

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

PROVIDING UKRAINE WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD

ONLINE WEBINAR  
JUNE 17-18, 2020

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in the US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit VIII:  
Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card, scheduled to be webcast June 17-18 2020

The forum, held in two three hour segments spanning consecutive days, will bring together government and key non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the US to take measure of Ukraine's 2019-2020 progress/regress in six categories: "robust democratic politics, developed market economics, ever greater energy security, ever greater general security, viable social cohesion and an established national identity".

To facilitate the said examination, the event will run four plenary sessions, two highlight focus sessions and a tally-master report. In total, nearly 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

## PROGRAM

### US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit VIII: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card June 17-18, 2020

#### FIRST DAY --- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 --- Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast

**10:55 AM - 11:10 AM**      **Word of Welcome** – Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko

**11:10 AM - 11:30 PM**      **Opening Remarks**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matters---UA Perspective*

Featured Speaker:

- Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze, MP [Chairperson, Committee on Matters of Integration of Ukraine with the European Union]

**11:30 AM – 12:45 PM**      **Plenary Session I**

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

Moderator/Grader:

- Jonathan Katz [German Marshall Fund]

Presenters/Graders:

- Stephen Nix [International Republican Institute]
- Orysia Lutsevych [Chatham House]
- Orest Deychakiwsky [U.S.-Ukraine Foundation]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Fair Elections & Effective Political Parties*
- *Free Media & Strong Civil Society*
- *Respect for Human Rights*
- *Independent Judiciary*

**12:45 AM – 2:00 PM**      **Plenary Session II**

*Theme: Developed Market Economics & Ever Greater Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Moderator/Grader:

- Anders Aslund [Atlantic Council/Eurasia Foundation]

Presenters/Graders:

- Amb. John Herbst [Atlantic Council]
- Ariel Cohen [International Tax and Investment Center]
- Edward Chow [Center for Strategic and International Studies]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Sound Fiscal & Monetary Policy*
- *General Business Transparency*
- *Expanding Domestic Production & Improving Transport Capacity*
- *Enlarging Storage Capacity & Increasing Conservation*

## **SECOND DAY --- THURSDAY, JUNE 18 --- Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast**

### **11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Roundtable Plenary Session III**

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

Moderator/Grader:

- Amb. William Courtney [RAND Corporation]

Presenters/Graders:

- Stephen Blank [Foreign Policy Review Institute]
- Michael Carpenter [Biden Center for Diplomacy]
- Luke Coffey [Heritage Foundation]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Secure Borders*
- *Modernized Military Industrial Complex*
- *Professionalized Armed Forces*
- *Reliable Allies*

### **12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Roundtable Plenary Session IV**

*Theme: Viable Social Cohesion & An Established Yet Tolerant National Identity – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress*

Moderator/Grader:

- Herman Pirchner [American Foreign Policy Council]

Presenters/Graders:

- Alexander Motyl [Rutgers University]
- Adrian Karatnycky [Atlantic Council/Myrmidon Group]
- Amb. Roman Waschuk [Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, 2014-2019]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Stable Inter-Faith and Class Relations*
- *Manageable Regional Differences*
- *A Sense of a Common History and Common Future*
- *Ability to Assimilate the ‘Other’*

### **1:30 PM – 1:50 PM Closing Remarks**

*Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matters---US Perspective*

Featured Speaker:

- Rose Gottemoeller [Deputy Secretary General of NATO, 2016-2019]

### **1:50 PM – 2:05 PM A Final Word - Tallying the Final Grades**

- Gen. Wesley Clark (U.S.Army, ret.)

Tallymaster:

- Tamara Gallo Olexy [Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

## SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

**Anders Aslund** is presently a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. Dr. Aslund has long engaged in monitoring the transformation of formerly socialist economies to market-based economies. While the central areas of his studies are Russia and Ukraine, he also focuses on the broader implications of economic transition. Immediately prior to his tenure at the Council, the renowned Swedish economist was Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute of International Economics; earlier, he served as Director of the Russian/Eurasian Affairs Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.

**Stephen Blank** is currently Senior Fellow at Foreign Policy Research Institute's Eurasia Program; 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.

**Michael Carpenter** is Senior Director of the Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania; concurrently, he is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Dr. Carpenter served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense with responsibility for Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia, the Balkans, and Conventional Arms Control from Dec 2015 until January 2017. Prior to joining DOD, Dr. Carpenter served in the White House as a foreign policy adviser to Vice President Joe Biden and as director for Russia at the NSC. Previously, he was a career foreign service officer with the State Department, where he worked in a number of different positions, including deputy director of the Office of Russian Affairs, speechwriter to the under secretary of political affairs, and adviser on the South Caucasus; he also served abroad in the US Embassies in Poland, Slovenia, and Barbados.

**Edward C. Chow**, senior associate/consultant in the Energy and National Security Program at CSIS, is an international energy expert with 40 years of industry experience. He has worked in Asia, Middle East, Africa, South America, Europe, Russia, Black Sea and Caspian regions. He has developed government policy and business strategy, while advising governments, international financial institutions, major oil companies, and leading multinational corporations. He has negotiated successfully multibillion-dollar oil and gas agreements and specializes in investments in emerging economies.

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

**Ariel Cohen** is a well-known international expert on Ukrainian, Russian, Eurasian, European and Middle Eastern foreign, security and economic affairs; global energy security; terrorism and organized crime. He is presently Director of the Program on Energy, Growth and Security at International Tax and Investment Center; concurrently, he is a Non Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. For many years previous, Dr. Cohen served as Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies and International Energy Security at the Heritage Foundation, working closely with Congressmen and Congressional staff members and cabinet-level foreign decision makers.

