

Dear colleagues,

With this 20th anniversary issue of our Newsletter we inform you about the **winners of our annual PhD Thesis Presentation Contest 2019, re-election of the DUAG executive board members, some significant awards and notable appointments**, and as always, provide you with a digest of the latest news, funding opportunities and events related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

With kind regards,

Dr. Oksana Seumenicht

Managing Director, the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ Research Development Manager, MDC, Berlin

Professor Olga Garaschuk

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Annual Meeting 2020 will be held in Hannover, Germany

The next annual meeting of our Society will be held at The Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover. It will take place before the start of the university winter semester at the end of September – early October. The exact date will be communicated shortly.

The executive board of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (DUAG) re-elected

As required by the Statute of the DUAG e.V. its executive board has to be elected every three years. Thus, the election was carried out at the Annual Meeting of our Society (see report below) in Tübingen on 20 September 2019. Six candidates were nominated by the DUAG members, including the currently serving members of the board, who all were re-elected to serve for the next three-year term. According to the decision of the elected board members, they will continue to serve in the same functions as in the previous term:

- Prof. Olga Garaschuk, University of Tübingen – president
- Prof. Matthias Epple, University of Duisburg-Essen – vice-president
- Dr. Oksana Seumenicht, MDC, Berlin – managing director
- Dr. Nelia Wanderka, HZB, Berlin – treasurer

Winners of our PhD Thesis Presentation Contest 2019 announced

The PhD Thesis Presentation Contest was organized by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society for the fourth time. With this Contest the Society promotes aspiring PhD candidates and foster academic cooperation with Ukraine. The contestants are either Ukrainians carrying out their PhD research abroad, or are involved in bi- or multi-lateral collaborative research projects with Ukrainian scientists, or whose research topic is related to Ukraine. This year 16 candidates applied from Canada, Germany, the UK and Ukraine. Five candidates took part in the Final presentation round, with a challenge to present their PhD research in just five minutes.



The winners and the PhD Contest committee members (left to right): Dr. Tetyana Yevesa, Prof. Matthias Epple, Sofiia Reshetniak – the 1st place, Oleh Rymarenko – the 2nd place, Dr. Gisela Zimmermann, Yevgenii Grushevskyyi – the 3rd place, Dr. Christian Schaich, Prof. Olga Garaschuk. Tübingen, 19 September 2019.

Photo: courtesy of Kostiantyn Yanchenko



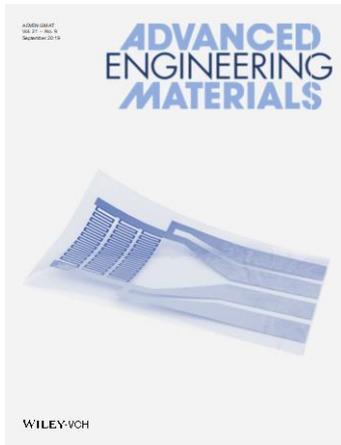
The PhD Contest 2019 winners are:

- **The first place: Sofiia Reshetniak** (UMG, The Georg August University of Göttingen) for her talk “Dynamic organization of the synaptic bouton”;
- **The second place: Oleh Rymarenko** (Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen) for his talk “XPO1 – a bouncer of a cell nucleus”;
- **The third place: Yevgenii Grushevskiy** (The Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg) for his talk “Activation Kinetics of GPCRs”.

In addition to book prizes the winners received the monetary awards of €300 for the 1st, €200 for the 2nd and €100 for the 3rd place, which has been endowed by Nomad Bioscience GmbH. The jury was headed by Prof. Olga Garaschuk and included Dr. Christian Schaich (ZOiS, Berlin), Dr. Gisela Zimmermann (DAAD IC Kyiv), Prof. Matthias Epple (University of Duisburg-Essen/ DUAG Vice-president) and Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (MHH/ DUAG member).

Press-release: http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/PR_20Sept2019.pdf

Congratulations to a joint publication by the Society members



DUAG members, – physicist **Dr. Denys Makarov (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, HZDR)** and cancer immunologist **Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (Hannover Medical School, MHH)**- established an interdisciplinary collaboration aimed at the development of new therapeutic approaches in cancer treatment. Their first highly encouraging results based on tests using novel implantable devices in liver cancer models were just published in the September issue of *Advanced Engineering Materials* and the paper was highlighted as a **front cover page** (left).

Gilbert Santiago Cañón Bermúdez et al. Implantable Highly Compliant Devices for Heating of Internal Organs: Toward Cancer Treatment. Adv. Eng. Mater. 2019, 21, 1900407, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/adem.201900407?af=R&>

Forthcoming Lectures within our “Science first hand” series

Date: 24 October 2019

Title: “The “Ruthenian Trinity” and beginning of reception of the “Cossack Myth” in Galicia” (in Ukrainian)

Speaker: Dr. Denys Shatalov – Ph.D., Head of Research Department of the [“Tkuma” Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies](#) (Dnipro), Visiting Fellow of the [‘Prisma Ukraïna–Research Network Eastern Europe’](#) at the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin). **Register by 21 October**



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Date: 14 November

Title: “Challenges and Perspectives in Pulmonary Hypertension Research” (in Ukrainian)

Speaker: Dr. Mariya Kucherenko, Postdoctoral scientist, working on translational cooperative project between German Heart Center Berlin (Department of Cardiothoracic & Vascular surgery, Prof. Knosalla) and Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Institute of Physiology, Prof. Kübler). **Register by 11 November**



Photo: private



Time: 18:00 – 19:30

Venue: Embassy of Ukraine in Federal Republic of Germany, Albrechtstraße 26, 10117 Berlin

Register per e-mail to berlin (at) ukrainet.eu, providing your name, occupation and employer/ place of study, city, as required by security regulations of the embassy. Please have a valid photo-identity document to enter the venue.

MAJOR AWARDS, GRANTS & DISTINCTIONS

Ukrainian writer Haska Shyyan is among the laureates of The European Union Prize for Literature



Lviv writer **Haska (Halyna) Shyyan** was named one of the 14 laureates of the prestigious literary award, the European Union Prize for Literature. She is the first Ukrainian writer to be awarded this prize. Her novel "За спиною/ Behind the Back" (Fabula) is set in contemporary Ukraine and tells the story of a successful young woman, whose boyfriend is sent to fight in Russia's war in Donbas.

The aim of the prize is to put the spotlight on the creativity and diverse wealth of Europe's contemporary literature in the field of fiction, to promote the circulation of literature within Europe and to encourage greater interest in non-national literary works.

