

Dear colleagues,

With this 18<sup>th</sup> issue of our Newsletter we open the call for the next **PhD Thesis Presentation Contest 2019**, draw your attention to the **White Paper** and provide you with a digest of the latest news and selected funding opportunities related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

With kind regards,

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Шановні колеги,

У цьому 18-му числі ми оголошуємо **конкурс доповідей аспірантів 2019, документ „Перспективи розвитку науки в Україні з погляду представників української наукової діаспори“** та хочемо привернути Вашу увагу до деяких цікавих новин та актуальних грантових пропозицій, пов'язаних з науковою співпрацею з Україною.

З найкращими побажаннями,

Sehr geehrte Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Mit dieser 18. Ausgabe wir kündigen den **Doktoranden-Vortragswettbewerb 2019** an, berichten über eine „White Paper“ sowie, wie immer, Ihnen die Hinweise zu aktuellen Fördermöglichkeiten und Veranstaltungen, die sich auf die akademische Zusammenarbeit mit der Ukraine beziehen, zukommen lassen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Save the Date: ANNUAL MEETING 2019 will take place in Tübingen on 19-20 September, 2019

The next Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society will take place in Tübingen within the framework of the **Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg (Meeting Chair: Prof. Olga Garaschuk, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen)**. The part, open to public, will include:

- on **Thursday 19 September (10:30 – 21:00)**:
  - the 2019 Final of the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest,
  - session “Best praxis in German-Ukrainian research collaborations in Baden-Württemberg”,
  - Networking lunch/ Exhibition of the R&D sector,
  - Interactive Panel Discussion “Research & development in the private sector”,
  - Keynote lecture by the **Nobel-prize-winner Prof. B. Sakmann** “Looking back on 30 years of German-Ukrainian cooperation”,
  - Networking Get-Together.
- on **Friday 20 September (9:00 - 12:30)**:
  - a session “Academic cooperation between higher education institutions in Baden-Württemberg and Ukraine: from student exchanges to joint study programs”,
  - Networking Lunch.

**The Annual Meeting** of the society members will take place on **20 September (12:30 – 16:30)**.

<http://ukrainet.eu/annual-meeting/>

### PHD THESIS PRESENTATION CONTEST 2019: Apply by 20 May

PhD students carrying out their research in any subject are eligible to apply for participation in this Contest. MD students are also eligible to apply. In particular we invite students from one or more following groups to apply:

- Ukrainian PhD students studying abroad (incl. exchange PhD students);
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, who are involved in a collaborative (e.g. bi- or multi-lateral, including Ukraine as a partner) research project;
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine.

**Please note:** only those PhD students whose PhD defense/ viva is planned after the PhD Contest Final date (19 September 2019) can be considered (i.e. candidates who have already defended or are expected to defend their PhD thesis prior to the PhD Contest Final are not eligible to apply). If you have questions or any doubts about your eligibility, please contact us: info (at) ukrainet.eu.

The Final will be carried out on the **19<sup>th</sup> of September 2019** in **Tübingen**, Germany, within the framework of the Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg and alongside of the Annual Meeting 2019 of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society. To apply please fill in the application form (follow the link below) and send your CV to e-mail: info (at) ukrainet.eu by **20 May 2018**. Finalists will be informed by the end of June 2019.

Successful candidates will be invited to present their research as a 5-minute talk at the Final event on stage, and get a chance to win one of the three prizes (1st place: EUR 300, 2nd place: EUR 200, 3rd place: EUR 100) as well as add an extra credential to their CVs. The travel (up to 200 EUR) and stay in Tübingen (up to 2 nights) will be funded by the Society. This contest is supported by Nomad Bioscience GmbH and the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany. For more information please read carefully the FAQs available at our web-site. Apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/3F3LJLB>

More: <http://ukrainet.eu/phd-contest/>



### Berlin, next “Science First Hand” Lecture, 23 May 2019

**Topic:** “A noble man from head to toe”. Pavlo Skoropadsky and the first years of his emigration/ Ehrenmann vom Scheitel bis zur Sohle“. Pavlo Skoropadskyj in den ersten Jahren der Emigration (in German).

**Speaker:** **Veronika Dyminska**, research assistant, Department of Culture & History of Central and Eastern Europe, European University Viadrina.

**Venue:** Embassy of Ukraine, Albrechtstraße 26, 10117 Berlin

**REGISTER** by the **20 May** at: 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 (pass) to enter the venue.

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### Three German-Ukrainian Summer Schools are organized by the Society members in Ukraine:

The Summer Schools are supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

- **"Perspectives in Biomedicine with Focus on Cancer Immunotherapy" in Ivano-Frankivsk and Odesa**

These Summer Schools are organized by two Society members, **Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (MHH)** and **Prof. Viktor Umansky (DKFZ)**, in close cooperation with Vice-Rector **Prof. Volodymyr Ivanytsia (Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University, ONU)** and **Prof. Volodymyr Lushchak (Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, PNU)**. The Summer Schools will take place at the PNU in Ivano-Frankivsk (June 30 - July 6, 2019):