**William Courtney** is an adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation and executive director of the RAND Business Leaders Forum. In 2014 he retired from Computer Sciences Corporation as senior principal for federal policy strategy. From 1972 through 1999, he was a foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Courtney co-chaired the U.S. delegation to the review conference that prepared for the 1999 Istanbul Summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and advised in the reorganization of U.S. foreign affairs agencies, mandated by the Foreign Affairs Reform Act of 1999. Earlier he served as special assistant to the President for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia and as Ambassador to Georgia, Kazakhstan, and the U.S.-Soviet commission that implemented the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

**Orest Deychakiwsky** worked at the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), an independent US government agency, from November 1981 to May 2017. Ukraine was a major part of his varied portfolio. While at the Commission, Orest served as a member of official US delegations to numerous conferences and meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and its predecessor, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Currently, Orest is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, Co-Chairman of the Friends of Ukraine Network (FOUN) Democracy and Civil Society Task Force as well as the Transatlantic Task Force on Elections and Civil Society in Ukraine.

**Rose Gottemoeller** is the Frank E. and Arthur W. Payne Distinguished Lecturer at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and Center for Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. Before joining Stanford, Ms. Gottemoeller was the Deputy Secretary General of NATO from 2016 to 2019, where she helped to drive forward NATO's adaptation to new security challenges in Europe and in the fight against terrorism. Prior to NATO, she served for nearly five years as the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the U.S. Department of State, advising the Secretary of State on arms control, nonproliferation and political-military affairs.

**John Herbst** is former United States Ambassador to Ukraine and presently Director for Eurasia at the Atlantic Council of the United States; immediately prior to the current posting, he served as Director of the National Defense University Center for Complex Operations. Amb. Herbst has worked as a political counselor at the US embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel, Moscow, Russia, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau of the US State Department, as Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs and as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-large for the Newly Independent States. He was appointed Ambassador to Uzbekistan in 2000 before assuming the post of US envoy to Ukraine in 2003.

**Adrian Karatnycky** is a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Program on Transatlantic Relations and managing partner of Myrmidon Group LLC, a NY-based consultancy that works with investors seeking entry into the complex emerging markets of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. He is a founder and co-director of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter. From 1993 to 2004, he was president and executive director of Freedom House, during which time he developed programs of assistance to democratic and human rights movements in Belarus, Serbia, Russia, and Ukraine.

**Jonathan Katz** is a senior fellow with The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) based in the Washington, DC, office. Prior to joining GMF from 2014-17, Mr. Katz was the deputy assistant administrator in the Europe and Eurasia bureau at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he managed U.S. development policy, energy security, economic growth, and democracy, and governance programs in Europe and Eurasia. He led USAID programs in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Eastern and Central Europe, the Black Sea and Caucasus Regions, the Western Balkans, and regional programs that included Russia. Prior to joining USAID, from 2010-14, Mr. Katz served as a senior advisor to the assistant secretary in the International Organization Affairs Bureau at the U.S. Department of State.

**Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze** is currently Chair of the Committee on Euro-Intergration in the Verkhona Rada of Ukraine; she is a leading member of the European Solidarity fratriya within the said parliament. Immediately prior (2016-2019), Ms. Klympush-Tsintsadze served as Vice-Prime-Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine. She won high praise for her efforts while at the post.

**Orysia Lutsevych** is a research fellow and manager of the Ukraine Forum in the Russia/Eurasia Programme at Chatham House. She focuses on social change and the role of civil society in democratic transition in the post-Soviet region. Her recent research analysed Russia's use of proxy NGOs in achieving its foreign policy objectives. Prior to joining Chatham House, she led the start-up of Europe House Georgia and was executive director of the Open Ukraine Foundation.

**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.*

**Tamara Gallo Olexy**, in 2017, completed her second term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, and returned to work heading UCCA's National Office in New York City. In the early 1990s, Ms. Olexy was director of the Ukrainian National Information Service in Washington, DC and therefore had a uniquely convenient vantage point from which to observe key events in the modern Ukrainian state's formative history.

**Stephen Nix** is Director of the Eurasian Division 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 U.S., 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.

**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, the Washington Times, and the Wall Street Journal among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

**Roman Waschuk** is currently the chair of the Ukrainian World Congress' Foreign Policy Commission. A veteran Canadian diplomat, Ambassador Waschuk has held North Macedonia and performed the duty of Canada's envoy to Ukraine during a turbulent time in that nation's history (2014-2019).

**Volodymyr Yelchenko** is presently the Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States. Immediately prior to his present posting, he served as Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations. Earlier, Ambassador Yelchenko was Ukraine's envoy 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. Amb. Yelchenko is one of the true veterans of Ukrainian diplomacy, having started his career in foreign service in 1981.

## SPECIAL GUEST

**Wesley Clark**, during his 34 years in the U.S. Army, rose to the rank of four-star general and was named director for strategic plans and policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As Supreme Allied Commander and Commander in Chief of the U.S. European Command (1997-2000), he commanded Operation Allied Force, NATO's first major combat action, which saved 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. In August 2000, Gen. Clark was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. In 2004, the long serving and decorated warrior was a major contender during the Democratic presidential primaries and was considered to be on the short list of the party's vice presidential nominees. In 2014, Gen. Clark and Dr. Phillip Karber made several trips to Ukraine and authored the first authoritative assessments of what they both came to call "the Russo-Ukrainian War" that was unfolding.

## GRADING SHEET

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

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