<https://www.euprizeliterature.eu/authors/haska-shyyan>

UATV Youtube interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33RlfbQO8sk>

Three ERC starting grants awarded to Ukrainian scientists to advance their research in Austria and Switzerland



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Prof. Maksym Serbyn

The Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria)

Project: "Non-Ergodic Quantum Matter: Universality, Dynamics and Control"

Maksym was born in Kyiv, Ukraine. He gained his B.Sc. (2007) and M.Sc. (2009), both in Applied Physics and Mathematics, from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. He then joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for his Ph.D. research, supported with the Praecis Presidential Graduate Fellowship (2009-2010) and distinguished with the Andrew Locket III Memorial Fund

Award (2013). He gained his Ph.D. degree in Physics from the MIT in 2014 for his Ph.D. thesis "Quantum Spin Liquids: Mean Field and Beyond". Maksym then became a Gordon and Betty Moore Postdoctoral Fellow at the UC Berkeley (2014-2017) and was appointed Assistant Professor at the IST Austria in 2017. Since then he has been leading his research group "Quantum Dynamics and Condensed Matter Theory" at the IST Austria. In 2019 Maksym was also awarded the **Ludwig Boltzmann Prize of the Austrian Physical Society** "for his pioneering work on the non-equilibrium properties of quantum systems".

In his ERC-funded project Maksym will explore how isolated quantum systems can avoid a thermal equilibrium state. To this end, Maksym and his research group will build a unified



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theory of quantum systems that escape thermal equilibrium — non-ergodic quantum matter — by classifying the universal properties and phases of this quantum state of matter along with investigating possible ways to control them. Thus, Maksym aims to lay a foundation for a complete theory of non-equilibrium many-body systems.

*Press-releases: ERC, <https://adyn.ist.ac.at/>; <https://ist.ac.at/en/research/physical-sciences/serbyn-group/>
<https://ist.ac.at/en/news/two-erc-starting-grants-for-ist-professors-edouard-hannezo-and-maksym-serbyn/>; APS: <https://ist.ac.at/en/news/ist-austria-professor-maksym-serbyn-wins-ludwig-boltzmann-prize/>*



Dr. Andrii Tykhonov at the ICHEP 2018 (International Conference on High-Energy Physics) in Seoul, Korea

Dr. Andrii Tykhonov

Department of Nuclear & Particle Physics, Physics Section, The University of Geneva, Switzerland

Project: “Direct Detection of TeV-PeV Cosmic Rays in Space”

Andrii was born in Odesa, Ukraine. He graduated with M.Sc. in High Energy Physics from Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine in 2008. Already during his studies, he worked as software developer and system administrator. In 2009 he joined The Jožef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia for his Ph.D. research. In 2013 he successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis entitled “Searches for dark matter and lepton-jets with the ATLAS detector”.

Thereafter, Andrii joined The University of Geneva to develop the reconstruction software for a satellite project aimed at study of the Galactic Cosmic Rays. In particular, he developed pattern recognition software, which enabled significantly more sophisticated data analysis. With his ERC Starting grant Andrii will pursue cutting edge research aimed at fundamentally improving the accuracy of direct cosmic ray measurements at the highest energies in the TeV-PeV range. With this project he will contribute to solving the century-long problem of cosmic-ray origin at such high energies and its effects on the Universe composition. The project will also shed light on the nature of dark matter through the possible discovery of characteristic fine structures in cosmic-ray and gamma-ray spectra.

*Press-release: <https://www.unige.ch/dpnc/en/members/andrii-tykhonov/>
<https://www.unige.ch/dpnc/en/news/all-news/erc-starting-grant-catching-pev-particles-space/>*



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Dr. Maksym Yarema

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich), Switzerland

Project: “Solution-Based Engineering of Nanodimensional Phase-Change Materials and Memory Devices”

Maksym was born in Chervonograd, Ukraine, where he finished a local Gymnasium in 2002. He graduated from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv in 2007 with M.Sc. in Chemistry and gained his Doctoral degree in Engineering Sciences, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology from Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria in 2012.

Maksym then joined Prof. Kovalenko’s research group at the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology (EMPA) as a Marie-Curie Fellow. Since 2013, he is working in the Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering at ETH Zurich, Switzerland.



Maksym is a recipient of several awards and scholarships, most notably the DAAD Leonhard Euler Scholarship (2006-2007), QSIT q-starter award (2014), SNSF Ambizione Fellowship (2016-2019), ETH Innovedum grant (2018-2020), and now, ERC Starting Grant (2020-2024).

In his ERC project, Maksym will study nanodimensional phase-change materials and memory devices prepared using low-cost, material-efficient, liquid-based fabrication processes. His groundbreaking research on phase-change memory offers a feasible alternative to mainstream silicon-based devices. More broadly, Maksym's research spans various topics of solid-state and physical chemistry as well as chemical engineering, whereas particular focus is given for colloidal nanomaterials, their synthetic approaches and applications into optoelectronic devices, memory cells, and lithium-ion batteries.

Maksym is currently hiring a PhD student in chemistry and nanotechnology:
https://jobs.ethz.ch/job/view/JOPG_ethz_fkQrxHrjcf043sM0CS.

<https://ee.ethz.ch/the-department/people-a-z/person-detail.MjAzNjY4.TGlzdC8zMjc5LC0xNjUwNTq5ODIw.html>

Press-release: <https://ife.ee.ethz.ch/media/news/2019/09/erc-starting-grant-awarded-to-maksym-yarema.html>

Veronika Dyminska awarded the Young Talent Award 2019 of the Historical Commission of Berlin

Veronika Dyminska has been distinguished with the **HiKo_21 Young Talent Award 2019** (HiKo_21–Nachwuchspreis2019) for her PhD dissertation proposal “Pavlo Skoropadskyj and the Ukrainian Emigration in Berlin 1926-1945“ by the **Historical Commission of Berlin** (Historische Kommission zu Berlin e.V.). The award is endowed with prize money of EUR 2,000.

http://ukrainet.eu/2019/08/25/dyminska_hiko21award/



Prof. Michael Wildt (Chairman of the Historische Kommission zu Berlin e.V.), Prof. Werner Benecke (Universität Frankfurt (Oder)), Veronika Dyminska (awardee, Universität Frankfurt (Oder)), Olena Dyminska (Mother of the awardee), Prof. Arnd Bauerkämper (Board Member of the Historische Kommission zu Berlin e.V.). Berlin, 7 October 2019. © Historische Kommission zu Berlin e.V. (Ellen Franke).



Maksym Kovalenko receives Rössler Prize (ETH Zurich)



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Prof. Kovalenko (Empa and ETH Zurich) is being recognized for his work on bright nanoparticles with this year's Rössler Prize.

Maksym was born in Bukovyna region of Ukraine. He graduated in chemistry from Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine) and gained his Ph.D. from Johannes Kepler University in Linz (Austria). Following a postdoc position at the University of Chicago (USA), he joined ETH Zurich as an assistant professor in 2011. Currently he is an associate professor (with tenure) and heads the Functional Inorganic Materials Group in the Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences. Maksym was awarded The Werner Prize (2016), and won the ERC starting grant (2012) and ERC consolidator grant (2018).

ETH alumnus Max Rössler gifted ten million francs to the ETH Foundation in 2008. He donates the interest from this estate in the form of an annual sponsorship award for ETH professors in the expansion phase of their research careers. The Rössler Prize is worth 200,000 Swiss francs, making it the most highly endowed research award at ETH Zurich.

