interviews have been featured in media outlets such as *The Hill*, the *Washington Post*, *BBC*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *Voice of America*, *Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty*, *Kyiv Post*, and the *Kyiv Independent*.

Ilan Berman is Senior Vice President of the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, DC. An expert on regional security in the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Russian Federation, he has consulted for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency as well as the U.S. Departments of State and Defense, and has also provided assistance on foreign policy and national security issues to a range of governmental agencies and congressional offices. He has been called one of America's "leading experts on the Middle East and Iran" by CNN. A frequent writer and commentator, Mr. Berman has written for the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, the New York Times, Foreign Policy, the Washington Post and USA Today, among many other publications.

Stephen Blank is currently Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute; immediately prior to his present position, he was Senior Fellow on Russia at the American Foreign Policy Council. Earlier, Dr. Blank spent 24 years, 1989-2013, as a Professor of National Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. His expertise covers the entire Russian and post-Soviet region and he has also written extensively on defense strategy, arms control, information warfare, energy issues, US foreign and defense policy, European, and Asian security.

Janusz Bugajski is a Senior Fellow at the Jamestown Foundation in Washington DC and host of television shows broadcast in the Balkans. Bugajski has authored 21 books on Europe, Russia, and trans-Atlantic relations. His recent books include *Failed State: A Guide to Russia's Rupture* (2022), *Eurasian Disunion: Russia's Vulnerable Flanks* (with Margarita Assenova) (2016); and *Conflict Zones: North Caucasus and Western Balkans Compared* (2014). His forthcoming book is titled *Pivotal Poland: Europe's Rising Strategic Player*. He is a contributor to several media outlets in the US and Europe and has testified for US congressional committees, including the Helsinki Commission, Senate Foreign Relations, Senate Armed Services, House Foreign Affairs, and House Defense Appropriations, and has given presentations in the European Parliament.

Pavlo Chumak is a Ukrainian entrepreneur and philanthropist, founder and head of the international group of companies Sunpro group, which operates in Ukraine, the European Union, and the United States. Over the past decade, he has successfully implemented a number of projects in the fields of food industry, maritime logistics, port infrastructure, and renewable energy. He is currently working on several large-scale initiatives, including the development of the largest deep-water port on the Black Sea and the establishment of two industrial parks in southern Ukraine. He is deeply committed to philanthropic efforts. With his support, numerous social initiatives have been implemented, including the provision of medical equipment, reconstruction of road infrastructure, and support for spiritual and cultural development programs.

Luke Coffey is presently Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute. Immediately prior to his current posting, he served as Director of the Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation where he was responsible for directing policy research for the Middle East, Africa, Russia and the former Soviet Union, the Western Hemisphere, the Arctic region, and NATO. Earlier, Mr. Coffey was engaged as a special adviser to Britain's Ministry of Defence after having served as an officer in the United States Armed Forces, with deployments in South Europe and Afghanistan.

Ariel Cohen, LLB & PhD, is a recognized authority in political risk, international energy, and security. He is the Founding Principal of International Market Analysis Ltd, a boutique consulting firm dealing with geoeconomic, geostrategic, energy, and natural resources ([www.IMAStrategy.com](http://www.IMAStrategy.com)). Dr. Cohen is also an internationally recognized expert on Russia/Eurasia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. He is a Senior Fellow with the non-profit International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) and Director of Energy, Growth, and Security Program (EGS) at the said institution; he concurrently holds a non-resident Senior Fellowship at the Eurasian Studies Center at the Atlantic Council. For over 20 years, Dr. Cohen served as a Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies and International Energy Policy at the Sarah and Douglas Allison Center at the Heritage Foundation.

William Courtney is an adjunct senior fellow at nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation. He chairs the board of trustees of Eurasia Foundation, which carries out programs abroad to improve governance and strengthen civil society. He co-chairs the international advisory council of the America 250 Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. It will oversee and encourage commemorations of the 250th anniversary of America's founding in 1776. For 28 years he was a foreign service officer in the Department of State, and 14 years a corporate executive. He served as Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Georgia, and the U.S.-Soviet Commission to implement the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

Orest Deychakiwsky is Co-chairman of the Transatlantic Task Force on Ukraine (TTFU). Concurrently, he is a Senior Advisor at the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council. Earlier, Mr. Deychakiwsky worked at the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), an independent US government agency, covering many issues and countries during a 36 year tenure (1981-2017). His country responsibilities included Ukraine and Belarus. While at the Commission, he served as a member of official US delegations to numerous conferences and meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/CSCE); additionally, he managed to observe nearly three dozen elections in nine countries, mostly as a member of US delegations to OSCE Parliamentary Assembly international election observation missions.

