A UA-EAF SPECIAL EVENT:
EXAMINING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S
RIGHT TO A VETO ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

Date: December 01, 2026

Venue: CUNY Graduate Center 365 5th Ave, New York, NY 10016
Forum Site: Segal Theater - 1st Floor

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM Registration

12:30 PM - 12:40 PM Opening Word

Host: Dr. Eli Karetny [Deputy Director/Ralph Bunche Institute of International Studies]

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM Session One

Theme: Russia Federation's Right to Veto Power Revisited - The Legal Dimension

Chair: Amb. Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]

Panelists:

Hon. Ruslan Stefanchuk [Speaker/Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada]
Maksym Baryshnikov [Legal Counsel/Pylyp Orlyk Foundation]
Dr. Bohdan Vitvitsky [Former Federal Prosecutor with the US Department of Justice]

1:50 PM - 2:00 PM Coffee Break

2:00 PM - 3:10 PM Session Two

Theme: Russia Federation's Right to Veto Power Revisited - The Moral Dimension

Chair; Adrian Karatnycky [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council of the United States]

Panelists:

Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko [Head of International Policy Research/Pylyp Orlyk Foundation]
Hon. Volodymyr Vyatrovych [Member-ESP/Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada]
Karolina Hird [National Security Fellow/Institute for the Study of War]

3:10 PM - 3:20 PM Coffee Break

3:20 PM - 4:30 PM Session Three

Theme: Russia Federation's Right to Veto Power Revisited - The Political Dimension

Chair: Dr. Kateryna Shynkaruk [Senior Lecturer/Texas A&M Bush School of Government]

Panelists:

Amb. Andrij Melnyk [Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations]
Amb. Ihor Kharchenko [Special Adviser/Pylyp Orlyk Foundation]
Dr. Alexander Motyl [Professor of Politics/Rutgers University]

4:45 PM - 6:30 PM Sponsors' Reception
[Ralph Bunche Institute - 7th Floor]