<https://kovalenkolab.ethz.ch/>

Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-t2oPIJxmo>

News feature "Sandwich structure of nanocrystals as quantum light source
A burst of "synchronous" light": <https://www.empa.ch/web/s604/nature-superfluorescence>

NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS

Ganna Novosad appointed the Minister for Education and Research of Ukraine

On August 29, 2019, during the first session of the 9th convocation of the Verkhovna Rada, Ganna Novosad was appointed the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Ganna Novosad was born in 1990. She graduated with the Bachelor's Degree in political science (2011) from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and received her Master's Degree in European Studies from the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands (2013). She received additional training at the think tanks of Spain and the Czech Republic (2012-2013) and participated in the Ukrainian-Canadian Parliamentary Program. Since 2014 she worked at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine: as Advisor to the Minister of Education and Science (March to Nov. 2014), then, until Dec. 2017 she headed the Department of International Cooperation and European Integration of the MESU. From Dec. 2017 to August 2019 she was the Director General of the Directorate for Strategic Planning and European Integration of the MESU. In 2019 she was elected People's Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

(in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/team/ganna-novosad>; <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-49508991>

First press-conference and team introduction (in Ukrainian): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_oy2cqeX7o



Borys Sorochynskiy appointed the managing director of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)



Photo: private

Before being selected in an open competitive call to become the managing director of the newly established NRFU, Dr. Sorochynskiy led the biosafety laboratory at the Institute of Food Biotechnology and Genomics, NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv. He has extensive research and research management experience.

Borys Sorochynskiy graduated in biology from Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State University (1978), gained his Ph.D. in radiation biology from the R.E. Kavetsky Institute of the Problems of Oncology, NAS of Ukraine,

Kyiv (1984) and D. Sci. degree in cell biology from Institute of Food Biotechnology and Genomics, NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv (2012). Borys Sorochynskiy received additional training in cell biology at John Innes Center, Norwich, UK, supported with a Royal Society fellowship (1995); in molecular genetics at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA, supported with a NATO collaborative linkage training grant (2003, 2004); and in agro-biotech and international agricultural sciences at Michigan State University, USA, supported with a Cochran fellowship (2002 and 2017) and a Fulbright fellowship (2005).

<https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/815-2019-%D1%80>

See **related article** on the establishment of the NRFU: “Довго запрягали, а як поїдемо?”, by Lidia Surzhyk, *Dzerkalo Tyzhnja*: <https://dt.ua/interview/dovgo-zapryagali-a-yak-poyidemo-325380.html>

Emily Channell-Justice to Lead New HURI (USA) Program on Contemporary Ukraine

The Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University (HURI) announced that **Dr. Emily Channell-Justice** will develop and lead its new program on contemporary Ukraine. The program, named the **Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program (T-CUP)**, has been established with the generous financial support of Mr. James Temerty, a Ukrainian-Canadian entrepreneur and philanthropist. The T-CUP initiative will extend the scope of HURI's work beyond its traditional focus on literature, history, and language. With an emphasis on the social sciences, the program is a response to the growing need for experts who can analyze the unfolding changes in Ukrainian society and politics.

<https://www.huri.harvard.edu/news/news-from-huri/373-emily-channell-justice-to-lead-new-huri-program-on-contemporary-ukraine.html>

Andrii Smytsniuk joins the staff of The Slavonic Section and Cambridge Ukrainian Studies, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics, Cambridge University, UK

Andrii has been hired as the Slavonic Section's **first full-time Ukrainian Language Teaching Officer** and will lead the development of the Ukrainian language program at the University of Cambridge. He will teach the Ukrainian language component of the SL9 Paper: Introduction to the Language, Literature and Culture of Ukraine and will take on the Open Courses in Ukrainian that are offered on the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels.

<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/ukrainian/news/andrii-smutsniuk-first-permanent-ukrainian-lto>
<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/ukrainian>



COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Cooperation Agreement between Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and Mitacs, Canada, for internship and research exchange

Over the next three years, Ukrainian students and scholars will continue to have an opportunity to work on research projects at the universities of Canada within the frame of the agreement between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Canadian organization Mitacs. They can now participate in two Mitacs international programs, - **Globalink Research Awards** and **Globalink Research Internship**. This cooperation builds on the established since 2017 partnership between the Mitacs and the Shevchenko Foundation (Canada).

More (in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/stazhuvannya-u-vishah-kanadi-ta-robotu-nad-spilnimi-doslidnickimi-proyektami-mon-ta-mitacs-pidpisali-ugodu-pro-spivpracyu>
<https://www.mitacs.ca/en/newsroom/news-release/new-agreement-strengthen-ukraine-canada-research-networks>

UKRATOP, a pilot BMBF project to support the development of research-intensive education in Ukraine

The overarching goal of the **UKRATOP ("Topological order of electrons in solids: New materials, Phenomena & application Concepts")** project is to support the development of research-intensive education in Ukraine by establishment of the **Ukrainian-German Excellence Center for Topological Matter** through intensive scientific cooperation and specific capacity-building measures. It is funded as one of the first two large pilot projects by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the second being UaFoodTrade (see our NL No. 18, <https://www.iamo.de/en/research/projects/details/uafodtrade/>).

The scientific goal of the project is to design new high-quality materials with exceptional surface and edge conditions resulting from their topological nature. The topological stability of the exotic physical properties of these materials can be of tremendous interest to the next generation of information technology. This will be done with photoelectron spectroscopy and transport measurements in conjunction with theoretical state-of-the-art modeling. This effort combines the complementary expertise and specialized equipment of partners in materials synthesis and growth, characterization and measurement techniques, and theoretical modeling.



Left: Dr. Denys Makarov (HZDR, DUAG member) gives a lecture at the Workshop on Topological Phenomena in Quantum Materials at IFW Dresden on 4-5 December 2018. © KAU



This project is a further development of a long-standing partnership between the Leibniz Institute for Solid State and Materials (IFW Dresden) & TU Dresden on one side, and Kyiv Academic University (KAU) & some related institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine on the other side. Nevertheless, the numerous scholarships, which are essential part of the project, are opened for master students and young researchers from any research and educational institutions in Ukraine. The idea of these scholarships is to stimulate the joint research between Ukrainian and German scientists, that requires the established collaboration between Ukrainian and German scientific supervisors of each student. The M.Sc. and Ph.D. students are expected to defend their degrees in Ukraine. Within this cooperation a number of talented young researchers (so far 9 M.Sc. and 2 Ph.D. students and 4 postdocs) were offered scholarships in one of three specializations: materials, experiment, or theory. The next call for the scholarships will be opened in May 2020. Look for the updates at the project web-site!

<https://ukratop.ifw-dresden.de/>
<https://kau.org.ua/centers/ukratop>

The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine program

This project is undertaken by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) together with partners in Ukraine. It brings the latest innovations of information technology to studies of the modern Ukrainian History.