Andrij Dobriansky, Director of Communications for the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, is often referred to as the most visible face of the Ukrainian American community. With a history of appearances on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, MSNBC, PBS, NPR, Voice of America and other outlets, he assists Ukraine and its worldwide diaspora in getting its message out. At the United Nations, he is the Chair of the UN Affairs Committee for the Ukrainian World Congress, the international assembly of all public organizations in the Ukrainian diaspora of over 20 million people.

Katie Fox is deputy director of the Eurasia department at NDI. Prior to joining the Institute more than 15 years ago, Ms. Fox was legislative director for a large labor union as well as serving as an aide to two U.S. senators and a congressman. In her current role, Ms. Fox oversees NDI election monitoring, civic organizing and political party development programs in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Moldova. She has monitored elections in Bosnia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Ukraine, and served on a NDI pre-election delegation to Ukraine in 2007.

James Gilmore III was elected as Virginia's 68th Governor in 1997. From 1999 to 2003, Gov. Gilmore served as Chairman of the Congressional panel known as the "Gilmore Commission" to assess America's capabilities to respond to a terrorist attack. He ran for the GOP nomination for president from July 2015 to February 2016. In November 2018, Gov. Gilmore was nominated to serve as the U.S. Representative to the United States Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; he was sworn in June 2019 and served until January 2021. Shortly after leaving the post, he traveled to Ukraine as the head of a delegation (May 2021); he met with numerous Ukrainian cabinet and national security officials. The veteran chief executive & envoy continues to participate in the foreign policy community every day to promote American values with our Western Allies to combat authoritarianism across the world.

Volodymyr Havrysh is a Ukrainian volunteer, civic leader, and founder of the charitable foundation "Modern Ukraine," which has become a strong source of support for thousands of people since the first days of Russia's full-scale invasion. Together with a dedicated team and partners from Ukraine and abroad, Volodymyr has raised over 200 million UAH (around \$5 million USD) to support the Ukrainian military. But his efforts go far beyond the front lines. He also leads and supports dozens of projects for children, veterans, and families of fallen soldiers — for everyone who needs care, dignity, and hope for the future. The foundation is also known for its cultural and

social initiatives, including Unleash Ukraine, ForKids, and Skill Forge — projects that help shape a new, resilient Ukrainian reality.

John Herbst is the senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Ambassador Herbst served for thirty-one years as a foreign service officer in the US Department of State, retiring at the rank of career minister. He was the US ambassador to Ukraine from 2003 to 2006. Prior to his ambassadorship in Ukraine, he was the ambassador to Uzbekistan from 2000 to 2003. Ambassador Herbst previously served as US consul general in Jerusalem; principal deputy to the ambassador-at-large for the Newly Independent States; director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs; director of regional affairs in the Near East Bureau; and at the embassies in Tel Aviv, Moscow, and Saudi Arabia. He most recently served as director of the Center for Complex Operations at the National Defense University. He has received two Presidential Distinguished Service Awards, the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award, the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Glen E. Howard currently serves as the President and Chairman of The Saratoga Foundation. Before his time in Saratoga, Mr. Howard was President of the Jamestown Foundation; he shaped the research and analysis activities of the said institution for 20+ years and extensively interacted with prominent leaders, experts, and national strategists from Europe and Eurasia. Earlier, he was an analyst at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Strategic Assessment Center. His articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, and *Jane's Defense Weekly*; he has consulted private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council and oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Mykola Hryckowian is currently Director of the Washington DC office of the Center for US Ukrainian Relations (CUSUR); the Center has organized over 100 forums dealing with US-UA bilateral ties in the areas of national and energy security as well as economic and civil society development. From 2014 to 2015, Mr. Hryckowian was the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Ukraine, a coalition of US NGO and Ukrainian-American communities that successfully advocated for the passage of the Ukraine Freedom Support Act 2014 and for the creation of the Senate Ukraine Caucus in 2015. In 2019, he was elected president of the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedom for Ukraine and presently serving a second term in the post.

Tom Lang, president of Lang Development and Consulting Inc. and leading figure in the Rebuilding Ukraine Association, is a seasoned executive with over thirty-five years of building and managing multi-million-dollar construction and materials companies and projects in domestic and international markets. He is acknowledged for his ability to interface with foreign governments, comply with international regulations, create positive relations with clients, and be well received by executive leadership to develop, manage, and complete projects that return profit margins that meet or exceed projections. International Projects include: developing and managing numerous surface mining operations, hot mix asphalt, ready mix and block facilities, along with construction and consulting services have been completed in the countries of: Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and Poland.

