

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

PROVIDING UKRAINE WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD

JUNE 14, 2018

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in the US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit VI:  
Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card, scheduled to take place June 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

The day long forum will bring together government and key non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU, the US to take measure of Ukraine's 2017- 2018 progress/regress in six categories: "robust democratic politics, developed market economics, viable social cohesion, ever greater energy security, ever greater general security and an established national identity".

To facilitate the said examination, the event will run six plenary sessions, three highlight focus sessions and a forum patrons' reception. In total, nearly three 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

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### **US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit VI: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card June 14, 2018**

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

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

**9:00 AM – 9:10 AM      Opening Remarks**

Featured Speaker:

- HE Valeriy Chaly [Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States]

**9:10 AM – 10:20 AM    Plenary Session I**

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

Moderator:

- Orest Deychakiwsky [US-Ukraine Foundation]

Panelists:

- Steven Nix [International Republican Institute]
- Katie Fox [National Democratic Institute]
- Melinda Haring [Atlantic Council of the United States]

*Issues to Consider:*

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

**10:20 AM – 11:30 AM    Plenary Session II**

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

Moderator:

- Roman Popadiuk [World Affairs Councils of America]

Panelists:

- Anders Aslund [Atlantic Council of the United States]
- Jonathan Katz [German Marshall Fund]
- Alex Mehrle [Ukraine Global Trade Investor]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Sound Fiscal Policy*
- *Sound Monetary Policy*
- *Appropriate Deregulation/Privatization*
- *General Business Transparency*

**11:30 AM – 11:35 AM Coffee Break**

**11:35 AM – 12:45 PM Roundtable Plenary Session III**

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

Moderator:

- William Courtney [RAND Corporation]

Panelists:

- John Herbst [Atlantic Council of the United States]
- Glen Howard [Jamestown Foundation]
- Stephen Blank [American Foreign Policy Council]

*Issues to Consider:*

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

**12:45 PM - 1:35 PM Working Lunch**

[Press Interviews During Break]

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

Chair:

- Col. Andriy Ordynowych [Military Attache/Embassy of Ukraine to the United States]

Featured Speakers:

- Hon. Oleh Medunysya [Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine]
- Hon. Olexandr Skrypnyk [Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine]

**1:35 PM – 2:45 PM Roundtable Plenary Session IV**

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

Moderator:

- Keith Smith [Center for European Policy Analysis]

Panelists:

- Ariel Cohen [Atlantic Council]
- Myron Rabij [Dentons NY]
- Ilan Berman [American Foreign Policy Council]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Expanding Domestic Production*
- *Improving Transport Capacity*
- *Enlarging Storage Capacity*
- *Increasing Conservation*

**2:45 PM – 2:50 PM Coffee Break**

## **2:50 PM – 4:00 PM Roundtable Plenary Session V**

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

Moderator:

- Lewis Madanick [Open World Leadership Program]

Panelists:

- Andrew Sorokowski [US Department of Justice]
- Hon. Bohdan Futey [US Court of Federal Claims]
- Nadia McConnell [US-Ukraine Foundation]

*Issues to Consider:*

- *Stable Inter-Faith Relations*
- *Stable Inter-Ethnic Relations*
- *Stable Class Relations*
- *Manageable Differences Between State & Civil Society*

## **4:00 PM – 5:10 PM Roundtable Plenary Session VI**

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

Moderator:

- Herman Pirchner [American Foreign Policy Council]

Panelists:

- Lubomyr Hajda [Ukrainian Research Institute/Harvard University]
- Yuri Sergeev [Macmillan Center/Yale University]
- Stefan Romaniw [Ukrainian World Congress]
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*Issues to Consider:*

- *A Sense of Common History*
- *A Sense of Common Culture*
- *A Sense of Obligation about the Common Defense*
- *A Desire for a Common Future*

## **5:10 PM – 6:00 PM Closing Remarks**

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

Chair:

- Andrew Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

Featured Speakers:

- Michael Carpenter [Biden Center/University of Pennsylvania]
- Phillip Karber [Workshop on Global Security Affairs/Georgetown University]

Tally Master - Final Grades:

- Tamara Olexy [National Office Director/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Patrons’ Reception** [Venue: AFPC-CUSUR/509 C Street NE W/DC 20002]

## 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 and Eurasian Affairs Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.

**Stephen Blank** is currently Senior Fellow on Russia at the American Foreign Policy Council; prior to his present position, 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.