- **The Great Famine project** focuses on the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33, also known as the Holodomor (“death by starvation”), and widely considered in Ukraine and beyond to be a genocide.
- **The Revolution of Dignity project** aims to contribute to a reconceptualization of regionalism in Ukraine. Mapping data on the region (oblast) level avoids arbitrary scaling into predefined macro-regions, and allows researchers to explore and explain intraregional and cross-regional differences and similarities in the changing social and political context of 2013 and 2015 Ukraine. **The History and Identity project** contributes to the comparative cross-regional analysis of identities and historical memory in today’s Ukraine using the most recent sociological survey data.
- **The Independent Ukraine project**, undertaken in cooperation with the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology, deals with popular attitudes towards Ukrainian sovereignty since 1991 as measured by support or opposition to unity with Russia.
- **The Rus’ Genealogy project** is part of a larger attempt to shift the perceptions of modern scholars to include Rus’ in the wider narrative of medieval Europe, and create a picture of the medieval European world that fits the evidence from the primary sources - one that stretches from the Atlantic in the west to the Dnieper River in the East.
- **The Historic Podillya in the late Middle Ages project** presents the place names (settlements, castles, hydronyms) identified up to date in the territory of historical Podillya in the Late Middle Age.

<https://www.huri.harvard.edu/mapa.html>

12 Ukrainian-Lithuanian projects selected for funding

List of the funded projects:

https://mon.gov.ua/storage/app/media/news/%D0%9D%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B8/2019/10/UA_Annex_UKR-08-10-19.pdf

NEWS FROM UKRAINE

The Ministry of Education and Science has five main priorities for 5 years: the program of the Government of Ukraine (29 September 2019)

- Goal 1. Every child has access to high quality early childhood education
- Goal 2. Graduates of the school are self-sufficient and creative personalities who have a solid background knowledge and the competencies needed in today's world



- Goal 3. School graduates have a wide choice of institutions for high quality vocational education with further employment
- Goal 4: Graduates of higher education institutions are competitive professionals in the labor market
- Goal 5: Ukrainian scientists have the right conditions for research and are integrated into the global scientific space

More (in Ukrainian): <https://pedpresa.ua/200986-mon-maye-p-yat-osnovnyh-priorytetiv-na-5-rokiv-programa-uryadu.html>

Ukraine Receives EU Erasmus+ Program Grant for Exchange

Ukrainian organizations together with more than 270 European partners have received 2 766 grants for exchange of students and employees of universities. Under the EU Erasmus+ Program, the participants will be able to carry out study, advanced training or internships at European or Ukrainian universities.

More (in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrayina-otrimala-grant-programi-yes-erazmus-na-obmin-studentami-ta-pracivnikami-vishiv-dlya-coqo-ye-majzhe-28-tis-misc>

Startups to represent Ukraine at the ClimateLaunchpad Green Business Ideas Competition selected in Ivano-Frankivsk

This year, Greencubator received 35 applications, of which 9 teams reached the national final. **Carbominer** team took the first place with the idea to develop a CO₂ collecton technology that allows it to be used to accelerate plant growth. The second place went to the **ecoTyre** team, which developed a method of deep processing of car tires based on the use of electromagnetic field. Third place went to the **Atmosphere** team, which developed a fuel-efficient and emission-reducing boiler plant management technology.

More in Ukrainian: <https://kurs.if.ua/society/u-frankivsku-obraly-startapy-yaki-predstavlyat-ukrayinu-na-konkursi-zelenyh-biznes-idej-climatelaunchpad/>

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS' REPORTS

AI-based digital writing assistant Grammarly, co-founded by Ukrainians, raises USD 90 million

<https://techcrunch.com/2019/10/10/grammarly-raises-90m-at-over-1b-valuation-for-its-ai-based-grammar-and-writing-tools/>; <https://www.grammarly.com/>

The Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg took place in Tübingen on 19-20 September 2019 under the motto “Advancing Science and Education through International Cooperation”

Program: <http://ukrainet.eu/2019/06/23/days-of-ukraine-in-bw/>

Over 70 researchers from academia and industry, students as well as members of interested general public from all over Germany, Ukraine and Sweden gathered for this intensive two-day conference. Participants had an excellent opportunity to learn about the best praxis examples of German-Ukrainian collaboration in higher education, research and innovation, discuss prospects and challenges of developing lasting partnerships, as well as network and exchange new ideas.

Representatives of the Baden Württemberg International, Baden Württemberg Foundation and Consulate of Ukraine in the Federal Republic of Germany offered highly informative presentations, highlighting current collaborations and relevant funding opportunities. Distinguished speakers from universities and research centers from Baden-Württemberg and Ukraine gave insightful talks on diverse collaborative research projects in history, biomedical research, chemistry and philosophy, both discussing their scientific findings and stressing the

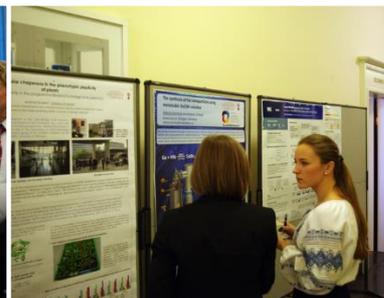


important role of complementary expertise in developing strong and lasting partnerships. Moreover, the program included successful examples of joint study programmes, student testimonials, a poster session and a panel discussion on R&D in private sector.



*Participants of the Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg. Tübingen, 19 September 2019.
Photo: courtesy of Kostiantyn Yanchenko*

Another true highlight of the event was **the presentation of the original XVth century book** containing text written by **Juriy Drohobych** (Georgius de Drogo-byz). The insightful talk and the book presentation were delivered by the Head of Historical Collection Department at The Württemberg State Library in Stuttgart Dr. Christian Herrmann. Juriy Drohobych, by birthname Yuriy Kotermak, Giorgio da Leopoli, was born in 1450 in Drohobych (town in Lviv region of modern Ukraine). He was philosopher, astronomer, writer, medical doctor, rector of the University of Bologna and professor of Kraków Academy and is recognized as the first publisher of a printed Slavonic text.



At the event. Tübingen, 19-20 September 2019. Photos: courtesy of DUAG e.V. and Kostiantyn Yanchenko



The Days of Ukraine in Baden Württemberg were hosted by the DUAG's president Prof. Olga Garaschuk and Prof. Bernd Heinrich, Eberhardt Karls University of Tübingen. This event was organized by the DUAG and University of Tübingen with the support of the DAAD grant "Go East: Osteuropatagen an deutschen Hochschulen Ukrainischer" and supported by Baden-Württemberg International and the Ukrainischer Verein Tübingen e.V.

Report on the successful internship stay of Ukrainian students in Stuttgart

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DAAD supports "**Stays of students for practical courses in Germany**" (the short announcement within the "Funding" section page below). Together with colleagues from the Institute for Structural Mechanics (IBB, www.ibb.uni-stuttgart.de) and Computational Biomechanics (<https://www.f02.uni-stuttgart.de/mitarbeiter/Schmitt-00012>) we carried out such a program for 11 students of National Technical University "Kharkiv Politechnical Institute" earlier this year: applied in February, received the approval in April and implemented in June. The program has already been tested and found very successful in 2015.