HE Oksana Serhiyivna Markarova serves as the current Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States since February 2021. Prior to her diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Markarova served as Minister of Finance in the governments of Volodymyr Groysman and Oleksiy Honcharuk. At her initiative, in 2015 the largest open data portal in the public finance sector E-data was created, now it consists of modules [spending.gov.ua](http://spending.gov.ua), [openbudget.gov.ua](http://openbudget.gov.ua) and [proifi.gov.ua](http://proifi.gov.ua). Since the beginning of the Russo-Ukrainian War, Amb. Markarova has been the 'Voice of Ukraine' both in US mass media and the halls of Washington DC.

Jock Mendoza-Wilson is the Director of the International and Investor Relations of System Capital Management since 2005, as well as a chairperson of the UN Global Compact in Ukraine, a member of the Advisory Board of the EU-Ukraine Business Council, a Director of the British-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and serves on the President's Advisory Council of the US-Ukraine Business Council. Additionally, he serves as a member of the UN-led Humanitarian Country Team in Ukraine, which coordinates the response to the humanitarian crisis resulting from the conflict in the country's Donbas region. Mr. Mendoza-Wilson has extensive experience in developing communications strategies and implementing public and regulatory affairs programs for leading global corporations to develop governmental, institutional and investor relations.

Alexander J. Motyl is professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark. He served as associate director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University from 1992 to 1998. A specialist on Ukraine, Russia, and the USSR, and on nationalism, revolutions, empires, and transition state theory, Dr. Motyl is the author of *Pidsumky imperii*; *Puti imperii*; *Imperial Ends: The Decay, Collapse, and Revival of Empires*; *Revolutions, Nations, Empires: Conceptual Limits and Theoretical Possibilities*; *Dilemmas of Independence: Ukraine after Totalitarianism*; *Sovietology, Rationality, Nationality: Coming to Grips with Nationalism in the USSR*; *Will the Non-Russians Rebel? State, Ethnicity, and Stability in the USSR*.



Tymofiy Mylovanov is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh and the President of Kyiv School of Economics (KSE). Prof. Mylovanov is a co-founder of VoxUkraine, a group of global economists working on policy problems in Ukraine. From 2019- 2020, he served as Minister of Economic Development, Trade, and Agriculture in Ukraine. In July 2016, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine elected him to the Council of the National Bank.

Steven Nix Esq. is Director for Europe and Eurasia at the International Republican Institute. From 1995 to 1997, Mr. Nix served as Outside Legal Counsel for the Ukrainian Parliament's Committee on Legal and Judicial Reform. Upon his return to the United States, he accepted a position as Senior Democracy Specialist at USAID, where he assisted in the design and implementation of democracy programs in Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States.

Kyle Parker was jointly appointed on January 3, 2018 by U.S. Senators Roger Wicker & Ben Cardin, then-Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively, to be the US Helsinki Commission's Senior Senate Representative. Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Kyle served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Ranking Member Eliot Engel's senior advisor overseeing U.S. foreign policy toward the 50 countries and three international organizations covered by the Department of State's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. From 2006 to 2014, Kyle served as Policy Advisor for Eurasia at the U.S. Helsinki Commission under the Chairmanships of Sam Brownback, Alcee Hastings, Ben Cardin, and Chris Smith. Before entering government, Kyle spent eight years at the American Foreign Policy Council managing high-level political exchanges with Russia, Ukraine, and China.

Phillip A. Petersen has a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. For fifteen years he served as a United States Army Officer, an intelligence analyst at the Library of Congress and the Defense Intelligence Agency (largely with LTC John G. Hines), and as a policy analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (again, largely with Hines) and at the National Defense University. Upon the collapse of the Soviet Union – which he publicly predicted in newspapers in both Europe and the United States, as well as at NATO Headquarters in Brussels– he left government service to become the Director of Research at the Potomac Foundation. In January 2018, he left The Potomac Foundation to found the Centre for the Study of New Generation Warfare and, since that time has authored *Eastern Europe in World War 3*, Volumes 1 and 2. In the one thousand pages of these two volumes he has laid out an examination of the nine Elements of Russia's New Generation Warfare.

Herman Pirchner, in 1982, became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Under his leadership, AFPC has hosted the Washington visits of hundreds of foreign officials, ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. AFPC's publication program includes the sponsorship of numerous articles, monographs and books; in recent years, AFPC authors have appeared in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

Roman Popadiuk, a former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine and past principal of Morgan-Lewis Consulting, presently serves as President of the Diplomacy Center Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America's Chairman of the national Board of Directors. A retired member of the career Senior Foreign Service, Dr. Popadiuk brings more than 30 years of experience in the areas of national security, political risk analysis, communications strategy and energy policy, including serving on the National Security Councils of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. With his vast experience and contacts that span the globe, he brings a unique insight into international political and business matters.

