

US UKRAINE
SECURITY
DIALOGUE XIV

**Russian-Ukrainian War on 2022 -
Initial Overview**

**ONLINE WEBINAR
MARCH 2-3, 2022**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XIV: The Russian-Ukrainian War of 2022, is a two-day (March 2-3 2022) webinar event, comprised of eight panel discussions and four highlight focus sessions. Six of the panel discussions will be dedicated to assessing Ukraine's ability to cope with the unfolding Russian invasion in the classical security dimensions: land (regular/territorial); sea/maritime defense; air/air defense; intel/cyber warfare; information warfare; energy & infrastructure safety. The remaining two panels would consider Ukraine's capacity to engage in "irregular/insurgency warfare," if deemed necessary. Two of the highlight focus sessions would be devoted to considering why Ukraine's security matters enough - to its neighbors and the world at large - to merit serious military assistance in time of need. The other two focus sessions would concentrate on the means by which Ukraine might attain the stated assistance.

DIALOGUE INVOCATION

*Oh Lord, Master of Heaven and Earth
You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,
We beseech you to help Her sustain
Your precious gift*

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PROGRAM

First Day - Wednesday March 2

9:00 am – 9:05 am The Why and How of the Forum

9:05 am – 9:20 am Word of Welcome

Speaker: HE Oksana Markarova [Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States]

9:20 am – 10:30 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion I

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Land Force Capacity to Slow Down and Even Halt the Russia's Invading Forces

Discussion Moderator: Amb. William Taylor [Executive Vice President/US Institute of Peace]

Panelists: Maj. Gen. Volodymyr Havrilov [Director/Veterans Dozen Foundation]

Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges [Pershing Chair/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Lead Discussant: Luke Coffey [Director/Allison Center/Heritage Foundation]

10:30 am – 11:40 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion II

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Maritime & Coastal Defense Situation in the Face of the Invasion

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Alexander Vershbow [Distinguished Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Adm. Ihor Kabanenko [President/Ukrainian Advanced Project Agency]

RAdm. Mark Montgomery [Senior Director/Center on Cyber Technology Innovation]

Lead Discussant: Glen Howard [President/Jamestown Foundation]

11:40 am – 12:25 pm Dialogue Focus Session I

Theme: Why Ukraine Matters and Warrants Assistance With Its Security Issues - UA Perspective

Chair: Andrew Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

Featured Speaker: Serhiy Kyslytsya [Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations]

12:25 am – 1:35 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion III

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Air & Air Defense Capabilities - Are they Holding Up Under the Stress?

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Kurt Volker [Senior Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Panelists: Andriy Zahorodnyuk [Minister of Defense of Ukraine 2019-2020]

Gen Phillip Breedlove [GA Tech Distinguished Prof. of Practice/SACEUR 2013-2016]

Lead Discussant: Stephen Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

1:35 pm – 2:45 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion IV

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Intel & Cyber-Warfare Capabilities - Are they Holding Up in the 'Fog of War'?

Discussion Moderator: Amb. William Courtney [BFL Executive Director/RAND Corporation]

Panelists: Oleksandr Danylyuk [Ctr. for Defense Reform Director/Fmr. Head-UA Foreign Intel]

RAdm. Mark Montgomery [Senior Director/Center on Cyber Technology Innovation]

Lead Discussant: Katerina Sedova [Research Fellow/CSET/Georgetown University]

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm – Dialogue Focus Session II

Theme: Why Ukraine Matters and Warrants Assistance With Its Security Issues - US Perspective

Chair: Herman Pirchner [President/American Foreign Policy Council]

Featured Speaker: Amb. Samantha Powers [Administrator/United States Agency for International Development.]

Second Day - Thursday March 3

9:00 am – 9:05 am First Day Reprise

9:05 am – 9:30 am Dialogue Panel Discussion VII

Theme: If Ukraine Matters and Merits Help, What Kind of Aid Package Would Be Appropriate? – A Word from the House

Chair: Paul Bandriwsky [Vice President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America -IL Div.]