The main goal of this program was the introduction of students to the modern methods of simulation, as well as providing them with experience of a different educational system, culture and industry of the Federal Republic Germany. The core lectures and tutorials were dedicated to Isogeometric analysis (IGA – NURBS and B-spline based finite elements), mechanical contact and modal analyses, carried out in the IBB multimedia computer center using teaching and research versions of commercial programs (LS-Dyna and LS-Prepost). In addition to the theoretical work, the students worked on a group project in LS-Dyna. In addition to the training per se, the students visited facilities at the Vaihingen campus of the Stuttgart University: Dynamic locomotion group at Max Plank Institute (<https://dlg.is.mpg.de/>)



Photo: courtesy of Mariia Saverska



and the composite manufacturing lab of the Airplane building institute (www.ifb.uni-stuttgart.de). Research assistant E. Polyukov presented an overview of the international master program in computational mechanics COMMAS (www.msc.commas.uni-stuttgart.de). In addition, he described a range of existing opportunities for graduate studies in English language at German universities and conditions for matriculation.

The study program was complemented with a varied cultural program, which took ca 30% of all time. For example, students visited the Mercedes-Benz museum, and the Stuttgart city tour was finished off with a picnic at Karlshoeh park, famous for its picturesque view on south Stuttgart. Additionally, a society of SimTech study program organized a BBQ for the guests. Moreover, students visited a Daimler-Benz plant in Sindelfingen (metal sheet stamping shop and assembly line of S-Class and Maybach), chocolate factory Rittersport at Waldenbuch and IT companies RIB and Dynamore (www.rib-software.de, www.dynamore.de).

If you are interested to apply for this DAAD program and would like to learn more about the application process, **do contact Dr. Tkachuk (Tkachuk (at) ibb.uni-stuttgart.de)**.

Report (in Ukrainian): <http://www.kpi.kharkov.ua/ukr/2019/06/25/shtutgart/>

Society members organized three successful Summer Schools in Ukraine, funded by the DAAD/BMBF

Two Society members, **Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (MHH)** and **Prof. Viktor Umansky (DKFZ)** organized **two Summer Schools "Perspectives in Biomedicine with Focus on Cancer Immunotherapy"**. The first school was organized in cooperation with **Prof. Volodymyr Luschak** and **Ouliana Djaman**, the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, and was held in Ivano-Frankivsk (30 June – 6 July 2019).



Summer School in Ivano-Frankivsk. © DAAD Summer School 2019

More photos: <http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/ivano-frankivsk#ivano-frankivsk-summer-school-gallery>

The second one was organized in cooperation with **Prof. Volodymyr Ivanytsia** and **Dr. Tetiana Ivanytsia**, the Department of Microbiology, Virology and Biotechnology, Odessa I.I.Mechnikov National University, and was held in Odesa (7-13 July 2019).



Summer School in Odesa. © DAAD Summer School 2019

More photos: <http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/odesa#odesa-summer-school-gallery>



50 talented scholars from all over Ukraine (25 for each school) had an excellent opportunity to learn from top German and Ukrainian researchers – leading experts in the field of cancer immunology, who delivered theoretical lectures and practical courses. The intensive study program was complemented by poster sessions, lectures focused on developing transferable skills, such as grant writing, learning about funding opportunities and how the German science system is organized and funded. Moreover, both lecturers and participants enjoyed discussions during networking lunches and dinners, cultural excursions and guided tours.

<http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/ivano-frankivsk>

<http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/odesa>

Summer School “Integrative Approaches in Systems Physiology” was organized by the DUAG president **Prof. Olga Garaschuk (University of Tübingen)** in Lviv (12-18 August 2019), in cooperation with “Teaching Medical Skills” project (<https://www.facebook.com/tutorium/>). This intensive training school was aimed at Ukrainian medical students. An important feature of this summer school was that in addition to traditional lectures the training was organized as ‘peer-tutoring’, delivered to students by students. The Certificate of appreciation was conferred to Prof. Garaschuk by the Lviv Regional State Administration for her valuable contribution to the development of medical education in Lviv region.

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DSxowhwYm16HqojeisBOernqUd6YmT0/view>

<http://www.lvivconvention.com.ua/en/mizhnarodna-litnya-shkola-dlya-medykiv-u-lvovi/>

Report on the web-site of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (in Ukrainian): https://moz.gov.ua/article/news/initiativa-studentiv-medikiv-litnja-shkola-z-nejro-ta-kardiofiziologii?fbclid=IwAR2tb9UUI47h9aWVvPY8Xrj60tQoOt_eEjILw6vDNd07COUp2sEqvYQPIQI

Interview of Prof. Olga Garaschuk (in Ukrainian):

https://zbruc.eu/node/91627?fbclid=IwAR3_LKD2qvi2XnY08ZtaASY68jjKK6p_87bZLkmyGFAXXrzgywlEqCvcBEU

Report on the web-site of the Lviv Regional State Administration:

<https://loda.gov.ua/news?id=46722&fbclid=IwAR1438kIvc4Ai9N8bwj6QpOoCyXkIDb9DuoVMJafL9BHvynRmLMYEzf3jul>

Report on the Excursion "Jewish life during the inter-war period" (August 2019), European University Viadrina

Bozhena Kozakevych, European University Viadrina

Ten students from the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt-Oder traveled 700 kilometers in five days around Ukraine in order to research the regional traces of Jewish life during the inter-war period. The journey took them from large cities such as Kyiv, Vinnytsia and Lviv, to smaller towns such as Zhovkva, Berdychiv and Samhorodok, all of which are important places in regional



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Jewish history. The excursion was organized by the “Entangled History of Ukraine” department at the University. The impulse for the excursion came from Professor Andrii Portnov’s lecture: “An introduction to the Jewish history of Russia, Poland and Ukraine”. The trip offered students the opportunity to engage first-hand with the lecture’s material.



Photos: Courtesy of Roman Boichuk

The excursion’s aim was to learn more about the culture, customs, and traditions of Jewish life – both before and after the Shoah – as well as about how Jewish history is an integral part of European history in general. Before the outbreak of the Second World War, about 2.7 million Jews lived in the territory of today’s Ukraine. The life that existed there before 1939/1941 has been lost forever. However, the remaining old synagogues and cemeteries bear witness to this past. The physical journey through the Ukrainian cities and villages was simultaneously a mental journey between the historical events and the memory of them. In Ukraine, the process of coming to understand that Jewish history is integral to Ukrainian history is still underway. In Lviv and Zhovkva, students visited Jewish cemeteries, which had been transformed into marketplaces during Soviet era. Until recently, only a few tombstones remained to signify that these locations are places of eternal rest. Now commemorative plaques remind those who visit. Meetings were organized with local historians and research specialists in order to discuss the idiosyncrasies of Jewish life in the USSR and Poland before the Second World War. In Vinnytsia, Berdychiv and Kyiv, students were warmly received by local Jewish community leaders. Inside the synagogues they offered the group the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about Jewish traditions and religion, and the role which the Jewish community played in everyday social life -both then and now.

All in all, there were five full days of exciting encounters, thoughtful exchanges, and many intense discussions, of which many continued on during the bus rides and throughout the dinners. The journey brought entangled nature of history to light: the excursion to uncover Jewish life in the interwar period also became an excursion into the history of Ukraine during the 20th century– while traveling across modern Ukraine. The excursion was funded by the Faculty of Cultural Studies and the Department for the Culture and History of Central and Eastern Europe at the European University Viadrina.