**Ilan Berman** is Vice President for Policy at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, DC. An expert on international terrorism and myriad aspects of regional security in the Middle East, Central Asia and the Russian Federation, Mr. Berman's writings have appeared in such publications as the WSJ Europe, Middle East Quarterly, the Washington Times, the Jerusalem Post and the Journal of International Security Affairs and Strategic Review.

**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.

**Ariel Cohen** is an 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 Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics at the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security; 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 as well as cabinet-level foreign policy decision makers.

**Valeriy Chaly** presently serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States. He came to the post immediately after having held the position of Deputy Head of Administration of the President of Ukraine. Before his political and foreign services appointments, Amb. Chaly worked a number of years as Deputy Director General of Ukraine's leading NGO, the Razumkov Center, gaining recognition internationally for his efforts at the institution.

**William Courtney** is an adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation and executive director of the RAND Business Leaders Forum. He is also president of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Business Association, which represents U.S. exporters to and investors in Kazakhstan. 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. He 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**, until his very recent retirement, was a senior staff advisor at the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe whose country responsibilities included Ukraine, Belarus and Bulgaria; he served as a member of U.S. delegations to numerous OSCE/CSCE meetings and as an international election observer in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Bosnia. Mr. Deychakiwsky has authored or co-authored a sizable number of speeches, statements, resolutions, and articles on issues pertaining to Ukraine or U.S.-Ukrainian relations.

**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.

**Andrew J Futey**, in September 2016, was elected to a four year term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent; he concurrently serves as a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Futey brings more than 20 years of extensive government and campaign experience as President of Andrew J Futey & Associates. His firm provides public policy and government relations consulting, strategic planning, public affairs and campaign development strategies at the international, federal, state and local levels. His clients have included Ohio and out-of-state Fortune 500 Companies, Major Corporations, Small Businesses, Community Non-Profit Organizations, Professional and State Associations and Governmental Entities.

**Bohdan Futey** has served as Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims since 1987. Judge Futey is actively involved with Democratization and Rule of Law programs organized by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Department of State, and the American Bar Association in Ukraine and Russia. He has participated in judicial exchange programs, seminars, and workshops and has been a consultant to the working group on Ukraine's Constitution and Ukrainian Parliament.

**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 Encyclopedia 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.

**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.

**Glen Howard** is President of The Jamestown Foundation; he is fluent in Russian, proficient in Azerbaijani and Arabic and is a regional expert on the Caucasus and Central Asia. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, and Jane's Defense Weekly; he has served as a consultant to private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. DOD, the National Intelligence Council and major oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

**Phillip Karber** is an internationally recognized expert in defense and national security matters; an accomplished business executive; and an academic. Dr. Karber has prepared studies on defense strategy for the highest levels of the U.S. government; advised major NATO governments on defense issues; headed BDM Corporation's International Division; taught courses in national security and military affairs at Georgetown University, where he also was founding director of the Asian Arms Control Project; held a senior fellowship and eventually headed the Potomac Foundation.

**Lewis Madanick** is currently Program Manager for the Open World Leadership Development Center, charged with bringing a new generation of leaders from Lithuania, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United States for an 'internship in building responsible civil society and democratic government'. His 'harvesting work on the ground' in Ukraine has provided Mr. Madanick with a particularly acute sense of any and all possible fissures in the country's social fabric.

**Nadia McConnell**, "one of the founders of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., helped establish the Foundation's presence in Ukraine even before Ukrainian independence. She has served as the president of USUF for over two decades. In earlier years, she was president of NKM Associates and held several positions in U.S. government, including director of Congressional Relations for FEMA and deputy assistant administrator for NASA."

**Aleks Mehrle** is President of Ukrainian Trade & Global Investment, Inc. His primary responsibilities for at the firm include securing the participation and coordinating collaboration between public and private stakeholders in Ukraine with leading US and other partners across a variety of sectors including education, energy, technology, finance and innovation. To meet these obligations, Mr. Mehrle draws on his past experience as Licensing Counsel for a global patent licensing company where he was a lead negotiator for all active patent licensing programs and developed patent and technology monetization opportunities through partnerships with universities, technology companies, law firms and the financial industry.

**Oleh Medunytysya** is a prominent Ukrainian public figure, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, and former Deputy Commander of the EuroMaidan/Revolution of Dignity protest. In 2012 and again in 2014, following the Revolution of Dignity, Mr. Medunytysya was elected and re-elected, respectively, Member of Parliament from the single-mandate majoritarian election District No. 157 Sumy Oblast. He is a member of the Budget Committee and a leader in Parliament in the fight against corruption. Previously he held senior positions in the provincial government of Sumy. He established the Bureau of Policy Analysis (BPA), an anti-corruption NGO that gained recognition and support from the Heritage Foundation, National Endowment for Democracy, International Republican Institute, and National Democratic Institute.