Featured Speaker: Rep. Mike Quigley [D-IL][Co-Chair/Congressional Ukraine Caucus][CONFIRMED]

9:30 am – 10:40 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion V

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Ability to Cope with Influence Operations & Information Warfare in the Present Circumstances

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Daniel Fried [Distinguished Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Hanna Hopko [ANTS Network Chair/Rada Foreign Affairs Comm. Chair 2014-2019]

Janusz Bugajski [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Melinda Haring [Deputy Director/Eurasia Center/Atlantic Council]

10:40 am – 11:50 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion VI

Theme: Taking Measure of the War's Impact on Ukraine's Energy Resources and Key Industrial Infrastructure

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

Panelists: Mykhailo Honchar [President/Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI']

Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Ariel Cohen [Director/Energy, Growth, and Security Program/ITIC]

11:50 am – 12:10 pm – A Word from the Ukrainian World Congress

Chair: Michael Sawkiw [Director/Ukrainian National Information Service]

Speaker: Stefan Romaniw [1st Vice President/Ukrainian World Congress]

12:10 pm – 1:20 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion V

Theme: Exploring the Possibility of Ukraine Making Its Territory Incapable of Being Securely Occupied - How?

Discussion Moderator: Robert McConnell [Co-Founder & Principal/US-Ukraine Foundation]

Panelists: Gen. Wesley Clark [President/WKC Associates/SACEUR 1997-2000]

Phillip Karber [President/Potomac Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Ostap Kryvdyk [Ukrainian Strategic Initiative]

1:20 pm – 2:30 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion VI

Theme: Do Ukraine's Allies Have the Will/Tools to Help Ukraine Make Its Territory Incapable of Being Securely Occupied

Discussion Moderator: Amb. John Herbst [Director/Eurasia Center/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: James Sherr OBE [EE International Center for Defence and Security]

Jill Sinclair [Exec. Director, External Engagement & Partnerships, CA Defence Acad.]

Lead Discussant: Adrian Karatnycky [Managing Director/Myrmidon Group]

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Dialogue Focus Session IV

Theme: If Ukraine Matters and Merits Help, What Kind of Aid Package Would Be Appropriate? – A Word from the Senate

Chair: Orest Deychakiwsky [Policy Advisor/US Helsinki Commission 1981-2019]

Featured Speaker: Sen. Roger Wicker [R-MS][Ranking Member/US Helsinki Commission][CONFIRMED]

BIOGRAPHIES

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.

Pavlo T. Bandriwsky, an accomplished senior executive with four decades of experience in the financial services industry, served as Regional President of MB Financial Bank and Chief Operating Officer of First Security Federal Savings Bank. Pavlo currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division, the Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank, the national and local Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation, and the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation.

Stephen Blank is currently Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute; 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.

Antony Blinken is the 71st U.S. Secretary of State. Over three decades and three presidential administrations, Sec. Blinken has helped shape U.S. foreign policy to ensure it protects U.S. interests and delivers results for the American people. He served as deputy secretary of state for President Barack Obama from 2015 to 2017, and before that, as President Obama's principal deputy national security advisor. During the first term of the Obama Administration, Mr. Blinken was national security advisor to then-Vice President Joe Biden. During the Clinton Administration, Mr. Blinken served as a member of the National Security Council staff, including two years as the senior director for European affairs, the president's principal advisor on the countries of Europe, the European Union, and NATO.

Phil Breedlove is a highly decorated retired General of the United States Air Force reaching the pinnacle of the United States Military as one of six geographic Combatant Commanders and Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. During 39 years of service, Gen. Breedlove held a variety of demanding command and staff positions; he led large-scale operations across two theaters of combat. As the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and the Commander of US European Command, he was able to build consensus and form teams to accomplish complex tasks spanning multiple continents; he answered directly to the North Atlantic Council in his NATO capacity and directly to the President of the United States and Secretary of Defense in his US capacity. He led the most comprehensive strategic structural and policy security changes in NATO's history. His diplomatic skills assured allies, deterred potential aggressors and maintained alliance unity during a dynamic and extremely challenging period (2013-2016).