(in German): <https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/exkursion/index.html>

For more information on the excursion’s itinerary and images from the trip:

<https://viadrinagoesukraine.wordpress.com>



24th “Greifswalder Ukrainicum” “Ukraine’s Forced Choice” (5-18 August 2019)

Roman Dubasevych, University of Greifswald and DUAG member



About 40 students, PhD candidates, researchers, and other professionals came to Greifswald for the 24th “Greifswalder Ukrainicum”, an international summer academy. The Ukrainicum is chaired by Roman Dubasevych (University of Greifswald) and organized in cooperation with Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald (Anna Lena Klatt, Annegret Becker) and financial support of the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung, Essen (Germany).

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Ukrainian language courses and seminars offer a unique opportunity to learn more about the cultural diversity and historical complexity of Ukraine.

The title of the summer school – “Ukraine’s Forced Choice” – was chosen to convey multiple semantics. On the one hand, it had to reflect the general situation of the society at war and the many limitations it imposed upon its members. On the other, special attention was paid to the internal Ukrainian sources of the crisis which are often obfuscated by the hybrid Russian warfare: corrupt oligarchic system, poor state capacity, the inability of Ukrainian elites to political dialogue in- and outside the country. This year’s Ukrainicum concentrated on critical moments of Ukrainian history and discussed the choices Ukrainian elites took e. g. during the Civil War as well as in the WWII. Apart from the forced historical alliances, cases of anti-Jewish or anti-Polish violence, the vicious circles of victimhood and perpetration were analyzed in the light of recent historical research in a seminar by **Prof. Frank Golczewski**. Together with **Prof. Theocharis Grigoriadis** the participants examined Ukraine’s socio-economic development after the end of the USSR. The implicit dilemmas, choices and limits structuring the political life and democratization of the country were under scrutiny in the seminar on politics conducted by **Prof. Heiko Pleines**. Eventually, the literature seminar taught by **Prof. Iryna Starovoyt** studied the impact of trauma on Ukrainian culture, particularly the significance of the Holocaust and great famine 1932-33 (“Holodomor”) for the reinvention of modern Ukrainian identity. Special attention was paid to the mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion preceding the ethnic and political violence as well as the reproduction of hegemonic patterns of imperial cultural politics (e. g. “language question”). In addition to the three academic seminars, the summer school hosted such outstanding speakers and experts as Ukrainian parliament vice-president **Oksana Syroid**, **Prof. Dirk Uffelmann**, the literary translator **Claudia Dathe** as well as the screening of the documentary “**Olegs Krig**” (2017) by the Danish film maker **Simon Lereng Wilmont** which dealt with the fate of civilian population in the war zone. The results of the recent presidential election in Ukraine have also been a topic of this school.

<https://slawistik.uni-greifswald.de/info/akademische-veranstaltungen/ukrainicum-krupp/>



5th Viadrinicum “Transsectoral UrbanLab. Participatory Urbanism Beyond Metropoleis” (19 August – 1 September 2019)

Kirill Repin, European University Viadrina

Viadrinicum is an international summer school that takes place at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) and deals with the topics relevant within the context of Eastern Europe, with a special focus set on Ukraine. Entitled “Transsectoral UrbanLab. Participatory Urbanism Beyond Metropoleis”, its 5th edition was conceptualized as a space for pondering the questions of (glocal) urbanism, urban development and active citizenship in small and medium-sized cities of post-socialist realm. Tapping into the diversity of the participants’ knowledge and experience, the school aimed to generate fruitful synergies between representatives of various academic disciplines and actors from the fields of civil society and the arts with regard to possibilities and challenges of knowledge production in/about post-socialist cities.

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Photo: Courtesy of Roman Boichuk, European University Viadrina

Within the framework of Viadrinicum’s two-week program 32 participants from 14 countries were offered a wide range of educational activities with different formats. Thus, lectures and seminars devoted to specifics of (post-)socialist urbanism, cityscapes in transition, local political engagement, infrastructures of dwelling and mobility and urban architectural heritage (i.a., delivered by **Dr. Sofia Dyak**, **Prof. Andrii Portnov**, **Prof. Mariusz Czepczyński**, **Dr. Stephan Lanz** and **Dr. Daria Bocharnikova**) were combined with workshops on conflict mediation in local context and urban soundscaping, as well as with cases studies of cultural activism in peripheral conditions, that were presented by members of organizations active in different countries of Eastern Europe, e.g. Cultural Association “Nie Z Tej Bajki” (Poland), Kod Mista (Ukraine), Minsk Urban Platform (Belarus) and Oberliht Association (Moldova). Besides that, the school featured a series of thematic guided tours and meetings with representatives of local institutions, that allowed the participants to develop better insights into the cultural and political landscape of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice. Finally, a significant space in the school’s program was reserved for three experimental workshops (Art.Lab, Doc.Lab and Research.Lab), which provided the possibility for Viadrinicum participants to actively engage with the local context by means of developing small individual and group projects of urban research and exploration with the help of artistic, documentary and scientific tools. In cooperation with Brandenburg State Museum of Modern Art, the results of these projects were integrated into a final exhibition under the title “Be/Longing” that was accessible to the wider public in Frankfurt (Oder) on the final day of the school. A digital catalogue of the exhibition is currently being prepared and is planned to be published on the blog later on.

More: <http://www.viadrinicum.blog>



A SELECTION OF RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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or our web-page: <http://ukrainet.eu/category/fund/>

Grants

GERMANY, DAAD: Stays of students for learning tours in Germany, three deadlines pa, next: 1 November 2019

Eligible to apply are lecturers at the foreign HEIs. Funding is available for up to 15 foreign students, accompanied by a university lecturer for a maximum of 12 days. DAAD offers a lump sum of EUR 50 pp per day as a subsidy to the subsistence costs. For groups from developing and emerging countries, the DAAD also offers a country-specific mobility grant per participant.

More (in German): <https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogrammefinden/?s=1&projektid=57405381>

GERMANY, DAAD: Stays of students for practical courses in Germany, three deadlines pa, next: 1 November 2019

For the practical courses: Eligible to apply are lecturers at the German HEIs. Funding is available for up to 15 foreign students, accompanied by a university lecturer for a max. of 12 days. DAAD offers a lump sum of EUR 50 pp per day as a subsidy to the subsistence costs.

More (in German): <https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogrammefinden/?s=1&projektid=57405382>

German-Ukrainian youth encounters MEET UP! 2020, apply by 3 November 2019

The Foundation EVZ provides funding for German-Ukrainian and German-Ukrainian-Russian youth encounters for young people between 16 and 35 years.

How can young Europeans strengthen their local activities? How do they bring about effective changes for their neighborhood and societies? And how can they become active together? These questions are the focus of the new call for applications of the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" (EVZ). The projects can commence on 01.02.2020 at the earliest and must be concluded by 31.12.2020. The aim of the program is to intensify relations between Ukraine and Germany and to strengthen the active commitment of young people from participating countries to fundamental democratic values and understanding between peoples.

