

*Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series Special Event*



**Sobornist': Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the 'Great Re-Unification' of Ukrainian Lands**

## PROGRAM

**8:30 am – 9:00 am — Registration**

**9:00 am – 9:30 am — Forum Word of Welcome**

Remarks: Chryzanta Hentisz [President of the Ukrainian Museum of New York]  
Volodymyr Yelchenko [Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations]

**9:30 am – 10:25 am — Session I: A Reflection on the Act of Unifying the Ukrainian National Republic and the Western Ukrainian National Republic [January 22, 1919]**

Moderator: Zenon Wasyliw [Ithaca College]

Speaker: Anna Procyk [KC/City University of New York]

**10:25 am – 11:20 am — Session II: “Divided in Four”: A Reflection on the Loss of Sobornist’ [1919-1921]**

Moderator: Zenon Wasyliw [Ithaca College]

Speaker: Volodymyr Birchak [Center for the Study of the Ukrainian Liberation Movement]

**11:20 am – 12:15 pm — Session III: A Yearning for Sobornist’ in the ‘Wilderness Years’ [1921-1991]**

Moderator: Zenon Wasyliw [Ithaca College]

Speaker: Andrij Kohut [Archive of the Security Service of Ukraine]

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm — Lunch [Served as a buffet]

**1:15 pm – 2:10 pm — Session IV: The Regaining and Reinforcing of a Fully Unified Ukrainian State [1991- 1995][Special Focus on the Budapest Memorandum]**

Moderator: Lubomyr Hajda [Harvard University]

Speaker: Marianna Budjeryn [Harvard University]

**2:10 pm – 3:25 pm — Session V (Extended): Back to the Future/Sobornist’ Under Threat Again [2014-2018}**

Chair: Lubomyr Hajda [Harvard University]

Featured Speakers: Phillip Karber [Potomac Foundation/Georgetown University][DONBAS]  
Huseyin Oylupinar [Harvard University] [CRIMEA]

**3:25 pm – 4:30 pm — Final Session: Contemplating a Ukraine Whole, Free, Prosperous and Secure**

Chair: Lubomyr Hajda [Harvard University]

Featured Speaker: Serhii Kvit [Head of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance]

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm — Sobornist’ Exhibition Tour & Post Conference Reception**

## BIOS

Volodymyr Birchak is presently the Academic Program Director of the Center for the Study of the Liberation Movement and Research Associate at the Institute of Church History of the Ukrainian Catholic University; concurrently, he serves as the editor of the Internet Newspaper *Istorychna Pravda* (Historical Truth) and as historical consultant for the Rozsecrechna Istorii (Declassified History) Project on Pershyi (UA: First) Television Channel. Additionally, he is the author, co-author or co-editor of several dozen articles and books about the national liberation movement in Ukraine in the 20th century and about repressed clergy. From 2014 to 2016, Dr. Birchak held the post of Deputy Director of the State Archive Branch of the Security Services of Ukraine, an assignment of great consequence for any researcher.

Mariana Budjeryn is a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary. Her current research examines the role of the international nuclear nonproliferation regime in the nuclear disarmament of Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Beyond that, her research interests include international relations and social theory, history of the Soviet Union and post-Soviet transition, arms control and disarmament, and anything at the intersection of international politics and international law. Her analytical contributions on Ukraine's disarmament and the current Ukrainian-Russian crisis have also appeared in *The Nonproliferation Review*, *World Affairs Journal*, *Arms Control Today*, and *Harvard International Review*.

Lubomyr Hajda is Senior Advisor to the Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University. A historian with a Ph.D. from Harvard University, he has taught at Harvard and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. From 1978 to 1992 he held the position of Academic Coordinator of Harvard's Master's program in Soviet studies. Among Dr. Hajda's publications are the entry on Ukrainian history in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (15th ed.), *The Nationalities Factor in Soviet Politics and Society* (with Mark Beissinger), and *Ukraine in the World: Studies in the International Relations and Security Structure of a Newly Independent State*.

Dr. Phillip A. Karber is President of the Potomac Foundation and an internationally recognized expert in defense and national security matters. A graduate of Pepperdine University, with a PhD from Georgetown University, he has served in the U.S. Government as Strategy Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, reporting directly to him and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In academia, since 1978 he has been on the Adjunct Faculty of Georgetown University where he teaches courses on international conflict. In March 2014, the Ukrainian Government asked Dr. Karber and former NATO Commander, General (ret) Wesley Clark, to come to Ukraine to assess the military situation. Since then, the dedicated policy analyst has made 29 trips to Ukraine and spent over 180 days at the front directly observing the combat. His observations have been briefed to both the U.S. Congress and a number of European Parliaments, along with the American Department of Defense, European military leaders and the Canadian forces committed to NATO.