Janusz Bugajski is a Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) in Washington DC and host of television shows broadcast in the Balkans. Bugajski has authored 20 books on Europe, Russia, and trans-Atlantic relations and is a columnist for several media outlets. His recent books include *Eurasian Disunion: Russia's Vulnerable Flanks* (with Margarita Assenova) (2016); *Conflict Zones: North Caucasus and Western Balkans Compared* (2014); *Return of the Balkans: Challenges to European Integration and U.S. Disengagement* (2013); and *Georgian Lessons: Conflicting Russian and Western Interests in the Wider Europe* (2010).

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.

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 Defense. Earlier, he served as an officer in the United States Armed Forces, with deployments in South Europe and Afghanistan.

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 geo-economic, 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 nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation. He chairs the board of trustees of Eurasia Foundation, which carries out programs abroad to improve governance and strengthen civil society. He co-chairs the international advisory council of the America 250 Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. It will oversee and encourage commemorations of the 250th anniversary of America's founding in 1776. For 28 years he was a foreign service officer in the Department of State, and 14 years a corporate executive. He served as Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Georgia, and the U.S.-Soviet Commission to implement the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

Oleksandr Danylyuk served as the Special Advisor to the head of Ukraine's Foreign Intelligence Service, and as an advisor to Ukraine's Minister of Defense. He currently heads the Centre for Defense Reforms and is a coordinator of the NATO-Ukraine intergovernmental platform for early detection and countering hybrid threats. Concurrently, he is a research contributor to the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the world's oldest and the UK's leading defense and security think tank.

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, CNN, Fox News, PBS 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.

Daniel Fried, a veteran American diplomat, currently holds an appointment as Distinguished Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. Ambassador Fried began his career with the Foreign Service in 1977. From 1977 until 1993, he respectively served in the Economic Bureau of the State Department, at the U.S. Consulate General in then-Leningrad, as Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, in the Office of Soviet Affairs at the State Department, as Polish Desk Officer at the State Department and Political Counselor in the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. Ambassador Fried served on the staff of the NSC from 1993 until 1997, first as a Director and then as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Central and Eastern Europe; in the 1997-2000 period, he was Ambassador to Poland. In his service during the Bush I, Clinton, Bush II & Obama Administrations, Ambassador Fried was active in designing/implementing U.S. policy to advance freedom and security in Central/Eastern Europe, promote NATO enlargement, explore RU-NATO relations and coordinate 'sanctions policy' where necessary.

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 and campaign development strategies at the international, federal and local levels.

Melinda Haring is the deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Previously, she was the editor of the Atlantic Council's popular publication, the UkraineAlert blog. Ms. Haring has worked for Eurasia Foundation, Freedom House, and the National Democratic Institute, where she managed democracy assistance programs in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Russia. Additionally, she is the vice-chair of the board of East Europe Foundation in Kyiv, Ukraine, a member of the supervisory board of Right to Protection in Kyiv, Ukraine, and a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. Ms. Haring is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Volodymyr Havrylov, Major General (ret.), served as Defense Attaché at the Ukrainian Embassy to the United States in 2015–2018. He is currently a Director of the Veterans Dozen Foundation and serves on the Board of Advisors to the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. He started his military career in Air Defense units in 1981 upon graduation from the Institute of electronics technologies. In 1991 he joined the newly emerged Ukrainian Armed Forces and was selected to the first group of Ukrainian military attachés, and has since occupied tours in the United States, the United Kingdom and Romania. Prior to being appointed Defense Attaché in the United States in September 2015 he was the Commandant of the Military Diplomatic Academy in Kyiv. Maj. Gen. Havrylov has also participated in the peacekeeping operation in Balkans in 1998 and the Anti-Terrorist Operation against Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine in 2015.

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.

Ben Hodges retired from the U.S. Army in January 2018 holding the rank of Lieutenant General. The West Pointer's last military assignment was as Commanding General, United States Army Europe from 2014 to 2017. Gen. Hodges started his career as an Infantry Lieutenant in Garlstedt, Germany where he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels in the 101st Airborne Division, including Command of the First Brigade Combat Team "Bastogne" of the 101st Airborne Division in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (2003-2004). His other operational assignments include Chief of Operations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Director of Operations, Regional Command South in Kandahar, Afghanistan. General Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include: Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps; and Commander, NATO Allied Land Command (İzmir, Turkey).

