US-UA Working Group

YEARLY SUMMIT XII

Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War

JUNE 13, 2024

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in the US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit XII: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War – Year Three, scheduled to be on June 13, 2024 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 high intensity conflict on her soil.

To facilitate the said examination, the event will run four panel discussions, three 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
US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit XII:
Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War – Year Three
June 13, 2024
National Press Club | 529 14th St NW | Washington, DC 20045

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM  Registration

09:00 AM - 09:35 AM  Highlight Focus Session I

Theme: Why a Free, Stable & Prosperous Ukraine at Peace With Neighbors Still Matters – UA Perspective

First Word: Denys Slenik  [Deputy Chief of Mission/Embassy of Ukraine to the United States]
Featured Remarks: Oleksandr Lytvynenko  [Secretary of the Nat. Defence & Sec. Council of Ukraine]

09:35 AM – 11:00 AM  Panel Discussion I

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

Moderator:
• Amb. (ret.) William Taylor [United States Institute of Peace]

Presenters/Graders:
• Steven Nix [EA Regional Director/International Republican Institute]
• Jason Smart [Correspondent/Kyiv Post]
• Fatima Tlis [Polygraph.info Correspondent/Voice of America]
• Orest Deychakiwsky [Co-Chair/Transatlantic Task Force for Ukraine]
Special Commentator: Katie Fox [EA Dep. Regional Director/National Democratic Institute]

Issues to Consider:
• Free & Fair Political Process
• Strong Civil Society
• Freedom of the Press & Conscience
• Circumstances in the Occupied Zone

11:00 AM – 11:05 PM  Coffee Break

11:05 AM – 12:30 PM  Panel Discussion II

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

Moderator:
• Amb. (ret.) John Herbst [Atlantic Council of the United States]

Presenters/Graders:
• Anders Aslund [Senior Fellow/Stockholm Free World Forum]
• Howard Shatz [Senior Economist/RAND Corporation]
• Ariel Cohen [Director of Energy, Growth, & Security Program International Tax and Investment Center]
• Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]
Special Commentator: Morgan Williams [President/US-Ukraine Business Council]

Issues to Consider:
• Sound Fiscal & Monetary Policy
• Business Reliability & Transparency
• Adequate Energy Production/Distribution/Storage & Repair Capacity
• Plans for Post War Reconstruction

12:30 AM – 12:50 PM  Lunch Break  [Press Interviews]
12:50 PM - 01:25 PM   Highlight Focus Session II

Theme: Taking Note of an Important New Study of Contemporary Ukraine

Discussion Leader: Kyle Parker [Senior Senate Staff Representative/US Helsinki Commission]
Featured Speaker: Adrian Karatnycky [Author of 'Battleground Ukraine']

01:25 PM – 02:50 AM   Panel Discussion III

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

Moderator:
  • Ilian Berman [Senior Vice President/American Foreign Policy Council]

Presenters/Graders:
  • James Sherr [Senior Fellow/EE International Center for Defence and Security]
  • Richard Hooker [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council of the United States]
  • Mason Clark [National Security Fellow/institute for the Study of War]
  • Reuben Johnson [Correspondent/Breaking Defense]
Special Commentator: Phillip Karber [President/Potomac Foundation]

Issues to Consider:
  • Adequate Human Resources for Defense – Land, Maritime and Air
  • Adequate Material Resources for Defense – Land, Maritime and Air
  • Effective National Security Leadership – Civilian & Military
  • Sound ‘National Security’ Doctrine/End Game Plan for the War

02:50 PM – 02:55 PM   Coffee Break

02:55 PM – 04:20 PM   Panel Discussion IV

Theme: Viable Social Cohesion & An Established National Identity – Assessing UA’s Progress/Regress

Moderator:
  • Amb. (ret.) William Courtney [Adj. Senior Fellow/RAND Corporation]

Presenters/Graders:
  • Taras Kuzio [Professor of Political Science/Kyiv Mohyla Academy National University]
  • Alexander Motyl [Professor of Political Science/Rutgers University]
  • Paul Goble [Windows on Eurasia Editor/Jamestown Foundation]
  • Anna Osypchuk [Associate Professor Kyiv Mohyla Academy National University]
Special Commentator: Diane Francis [Editor at Large/National Post]

Issues to Consider:
  • Stable Inter-Ethnic Relations
  • Stable Class Relations
  • A Sense of a Common History
  • A Sense of a Common Future

04:20 PM – 5:00 PM Highlight Focus Session III

Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine at Peace With Neighbors Still Matters – US Perspective

Chair: Andrij Dobriansky [Director of Communications/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]
Featured Speakers: General (ret) Wesley K Clark [Supreme Allied Commander Europe 1997-2000]
  • Steven Moore [Former House Leadership COS/Head of the Ukraine Freedom Project]

06:15 PM – 08:30 PM  Patrons’ Reception – Final Grade Tally
  AFPC/509 C Street NE
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. She is a regular contributor to the Jamestown publication Eurasia Daily Monitor on political and energy security developments in the Balkans and Central Asia. Assenova is a recipient of the John Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University for her reporting on nationalism in the Balkans. She has authored book chapters and journal articles on security, energy, and democracy published by CSIS Press, Brassey's, Freedom House, Bertelsmann Foundation Publishers, the University of New Haven, and The Jamestown Foundation.