Bohdan "Bo" Pyskir currently serves as Vice President of the Rebuilding Ukraine Association. Immediately prior, Bo was CEO of R-MOR, L.L.C. a cybersecurity software provider headquartered in New York. R-MOR's cybersecurity platform utilizes powerful AI tools to discover holes in an enterprise's security defenses before a hacker does unearthing network vulnerabilities that would otherwise be undetected by traditional cybersecurity software. Earlier, Bo served 12 years as the Lemko's President and COO where he helped develop a disruptive technology drastically altering the traditional cost model of 4G mobile networks. Lemko systems are used by first-responders, military, and rural commercial networks in the US and internationally. Still earlier, Bo was a Motorola VP holding numerous leadership positions such as Country Manager in Ukraine and GM of MyMotorola.com (Motorola's first mobile website and mobile commerce engine). Bo is a West Pointer with a Masters in Russia Area Studies from Harvard University.

Max Pyziur is Research Director for Downstream, Transportation Fuels, Electricity, and Natural Gas Programs at the Energy Research Policy Foundation (EPRINC). EPRINC is a Washington, DC-based think-tank focused on the intersection of energy, economics, and security policy issues. Previously he has held senior analytical roles at PIRA Energy and CPM Group, both commodities market consultancies, as well as financial service companies such as Banc of America Securities and Victory Capital Asset Management.

Jon Queen is a businessman who lived and worked in Ukraine for almost fifteen years prior to becoming a Board Member for the U.S.- Ukraine Foundation. During his time in Ukraine, Jon helped manage two Ukrainian investment banks and he co-owned and operated twelve Ukrainian biomass heat-power stations. Jon also helped create the Ukrainian-language online education technology company Learning.ua. Currently, he serves as President of the Berezan Port Project. A trained economist and former lawyer, Jon holds the Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designations.

Howard J. Shatz is a senior economist at the RAND Corporation and a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He specializes in international economics and economics and national security. His RAND research has included Ukraine's post-war reconstruction and economic issues related to Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine; economic competition and the U.S. role in the global economic order; the Chinese and Russian economies; and the development of socio-economic strategy by governments. From 2007 to 2008, he was on leave from RAND, serving as a senior economist at the U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisers. Shatz has held research fellowships at the Brookings Institution and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and has worked as a consultant to the World Bank. He holds a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University.

William B. Taylor (Amb.-ret.) is a distinguished fellow with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Immediately prior to the Atlantic Council, he was vice president, Europe and Russia at the US Institute of Peace. From 2006 to 2009, Amb. Taylor served as the sixth US envoy to Ukraine and from 2019 to 2020 as the chargé d'affaires ad interim at the US embassy in Kyiv. Beyond Ukraine, he was the special coordinator for Middle East Transitions at the US Department of State from 2011 to 2013, where he oversaw assistance and support to the Middle East during the Arab Spring. Prior to his tenure in the Middle East Transitions Team and Kyiv, the veteran diplomat served in Baghdad as director of the Iraq Reconstruction Office from 2004 to 2006, in Kabul as coordinator of US government and international assistance to Afghanistan 2002 to 2004; and in Washington as coordinator of US government assistance to former Soviet Union countries and Eastern Europe (1992-2002).

Kurt Volker is a leading expert in U.S. foreign and national security policy with over 35 years of experience in a variety of government, academic, and private sector capacities. He served as U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations from 2017 to 2019, and as U.S. Ambassador to NATO from 2008-2009. Ambassador Volker is President and Founder of Alliance Strategic Advisors, LLC, which provides strategic advice and services to a diverse range of business clients with interest in Central and Eastern Europe. He also serves as Senior International Advisor at BGR Group, which provides government relations, public relations, and business advisory services to a wide array of clients. From 2012-2019, Ambassador Volker was the founding Executive Director of The McCain Institute for International Leadership, a part of Arizona State University based in Washington. In June 2020, the veteran US diplomat was named a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis.

Walter Zarycky is Executive Director of the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations. The Center provides "informational platforms" or venues for senior-level representatives of the political, economic, security, diplomatic and cultural/academic establishments of the United States and Ukraine to exchange views on a wide range of issues of mutual interest, and to showcase what has been referred to as a "burgeoning relationship of notable geopolitical import" between the two nations. Dr. Zarycky completed his undergraduate and graduate work at Columbia University; he taught political science at New York University for nearly three decades before moving on in recent years to do postdoctoral research work on Eastern Europe.

## GRADING SHEET

[1] Robust Democratic Politics – Assessing Ukraine's Progress/Regress

*Grades:*

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Panel Avg. \_\_\_\_\_

[2] Developed Market Economics – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

*Grades:*

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Panel Avg. \_\_\_\_\_

[3] Ever Greater General Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

*Grades:*

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Panel Avg. \_\_\_\_\_

[4] Ever Greater Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

*Grades:*

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Panelist 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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[6] Mature National Identity – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

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