**Steven Nix** Esq. 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.

**Tamara Gallo Olexy** has just completed her second term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly one million Americans of Ukrainian descent, and has returned to work heading the National Office of the UCCA in New York. In the early nineties, Ms. Gallo Olexy was director of the Ukrainian National Information Service bureau 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.

**Andrij Ordynowych** is currently stationed as Military Attache at the Embassy of Ukraine to the United States. In earlier postings, Col. Ordynowych served as Chief of the NATO Integration Branch of Euro-Atlantic Integration Directorate, General Staff of the UAF (2005-2008); Deputy Director of the General Military Cooperation and Peace Support Operations Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (2008-2012); Deputy Military Representative to NATO (Mission of Ukraine to NATO) (2012-2016).

**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; 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, the Wall Street Journal (including the European and Asian editions), the Baltimore Sun and the US News & World Report, among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

**Roman Popadiuk**, the former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, is currently Chairman of the World Affairs Councils of America. 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.

**Myron B. Rabij Esq.** is a Global Partner with Dentons, the world's largest international law firm, in its Kyiv and New York offices and is the Head of both Dentons Energy and Natural Resources Practice and Real Estate Practice in Ukraine. Mr. Rabij specializes in corporate/M&A, upstream oil and gas and alternative energy, complex commercial real estate and strategic advising to clients; he has been representing international and Ukrainian clients for over 22 years in complex negotiations of joint ventures, cross-border acquisitions, construction and development, hotel management, international arbitration, and on general matters of Ukrainian corporate law.

**Stefan Romaniw OAM** serves as General Secretary of the Ukrainian World Congress, the entity formally tasked with representing the global Ukrainian Hromada. Mr. Romaniw concurrently holds the position of Executive Director of Community Languages Australia. He served successive terms as Chairperson of the Victoria Provincial Multicultural Commission. In his role as UWC General Secretary, he has performed double duty as Chair of the International Standing Committee on the 1932-33 Holodomor; his myriad and tireless efforts to highlight the great Ukrainian tragedy globally have received wide praise.

**Yuri Sergejev** is currently Senior Fellow at Yale University's MacMillian Center. Prior to his present appointment, he served nearly three decades as a Ukrainian diplomat. Among his most prominent postings, Dr. Sergejev served as Ukraine's envoy to Greece and head of the Directorate General for Foreign Policy of the Administration of the President of Ukraine (1997-2003), envoy to France and, concurrently, the country's permanent representative to UNESCO (2003-2007) and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations (2007-2015). As Ukraine's voice in the UN, he led the country's diplomatic efforts to highlight Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea and Russia's continuing "Hybrid War" against Ukraine in UA's industrial heartland--the Donbas region.

**Andrew Sorokowski** is a lawyer and historian. In 1984-87, he was the Ukrainian researcher at Keston College, England, which monitored religious liberty in communist countries. In 1989-90 he served on the staff of the late Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky's Rome chancery, participating in the transfer of his offices to L'viv in 1991. He worked as Managing Editor of the scholarly journal "Harvard Ukrainian Studies" in 1993-1997. Currently Mr. Sorokowski is a historical researcher at the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, in Washington, DC. He has published a number of scholarly articles, and is the editor of a collection of articles and documents on the history of the Ukrainian Patriarchal movement published by "Svichado" in 2009.

**Oleksiy Skrypnyk** is Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Education and Science of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Prior to his time in public service, Mr. Skrypnyk founded and co-owned of ELEKS Company, a Ukrainian 'high tech' company, employing nearly one thousand individuals, with four development centers locally and two representative centers in NYC & London. He additionally holds the distinction of having co-founded Ukraine's Institute for the Future, an independent think-tank, which forecasts changes, designs possible scenarios in Ukraine and proposes optimal solutions.

**Keith Smith** is currently Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis; immediately prior to that appointment, he was Senior Advisor in the Europe Division at the Center for Strategic and International Affairs (CSIS). In 2000, Ambassador Smith retired from the State Department's Foreign Service after serving from 1997 to 2000 as the American Ambassador in Lithuania. In Europe, he was also posted to Hungary (twice), Norway and Estonia.

**Volodymyr Zaryckyj** 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. Zaryckyj completed his undergraduate and graduate work at Columbia University; he taught political science at NYU for nearly three decades before moving on in recent years to do postdoctoral research work on Eastern Europe.

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