<https://www.stiftung-evz.de/eng/funding/human-rights/meet-up.html>

GERMANY, BMBF: Call "Bridge2ERA EaP", applications are invited till 6 December 2019

Support is offered to initiate or intensify cooperation between partners in Germany and the countries of the Eastern Partnership, including Ukraine, especially with a view of preparing joint EU grant applications. Grants of up to EUR 40T (50T if an SME is involved) are available to support cooperation-related mobility: reciprocal visits, organization of meetings and workshops, employing support staff. More (in German): <https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2475.html>

GERMANY; DFG: 2nd Call for Projects for the Priority Programme "Transottomanica: Eastern European-Ottoman-Persian Mobility Dynamics" (SPP 1981). Deadline: 31 December 2019

To date, social and (trans)cultural ties between Russia, Poland-Lithuania, the Ottoman Empire and Persia from the early modern period to the beginning of the twentieth century have not been



the subject of systematic historical study. The program focuses on the “Transottoman” ties and communication practices which emerged as a consequence of mobility between these dominions and which have not previously become visible in studies of individual regions or bilateral relations. The program investigates the historical period between the 16th and the 19th centuries. Applications for the 2nd phase should be in one of the three thematic research lines:

- 1) mobile actors, 2) circulation of knowledge, and 3) exchange of goods/mobility of objects.

In its second phase, projects will focus on how long-term (infra)structural formations and concrete practices were created, reproduced and vanished again. Mobility in networks did create junctions and hubs in central positions. These hubs either prevailed over competing hubs in other places or lost their central functions and became peripheral. Not only new projects, but also those that already were part of the first phase of the program can show how mobility dynamics consolidated and transformed over a long period of time. Additionally, project applications are welcome that examine the transformation of Transottoman contexts up until ca. 1950. Duration: three years (2020-2023).

<http://www.transottomanica.de/activities/calls/call-for-projects>

Individual Funding/ Fellowships

Travel grants from Nature Communications Journals (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), apply by 27 October 2019

Three travel grants for early-career researchers, €2,500 each, are available to promising early career scientists whose research is focused upon one of the three subject areas covered by the journals: Communications Biology, Communications Chemistry and Communications Physics, to support the costs of travelling to and participating in a conference.

<https://www.nature.com/early-career-travel-grants/about>

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s Georg Forster Research Award for researchers from developing and transition countries, nomination deadline: 31 October 2019

Collaborative partners in Germany are invited to nominate internationally recognized researchers in any discipline. Experts from all disciplines whose research work will help in future to find solutions to the challenges facing developing and transition countries may be nominated. Any researcher working at a German university or research institution may submit a nomination. The award winners will be invited to conduct a research project of their choosing in Germany together with the specialist colleague who nominated them for the award. Each award is valued at €60,000. Further funding of up to €25,000 may be made available for involving junior researchers, participating in scientific conferences or scientific equipment for the nominee’s own institute.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/52004932.html>

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s Georg Forster Research Award and Research Fellowship for researchers from developing countries, no deadline

Support for individual researchers for research stays in Germany (6 - 24 months, could be split into 3 periods for senior researchers), for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html>



USA, Fulbright Research and Development Program: apply by 1 November (annual deadline)

Support for 6-9 months research stays for researchers (incl. PhD students, and those with < 5 years after a PhD), as well as administrators of HEIs (for exact eligibility check the web-page).

<http://www.fulbright.org.ua/uk/pages/35/faculty.html>

UK: Wellcome Trust International Training Fellowships, apply by 21 November 2019

This scheme offers nationals of low- and middle-income countries the opportunity to receive 3-year training in basic and/or clinical biomedical research or public health at postgraduate or postdoctoral level.

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/international-training-fellowships>

GERMANY; BAVARIA: 1-year scholarship program sponsored by the Free State of Bavaria for graduates of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European states, apply by 1 December

The scholarships are meant to finance postgraduate studies (i.e. master's programs), PhDs or one-year research sojourns at Bavarian universities. The one-year scholarship can be generally extended twice for up to 3 years.

<https://www.uni-r.de/bayhost/english/scholarships/study-in-bavaria/index.html>

SWITZERLAND: Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists, apply by 5 December (for Ukrainian applicants, for applicants from other countries – check the web-site)

Two types of the scholarship are available:

- **The research scholarship** is aimed at post-graduate researchers in any discipline (who hold a master's degree as a minimum) who are planning to come to Switzerland to pursue research or further studies at **doctoral or post-doctoral level**. Only candidates nominated by an academic mentor at one of these higher education institutions will be considered.
- **Art scholarships** are open to art students wishing to pursue an initial master's degree in Switzerland. Art scholarships are awarded for study at any Swiss conservatory or university of the arts. This scholarship is available to students **from a limited number of countries only**.

<https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html?org=1545&lvl=100&ite=730&lea=45286&ctr=0&par=1&trk=a3k0b0000034yGRAAY>

For applicants from Ukraine:

<https://www.sbf.admin.ch/dam/sbf/en/dokumente/eskas2/Ukraine.zip.download.zip/Ukraine.zip>

GERMANY, Berlin: Scholarships of the Study Foundation of the Berlin House of Representatives, apply by 15 December 2019

This scholarship program is aimed at graduate students and young scholars of all fields from France, Great Britain, the United States of America, Russia and other successor states of the Soviet Union. The Study Foundation awards about 15 grants per year.

(in German): <https://www.parlament-berlin.de/de/Das-Parlament/Studienstiftung>

(in English): [https://www.parlament-berlin.de/C1257B55002AD428/vwContentByKey/W298SM2V590DEVSE/\\$FILE/Kurzportr%C3%A4t-englisch.pdf](https://www.parlament-berlin.de/C1257B55002AD428/vwContentByKey/W298SM2V590DEVSE/$FILE/Kurzportr%C3%A4t-englisch.pdf)

USA, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI): Research Fellowships for 2020-2021, apply by 13 January 2020

- The Jaroslaw & Nadia Mihaychuk Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Ukrainian Studies and The HURI Research Fellowships in Ukrainian Studies
- The Petro Jacyk Distinguished Fellowship in Ukrainian Studies



The Institute's research fellowships bring scholars from the international academic community to Harvard for focused research on projects in Ukrainian history, literature, philology, culture, and other related areas of study in the humanities and social sciences fields.

<https://www.huri.harvard.edu/fellowships-grants-internships/fellows-ukrstudies.html>

GERMANY: COPERNICUS Semester Stipends, 2 annual deadlines: 1 March and 1 September

Each semester, COPERNICUS grants scholarships to students from Central and Eastern Europe as well as Central Asia. The scholarships last about six months. During the first three months of their stay in Germany, the scholarship holders visit the university in Berlin or Hamburg. In the last two to three months they complete an internship in a company, a government organization or at a company.

<https://www.copernicus-stipendium.de/stipendium/>

GERMANY, EEGA: Call for Applications The Leibniz ScienceCampus „Eastern Europe – Global Area“

(EEGA) is an overall integrative platform and collaborative research network that focuses on the development of new research perspectives on Eastern Europe's changing role in current and historical processes of globalization. Calls for Applications are open for Fellowships, PostDoc- and Postgraduate-Grants, Workshops and Training Courses for different audiences on a regular basis. The EEGA supports researchers from within and outside the science region Leipzig-Halle-Jena. It encourages applications and proposals from junior and senior scholars.