Mykhailo Honchar is presently President of the Center for Global Studies, Strategies XXI. Prior to his current position, Mr. Honchar served a good many years as Director of Energy Programs at the NOMOS Center and helped found Kyiv's prestigious Energy Club "Q"; he and his good friend at the "Q Club", Olexander Todiichuk, quickly accumulated a well founded reputation for being two of the finest students and prognosticators of energy developments in Eastern Europe.

Hanna Hopko is presently Chair of the Board of National Interests Advocacy Network "ANTS". Concurrently, she sits on Executive Committee of the National Council of Reforms and the Anti-Corruption Action Centre as well as on the Board of Trustees of and Bogomolets National Medical University. During the Revolution of Dignity, Ms. Hopko, a journalist by profession, was one of the leading members of the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan. At the time, she, along with other activists, launched a coalition of Ukrainian NGOs focused on implementing reforms in Ukraine and served as an expert advising the inter-factional parliamentary group "Platform of Reforms". During the parliamentary elections that followed the EuroMaidan revolution, she headed the list of the Samopomich Party and was elected into the Parliament of Ukraine. During her tenure in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, her reputation proceeded her; she served as Chairwoman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2014 to 2019.

Glen Howard serves as the President of The Jamestown Foundation. Mr. Howard is fluent in Russian and proficient in Azerbaijani; a regional expert on the Caucasus and Central Asia, he was formerly an analyst at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Strategic Assessment Center. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, and Jane's Defense Weekly. Mr. Howard has served as a consultant to the private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council and oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Ihor Kabanenko is a retired admiral with the Ukrainian Navy. From 1983 to 1990, he served in the Soviet Navy in various assignments, including Commander of the Ship and Chief of Staff of the Missile Ships Division. Between 1993-2013, he joined and served in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. He was appointed to the positions of Chief of Operations and Chief of Staff of the Ukrainian Navy, the Military Representative of Ukraine to NATO, Chief of Operations of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and the First Deputy Chief of Defence. Upon retiring from active service, Admiral Kabanenko took on the role of the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense from May to August 2014 and the post of Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine for European Integration from August to October 2014. Currently, he is president of UARPA (Ukrainian Advanced Research Project Agency), which focuses on high-tech solutions and products for defense.

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.

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 policy analyst has made 29 trips to Ukraine and spent over 180 days at the front observing the combat. His observations have been briefed to the U.S. Congress and a number of European Parliaments.

Ostap Kryvdyk has worked as a journalist, professional party staffer and political expert; concurrently, he has engaged in political activism and civil society work, having served as head of the creative unit for the PORA civic movement (2004) during the Orange Revolution and as International Secretary of Maidan Self-Defense (2013-14) during the Revolution of Dignity. His activity since the Revolution of Dignity has included serving as Special Advisor on foreign policy to Mr Andriy Parubiy in the latter's capacity as the Secretary of the National Defence and Security Council (2014), the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament (2014-16) and the Speaker of the Parliament (2016-2019) as well as being a Member of Royal College of Defense Studies, London, UK (2018). Presently, Mr. Kryvyk serves as Director of the "Ukraine and the World" Program at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.

Dmytro Kuleba currently serves as Minister Of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Immediately prior to his present post, he served as the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine. Earlier (2016-2019), Minister Kuleba held the post of Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe. The veteran diplomat started his career in Ukraine's Foreign Service in 2003; he took a hiatus from 2013 to 2016 to head the UART Foundation for Cultural Diplomacy. In 2017, he was named the best Ukrainian ambassador of the Year 2017 by the Institute of World Policy.

Oksana Markarova serves as the current Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States since February 2021. Prior to her diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Markarova served as Minister of Finance in the governments of Volodymyr Groysman and Oleksiy Honcharuk. At her initiative, in 2015 the largest open data portal in the public finance sector E-data was created; it consists of modules spending.gov.ua, openbudget.gov.ua and proifi.gov.ua.