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

and at the ONU in Odesa (July 7 - 13, 2019):

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

- **Summer School “Integrative Approaches in Systems Physiology” in Lviv**  
“Teaching Medical Skills” project (<https://www.facebook.com/tutorium/>) in collaboration with German-Ukrainian Academic Society and Eberhardt Karls University of Tübingen (with contribution of the Society members, **Prof. Olga Garaschuk** and **Dr. Yuri Kovalchuk**), organizes a 7-day-long training, focusing on physiology and clinics of the nervous and cardiovascular systems. Aimed at: 3rd-6th year Ukrainian medical students and interns (chosen by interview, the number of vacancies is limited). In English.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DSxowhwYm16HgojeuisBOerngUd6YmT0/view>

### WHITE PAPER: “Way forward for science in Ukraine: a perspective of the Ukrainian research diaspora”

The Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora, was held in Kyiv on 20-22 October 2018. An initiative group of diaspora researchers developed a **White Paper** with the aim of summarizing key points brought up in various discussions during the Forum, as well as in the follow-up feedback provided by numerous participants (28 written replies to the survey). The main message (also formulated in the Resolution adopted at the Forum) is that many representatives of the Ukrainian research diaspora and Ukrainian researchers working abroad are strongly committed to both galvanizing the required changes and contributing their hands-on knowledge and profound experience, gained at leading research organizations in different countries, to the benefit of Ukraine. The White Paper is structured along the topics discussed at the round-table/



panel discussions held at the Forum, with a particular focus on (i) Converting “brain drain” into “brain gain”, and (ii) Creation of expert commissions to support science reform in Ukraine. The authors are very grateful to **Prof. Vira Troyan (NGO “Women in Science”, Ukraine)** for her help with the translation of this document into Ukrainian. <http://ukrainet.eu/2019/03/01/df18-white-paper/>

## MAJOR EVENTS

In a **special issue of this Newsletter (No 16, November 2018)** we reported about a fruitful German-Ukrainian collaborative project dealing with the provenience research related to a unique historical document – **the Charter issued by the Moscow’s tsar Peter I in 1708**, which confirmed **Ioasaph Krokovskyi (1650-es – 1718) as metropolitan of Kyiv**. In addition to the summary of the research we have included an insightful **historical commentary** (both in English and Ukrainian) allowing to place the document, around which this research is centered, into a broader historical context. We are now very pleased to report that this document has been officially given back to H.E. the ambassador of Ukraine in Germany **Dr. Andrij Melnyk** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, and returned to Ukraine on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. It is now planned to be transferred to the Institute of the V.I. Vernadsky National Library in Kyiv.

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*The Charta, and the German-Ukrainian research team (left to right) Prof. Klaus Gestwa, Dr. Corinna Kuhr-Korolev, Dr. Katharina Kucher and Dr. Nataliia Sinkevych) with the ambassador of Ukraine in Germany Dr. Andrij Melnyk (right). Photo: private*

Newsletter No 16, special: <http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/16s.pdf>

DW Ukraine (in Ukrainian) “Німеччина повернула Україні церковну грамоту Петра I”, “У контексті томоса: Німеччина передала Києву унікальний документ”: <https://www.dw.com>

BBC Ukraine (in Ukrainian) “Пропала грамота: як у Німеччині знайшли старовинний документ з України і до чого тут РПЦ” <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/blogs-47669876>

## The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ukrainian-German Working Group on S&T Cooperation

On 31 January 2019 the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the German-Ukrainian working group for scientific and technical (S&T) cooperation took place. High-ranking representatives of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, as well as principal stake-holders from the German funding and research organization and the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine exchanged their views on the future of the bi-lateral research cooperation. Moreover, a new initiative of the BMBF for the development of German-Ukrainian cores of excellence in Ukraine was presented and discussed (see below).



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The UKRAInian Academic International Network – The UKRAINE Network

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At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the German-Ukrainian working group for S&T cooperation (January 2019).

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Alongside of this meeting a festive celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bi-lateral Agreement for S&D cooperation was organized. **Andrii Portnov**, Professor for Entangled History of Ukraine, Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder and the member of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society gave a keynote talk on his research. In the second keynote, **Inessa Bolshakova**, Professor of the National University “Lviv Polytechnic”, spoke about university's collaborative research on fusion energy. Then a lively panel discussion “Visions and Perspectives for joint S&T Cooperation” followed, which was chaired by the president of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society **Olga Garaschuk**, Professor of the University of Tübingen.