<https://www.leibniz-eeqa.de/programmes/call-for-applications/>

DAAD (Germany) Scholarship Database:

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=17&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&back=1>

A SELECTION OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19/10/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany	First in the series of public events “ Osteuropastudien in Potsdam und Frankfurt/Oder ”: a book presentation “ Ukraine: Histories and Stories ” with the participation of three guests from Kyiv https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/Buchvorstellung_-19_10.pdf
21/10/2019 Cambridge MA USA	Special Lecture and Launch of the Temerty Contemporary Ukraine Program “The United States and Ukraine: Reflections of an American Diplomat”, Ambassador John Tefft, Former US Ambassador to Ukraine https://www.huri.harvard.edu/events/calendar/g-3-2mdff865qnhosvn5c13vss2ti5_201910212230.html
21/10/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany	On Mondays, 21.10.2019-03.02.2020, lectures within the “ OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20 ” will be held. First lecture: Prof. Andrii Portnov (Frankfurt Oder) “Ukrainian Soviet Patriotism and Ukrainian Soviet Historiography. Rethinking Historical Phenomena” https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf



23/10/2019 Webinar	<p>DAAD IC Kyiv, Webinar on how to apply for a DAAD scholarship/ Вебінар для аспірантів та вчених: Подання заяви онлайн</p> <p>https://www.daad-ukraine.org/uk/2019/10/09/vebinar-dlya-aspirantiv-ta-vchenih-podannya-zayavy-onlajn-2/</p>
24/10/2019 Berlin, Germany Register by 21/10	<p>“Science First Hand” Lecture: „The “Ruthenian Trinity” and beginning of reception of the “Cossack Myth” in Galicia“ (in Ukrainian)</p> <p>Dr. Denys Shatalov (Head of Research Department of the “Tkuma” Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies (Dnipro), Visiting Fellow of the ‘Prisma Ukraïna–Research Network Eastern Europe’ at the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin))</p> <p>http://ukrainet.eu/2019/09/26/science-first-hand-shatalov/</p>
24-28/10/2019 München/web	<p>The Institute of Slavonic Philology at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich invites you to the X International Virtual Conference on Ukrainian studies „Dialogue of Languages – Dialogue of Cultures. Ukraine from a Global Point of View“Conference languages: Ukrainian, German and English. Participation is free of charge.</p> <p>http://www.ukrainistik-konferenz.slavistik.lmu.de/?lang=en</p>
25/10/2019 Kyiv Ukraine	<p>DAAD IC Kyiv, Workshop “Internationalization of Higher Education Institutions – a German perspective”/ Воркшоп для співробітників міжнародних відділів: Інтернаціоналізація вишів – німецька перспектива</p> <p>https://www.daad-ukraine.org/uk/2019/10/01/vorkshop-dlya-spivrobotnykiv-mizhnarodnyh-viddiliv-internatsionalizatsiya-vyshiv-nimetska-perspektyva/</p>
28/10/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany	<p>OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20</p> <p>Alicja Rybkowska (Wien) “The Artist’s Identity in Troubled Times: The Case of Kazimir Malevich”</p> <p>https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf</p>
29/10/2019 Basel Switzerland	<p>The initiative “Ukrainian Research in Switzerland” (URIS)</p> <p>The sixth URIS Fellow Mykhailo Minakov will give a lecture on the current developments in Ukraine: Europakolloquium “Demodernization in Post-Soviet Societies: The Case of Ukraine”. The lecture and the following discussion will be moderated by Frithjof Benjamin Schenk, Professor of Eastern European History at the University of Basel and director of URIS.</p> <p>https://uris.ch/category/upcoming-events/</p>
4-8/11/2019 Kyiv Ukraine	<p>International ERASMUS+ Week in Ukraine</p> <p>Free of charge. Registration: until the 25th October.</p> <p>http://erasmusplus.org.ua/novyny/2552-mizhnarodnyi-tyzhden-erazmus-v-ukraini-4-81119-revestratsiyu-vidkryto.html</p>
7-8/11/2019 Munich Germany	<p>The Institute of Slavic Philology of the LMU München and BAYHOST in cooperation with the Center of German Law Kyiv hold a German-Ukrainian conference on the topic “Integration through Knowledge: Specialized</p>



	<p>Language and Topics in Dialogue between German and Ukrainian Jurisprudence and Practice".</p> <p>https://www.slavistik.uni-muenchen.de/aktuelles/dt_ukr_tagung_rechtswiss/index.html</p>
<p>11/11/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Ukraine</p>	<p>OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20</p> <p>Ivan Kozachenko (Cambridge, UK) "Studying Ukrainian Diasporas: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges"</p> <p>https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf</p>
<p>14/11/2019 Berlin Germany Register by 11/11</p>	<p>"Science First Hand" Lecture: "Challenges and Perspectives in Pulmonary Hypertension Research" (in Ukrainian)</p> <p>Dr. Mariya Kucherenko, Postdoctoral scientist, working on translational cooperative project between German Heart Center Berlin (Department of Cardiothoracic & Vascular surgery, Prof. Knosalla) and Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Institute of Physiology, Prof. Kübler).</p> <p>Register per e-mail to berlin (at) ukrainet.eu</p>
<p>5/12/2019 Berlin Germany</p>	<p>"Science First Hand" Lecture: "Images of Ukraine in Contemporary German Literature" (in German)</p> <p>Prof. Evgeniya Voloschuk, "Literary Studies", European University Viadrina</p> <p>Register per e-mail to berlin (at) ukrainet.eu</p>
<p>10-12/12/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany</p>	<p>Workshop "History goes Pop"? On the Popularization of the Past in Eastern European Memory Cultures</p> <p>Venue: European University Viadrina. Organizers: Nina Weller (EUV Frankfurt O.) and Matthias Schwartz (FU Berlin/ZfL).</p> <p>https://www.zfl-berlin.org/veranstaltungen-detail/items/history-goes-pop-on-the-popularization-of-the-past-in-eastern-european-memory-cultures.html?fbclid=IwAR39iYFViMCIDxBGR7iMqD9CVBeDy8iDQ0K2befPb8P3w3VoDli5u0YBpFk</p>
<p>16/12/2019 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany</p>	<p>OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20</p> <p>Miriam Kruse (Frankfurt/ Oder) „Prostitution zu Kriegszwecken. Wehrmachtsbordelle in der besetzten Ukraine (1941-1944)“</p> <p>https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf</p>
<p>13/01/2020</p>	<p>OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20</p> <p>Bozhena Kozakevych (Frankfurt/ Oder) „Jerusalem von Wolhynien: Das jüdische Leben in Berdtytschiw vor und nach dem Holocaust“</p> <p>https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf</p>



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Ukraine Digital News:

<http://www.uadn.net/>

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A podcast covers investment in Ukraine and the global expansion of its technology product and software companies.
<https://soundcloud.com/ukrainetech>

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