Robert McConnell, in 1981, was nominated by President Reagan to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, a position he held throughout Reagan's first term. He then was Vice President of CBS, Inc., heading the Washington Office for three years until he joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. While at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher he, along with his wife, Nadia, founded the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation which opened office in Washington and Kyiv. The Foundation is the longest running American presence in Ukraine and focuses on democratic institution building and the development of civil society. McConnell now, in addition to his work with the USUF, heads R.A. McConnell & Associates a government relations and crisis advisory firm.

Mark Montgomery (Rear Admiral – ret.) is the Director of the Center on Cyber and Technology Innovation and a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. He serves as the Senior Advisor to the Chairmen of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, and was the Executive Director. Prior to this, he was Policy Director for the Senate Armed Services Committee under the leadership of Senator John S. McCain. Adm. Montgomery completed 32 years as a nuclear trained surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 2017. He commanded the USS McCampbell and Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN. His flag officer assignments included Director of Operations (J3) at U.S. Pacific Command; Commander of Carrier Strike Group 5 embarked on the USS George Washington stationed in Japan; and Deputy Director, Plans, Policy and Strategy (J5) at U.S. European Command.

Viktor Muzhenko was appointed Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine by President Petro Poroshenko in July 2014; he left the appointment in May 2019 and shortly after retired. Before assuming what would be his final posting in the Ukraine military, Gen. Muzhenko held several prominent senior command positions. From April 2003 to July 2004 he served as chief of staff - first deputy commander of a mechanized brigade of Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent of the multinational force in Iraq. In 2005 he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Corps of Ukrainian Ground Forces, a post he held till 2010. In 2010-2012, he served as commander of the 8th Army Corps. In 2012, Gen. Muzhenko was appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. In a May 2014 decree of Acting President Oleksandr Turchynov (in the aftermath of the Revolution of Dignity), he was assigned to be the first deputy head of the counterterrorist center at the Security Service of Ukraine.

Tamara Olexy, in 2017, 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 returned to work heading the National Office of the UCCA in New York. In 2019, she took a second post, becoming Vice President for North America at the Ukrainian World Congress. 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.

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.

Roman Popadiuk, a former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine and past principal of Morgan-Lewis Consulting, presently serves as President of the Diplomacy Center Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America's Chairman of the national Board of Directors. 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.

Mike Quigley was elected to Congress in 2009 to represent Illinois' 5th District after serving his community for more than thirty years. Representative Quigley serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, where he is chair of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government. Since 2015, he has been a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. On this committee, he oversees the entire intelligence community and works to ensure the protection of the United States from foreign adversaries, and as we are seeing in Ukraine right now, outside nations from potential threats to their own democratic institutions. Congressman Quigley also serves as Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus, where he works to support Ukrainian-American relations and advises the administration on best practices in protecting Ukrainian sovereignty.

Stefan Romaniw OAM currently holds the position of Executive Director of Community Languages Australia. He has served terms as Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission under both Governments in Victoria. He has also served as Chairman of the Victorian Government's Australia Day Committee (Victoria). He is the First Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) and Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations. (AFUO). He holds the position of Chair of the UWC International Committee for Recognition of Holodomor as Genocide and Chair of the UWC International Religious Affairs Committee.

Katerina Sedova is a Research Fellow at Georgetown's Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET), where she works on the CyberAI Project. Most recently, she advised Sen. Maggie Hassan on cybersecurity and technology policy issues and drafted key legislation as a TechCongress fellow with the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Previously, she published research and advised projects on disinformation, state-sponsored information operations and OSINT for the NATO Strategic Communications Center of Excellence, the Department of State and the Defense Department.

James Sherr OBE is currently Senior Fellow at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute attached to International Centre for Defense 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 program 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 Defense 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.

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Ottawa Process that resulted in the Ottawa Convention banning anti-personnel landmines. She was Canada's first Ambassador for Mine Action. She had postings in Prague, Havana and the Middle East.

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