Andriy Kohut is presently Director of the Branch-Wise State Archive of Ukrainian Security Service. One of the authors of the so-called 'decommunization laws', Dr. Kohut has served as Acting Director of the Center for Research on the Liberation Movement and Head of the "Digital Archive of the Ukrainian Liberation Movement [avr.org.ua](http://avr.org.ua)" project as well as Expert of the "Policy of National Remembrance" working group of the "RPR" civic initiative. During the EuroMaidan (2013-2014), he was deeply involved in the movement's Civic Sector; during the Orange Revolution, he helped found the Civic Campaign "PORA!" His professional interests include: Soviet deportations, the history of communist secret services, memory policy, digital archives.

Serhiy Kvit presently serves as the Head of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance. Dr. Kvit was the Rector of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy from 2007 until 2014. He occupied the position of the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine in 2014-2016, when the progressive Laws on Higher Education (2014) and On Science and Research (2015) were adopted. Earlier (2002-07), he was dean of the Kyiv-Mohyla social studies faculty; earlier still (2001), he founded the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Journalism and became president of the Media Reform Centre, set up to initiate open debate and promote more transparent media and government. In 2005-2011, he served as chairman of the Consortium on University Autonomy. Dr Kvit's research focuses on Ukrainian history in the 20th century, educational and media reforms, mass communications, and philosophical hermeneutics; he has published several books and numerous articles.

Huseyin Oylupinar received his PhD from the University of Alberta (2014), in the Interdisciplinary Degree program in History and Cultural Studies, with a thesis on "Remaking Terra cosacorum: Kozak Revival and Kozak Collective Identity in Independent Ukraine." Subsequently, he taught courses on Turkish diplomatic history and foreign policy at the University of Economics-Izmir. He was selected to be a Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Shklar/USF Fellow for 2015-16; the title of his research effort was: "Fate of the Crimean Tatars: The First and the Last Annexation in Perspective." At present, he is a post-doctoral fellow involved with the "Turkish-Ukrainian-Crimean Tatar Initiative" at Harvard University.

Anna Procyk received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1973 where she specialized in Russian and East European history. Since 1997 she has been Professor of History at Kingsborough C.C. of the City University of New York. Her research works on the nationality question in Eastern Europe have appeared in various scholarly studies since 1973. Her monograph, *Russian Nationalism and Ukraine: The Nationality Policy of the Volunteer Army during the Civil War* (Edmonton-Toronto: University of Alberta, CIUS Press) appeared in 1995. She is the editor and translator of *Two Worlds, One Idea: Ten Years of Correspondence between Amnesty International, Group 11 and a Ukrainian Political Prisoner, Zinovii Krasivskij* (New York: Smoloskyp Publishers, 2013). At present she is preparing for publication a study on the influence of the political thought of Giuseppe Mazzini in Eastern Europe. Her articles on this subject have appeared in *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*; *Kosmas: Czechoslovak and East European Journal*; *The Ukrainian Historian*; and other publications.

Zenon V. Wasyliv has been teaching at Ithaca College since the fall of 1989. He is a Full Professor in the Department of History and served as History Department Chairperson for six years. He is also Coordinator and Supervisor of the Social Studies Graduate Education Program and is affiliated with the Gerontology Institute at Ithaca College serving as Interim Director in 2011. Zenon has published fifteen articles in the areas of global and Ukrainian history, and in areas of social studies pedagogy. He is currently working on his book *Soviet Culture in the Ukrainian Village: The Transformation of Everyday Life and Values, 1921-1928* to be published by ibidem-Verlag Press in Germany and presently has several ongoing writing and research projects on Ukraine-related transnational histories.

Volodymyr Yelchenko has served as Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations since December 9, 2015. Immediately prior to his present posting, he was Ambassador of Ukraine to Russia; he held the post from July 2010 until he was recalled for consultations in March 2014, immediately after the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. Ambassador Yelchenko is one of the true veterans of Ukrainian diplomacy, having started in a career in foreign service in 1981.

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