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.

Mason Clark is a National Security Fellow at the Institute for the Study of War. He has led ISW’s standard-setting coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine since the operation was still in its planning stages. His research focuses on Russian military capabilities and learning, Kremlin integration efforts in the former Soviet Union and Russian strategic calculus. Mason is a trusted voice on Russian military operations and the Kremlin's activity abroad. He has appeared on CNN, the BBC, Voice of America, MSNBC, and others. He has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The New Yorker, NPR, Task & Purpose, Defense One, the Kyiv Independent, and many others. He regularly briefs senior military and civilian decision makers on Russian military capabilities and the Kremlin’s global campaigns.

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, 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.

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 geopolitical, geostrategic, energy, and natural resources (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 with a regional focus on Russia/Eurasia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. 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 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
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 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 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.

Diane Francis is an award-winning columnist, bestselling author, investigative journalist, and television commentator. She writes twice weekly at https://dianefrancis.substack.com/ and is Editor at Large with the National Post and Postmedia newspapers writing twice weekly. She is Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, Eurasia section, in Washington DC. She has written pieces for the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Daily Beast, Politico, Miami Herald and the New York Post. In addition she is a Distinguished Professor at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management and has been a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's Joan Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. In 1991, she became Editor of Canada's Financial Post, the first woman editor of a national daily newspaper in Canada, a position she held until the paper was sold in 1998.

Andrew J Futey serves 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.

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 EuroCollege 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. He writes frequently on ethnic and religious issues and has edited five volumes on ethnicity and religion in the former Soviet space.
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.

Richard D. Hooker, Jr. is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council, following service as The Theodore Roosevelt Chair in National Security Affairs and Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. A former Dean of the NATO Defense College, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Senior Research Associate with the Changing Character of War Program at the University of Oxford and a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Jamestown Foundation. Dr. Hooker also served on the National Security Council during the Bush ‘41, Clinton and Bush administrations, and as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Europe and Russia with the NSC from April 2017-July 2018. A career Army officer, he served in combat in Grenada, Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, including command of a parachute brigade in Baghdad from 2005-2006. He holds a Ph.D in International Relations from the U. of Virginia and has authored 8 books and more than 60 articles on national security affairs.

Reuben F. Johnson is a 37-year veteran of analysing and reporting on foreign and US military technology and defence industrial developments. He has spent more than three decades working inside of US industry and analysing on-site numerous foreign defence facilities, including locations in Russia, Ukraine, the PRC, Poland Belarus, Australia, France, Spain, Brazil and Sweden. He has consulted on defence industrial developments for both the US and several NATO governments. He also has a more than 30-year history of being published in defence and foreign affairs publications in the US, Europe, Asia and Latin America and has won multiple awards for reporting on the current war between Ukraine and Russia. He has resided in Kyiv for more than 20 years until being forced to evacuate in the face of the Russian invasion of February 2022.

Adrian Karatnycky is Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, where in 2007 he founded the Council’s Ukraine in Europe program. He is co-director of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter; Senior Advisor to KARV Communications, a New York-based public and government relations firm; and Managing Partner of Myrmidon Group LLC. From 1994 to 2005 he was Executive Director and later President at Freedom House, where he headed the annual Survey of Freedom in World and launched and headed the ongoing annual Nations in Transit study of political rights, economic reform, and civil liberties in the former Soviet bloc. The co-author of three books, and the editor of over twenty, his Battleground Ukraine: From Independence to the Russian War has just been published by Yale University Press and is already receiving high praise.

Phillip Karber is President of the Potomac Foundation and Professor of Strategy & Praxis at Georgetown Universities Machiavelli Seminar in Florence. He also has post-doc certificates from Harvard and Wharton Business Schools. In Government, Dr. Karber has held influential national security positions with the US Congress, the National Security Council, was a member of the US Army Science Board and served as Strategy Advisory to the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff. Toward the end of the Cold War he served as an advisor to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the Secretary General of NATO. In the spring of 2014, he and General Wesley Clark (former NATO Commander) were invited by the new Ukrainian Government to assess the situation there, and their reports to Congress were the first to argue for increased US Military Assistance and Lethal Weapons.

Taras Kuzio is a professor of political science at the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy and an associate research fellow at the London-based think tank, the Henry Jackson Society. He is also the winner of the 2022 Peterson Literary Prize for Russian Nationalism and the Russian-Ukrainian War: Autocracy-Orthodoxy-Nationality published by Routledge and author of Fascism and Genocide. Russia’s War Against Ukrainians published by Ibidem and Columbia University Press in 2023.

Oleksandr Ltyvynenko is the current Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine and a member of the Headquarters of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief; he brings enormous experience to the task, having served as NSDC’s Deputy Secretary from 2014 to 2019. Immediately prior to his current
posting, Dr. Lytvynenko served as the head of Ukraine’s Foreign Intelligence Service (2021-2023). Earlier, he long held the prestigious post of Director of the National Institute for Strategic Studies.

Steven Moore is a former chief of staff in the U.S. House of Representatives who has been in Ukraine most of the time since day 5 of the war. His NGO, the Ukraine Freedom Project (UFP), started as a humanitarian organization. Since March of 2022, UFP has delivered some 250 tons of food to areas impacted by the war, supplied dozens of hospitals with medical supplies, helped put thousands of pieces of body armor on Ukrainians and delivered Starlinks, drones, generators, and other aid to areas near the front. Moore has been to the front a dozen times. With his years of experience on Capitol Hill, Moore has also become a trusted source of information to members of Congress and their staffs.

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.

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.

Anna Osypchuk is Associate Professor and Head of the Master’s Program in the Department of Sociology at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. After completing her PhD in Sociology at NUKMA in 2010, she was a Fulbright visiting scholar in the Department of Sociology at Rutgers University, New Jersey (FFDP, 2010-2011). She also has been visiting scholar and lecturer at the Central and East European Studies center (CEES), Glasgow University, the Department of Sociology at Lund University and Stanford University’s Central European, Russian and Eurasian Studies program. Her research focuses on the interplay of agency, cognition, social structures and culture; social and cultural transformations in post-Soviet countries; studies of identities and collective memory, thus spanning sociology, social and political philosophy, anthropology and cultural studies.

Kyle Parker was jointly appointed on January 3, 2018 by U.S. Senators Roger Wicker and 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.

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.

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.

James Sherr OBE is currently Senior Fellow at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute attached to International Centre for Defence and Security in Tallinn. Immediately prior to his present posting, he was Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), where he head of the Russia and Eurasia programme between 2008 and 2011. Earlier, he served a member of the Social Studies Faculty of Oxford University from 1993 to 2012, a fellow of the Conflict Studies Research Centre of the UK Ministry of Defence from 1995 to 2008 and Director of Studies of the Royal United Services Institute (1983-85). Prof Sherr has additionally received recognition as a Visiting Fellow of the Razumkov Centre, a Senior Associate Fellow of the Institute of Statecraft and in June 2016, a GMF Bosch Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy, Washington.

Denys Sienik is a career Ukrainian diplomat. He has served as Deputy Ambassador of Ukraine in the US since August 2023. Prior to his arrival to Washington DC in January 2023 he held various positions within Ukraine's diplomatic service which included being Chief of Staff to Ukraine's First Deputy Foreign Minister, and postings at Embassies of Ukraine in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Jason Jay Smart is presently Special Correspondent for the Kyiv Post; his articles, particularly during the present Russo-Ukrainian War, have been 'must reads'. Over the last two decades, he has lived and worked as a political adviser in Ukraine, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Latin America. Due to his work with the democratic opposition to Pres. Vladimir Putin, Dr. Smart was declared persona non grata, for life, by Russia in 2010.

William Taylor presently serves as Vice President for Strategic Stability and Security at the United States Institute of Peace. From 2011 to 2013, Ambassador Taylor was the Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions in the State Department, appointed by the Secretary of State to ensure that U.S. support for the countries of the Arab revolutions was effective; his task was to coordinate assistance and support to Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Syria. He served as the U.S. envoy to Ukraine, the sixth in a line of distinguished US diplomats, from 2006 to 2009.

Fatima Tlis is an award-winning investigative journalist who has written extensively on Russia and the North Caucasus, including the role of Islam, human rights abuses, and freedom of the press. Tlisova recently testified as a regional expert before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the U.S. Congress. While in the Caucasus, she worked with Novaya Gazeta and reported for the Associated Press. She was a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as well as a Nieman Journalism Fellow at Harvard University and the National Endowment for Democracy. Ms. Tlis was also a recipient of a Pulitzer Center Grant for her multimedia project on the relations between the state and the press in Russia. Currently, she is correspondent with Polygraph,info at the VOA.

Morgan Williams serves as President/CEO of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC); he was elected Chairman of the USUBC Executive Committee in 2005 and as President in 2007. Concurrently, Mr. Williams is Director of Government Affairs for the Washington Office of the SigmaBleyzer Emerging Markets Private Equity Investment Group; he became a consultant to SigmaBleyzer in 2001 and joined the company in 2004. Mr. Williams and USUBC have run hundreds of forum and seminars over the last decade and a half highlighting investment opportunities in Ukraine.

Walter 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 New York University for nearly three decades before moving on in recent years to do postdoctoral research work on Eastern Europe.
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