At the Panel Discussion (left to right): Dr. Jörn Achterberg (Director, International Affairs, DFG), Prof. Maksym Strikha (Vice Minister, MESU), Mr. Frithjof Maennel (Head of the Directorate for International Cooperation, BMBF), Prof. Nataliia Chuhraj (Vice Rector, National University “Lviv Polytechnic”), Prof. Olga Garaschuk (University of Tübingen), Dr. Gisela Zimmermann (Head of the IC Kyiv, DAAD), Prof. Oleksandra Antoniuk (Deputy Head, Inst. of Mathematics, NASU, President of the Humboldt Club Ukraine), Prof. Igor Yegorov (Inst. for Economics & Forecasting, NASU/ Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Council for the Development of Science & Technology of Ukraine). © Kostiantyn Polishchuk

<https://kiew.diplo.de/ua-de/aktuelles/-/2187294>



## Ukrainian-German Cores of Excellence

Ukraine and Germany are planning to establish new joint centres for advanced research in Ukraine. This has been discussed at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ukrainian-German Working Group on Science and Technology Cooperation in January 2019. It is anticipated that Ukrainian partners will collaborate with leading German universities, research institutes and companies. This initiative will be funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany (BMBF).

(in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrayina-ta-nimechchina-domovilisya-pro-stvorennya-spilnih-centriv-peredovih-doslidzen>

## COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

### Pilot project for the sustainable internationalization of Ukrainian research structures in the context of the globalization of the Ukrainian food sector (UaFoodTrade)

This project is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF, 15.11.2017 - 30.11.2020) and is led by the **Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO, Dr. Oleksandr Perekhozhuk)**. The primary goal of the UaFoodTrade project is the further development and stronger internationalization of the research and education landscape in Ukraine, in particular in field of agricultural and food economies. To start with a joint research group will be created as the core of the project, which will deal with questions of embedding the Ukrainian food economy into regional and international markets. In addition, capacity building actions will be carried out at the **Kyiv School of Economics (KSE)** in Kyiv, Ukraine. These will include summer schools, various seminars and workshops, open to students and teachers from other Ukrainian research institutions and universities. The KSE project office will organize further specific research activities and capacity building actions. Moreover, it is planned to establish a chair for "International Agricultural and Food Economy" at KSE with additional funding. In a longer-term, it is anticipated that a research center will be created on the basis of this chair and as a direct result of the project activities.

**Prof. Michael Grings** (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg) conducted the summer school on "Household Behaviour: Theory and Applications" at the KSE in October 2018.



*Summer school with Professor Michael Grings and PhD students in Kiev, Ukraine © IAMO*

The aim was to impart advanced knowledge in the field of food demand analysis and to provide an introduction to the joint modelling of production, labour input and demand decisions of agricultural households. The analysis of the economic decisions of agricultural households is of particular importance with regard to Ukraine, where a large part of agricultural production still takes place in private households. 11 participants came from the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE),



the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine (NUBiP), Poltava State Agrarian Academy, Tavria State Agrotechnological University, Vinnitsa National Agrarian University and a research institute - National Science Centre "Institute of Agricultural Economics" in Kyiv.

Further project partners:

- Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), Ukraine ([www.kse.org.ua](http://www.kse.org.ua))
- Ukrainian Agribusiness Club (UCAB), Ukraine (<http://ucab.ua/en>)
- Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), Germany ([www.uni-halle.de/?lang=en](http://www.uni-halle.de/?lang=en))
- Kiel University (CAU), Germany ([www.uni-kiel.de/index-e.shtml](http://www.uni-kiel.de/index-e.shtml))
- University of Missouri (Mizzou), USA (<http://missouri.edu>)

<https://www.iamo.de/en/research/projects/details/uafoodtrade/>  
<https://www.iamo.de/en/press/news/article/successful-staging-of-the-kick-off-meeting-of-the-uafoodtrade-project/>

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## NEWS FROM UKRAINE

### National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU): Call for International Referees

The newly established National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) is going to be the largest science funding body in Ukraine open for all researchers, independent of their affiliations. Now the NRFU invites expressions of interest from international scientists interested to act as potential expert referees. Currently, NRFU is undergoing an organizational phase and is expected to become operational in the second half of 2019. Up to now, it has been typical for the Ukrainian practice of evaluating research proposals that only internal (Ukrainian) reviewers were involved. NRFU intends to use the best practices of involving international experts in the evaluation procedures, and needs to build up a **database of International Referees** from scratch. After the start of NRFU operation, there will be very little time left in 2019 to organize the call for projects and process the applications. Thus, the Supervisory Board would like to start the process of forming the pool of potential Referees in advance.

<https://www.ua-portal.science/call-for-international-referees>

### Ukrainian-Bulgarian Center opened in Kharkiv

The Ukrainian-Bulgarian Center was opened on the basis of the Kuznets Kharkiv National Economic University to support joint research, conferences, seminars and educational projects. The next plans of the Center include courses on Bulgarian language, culture, traditions and creativity. Students and researchers will be able to go abroad for internships and practical stays.

(in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/u-hneu-vidkrili-ukrayinsko-bolgarskij-centr-de-pracyvatimut-nad-naukovimi-doslidzhennyami-rozvitkom-kulturi-i-turizmu-oboh-krayin>  
<https://www.hneu.edu.ua/tsentr-ukrayino-bolgarskoqo-partnerstva/>

### Czech Republic Supports Ukrainian Educational System

The Czech Republic supports the modernization of the Ukrainian educational system with EUR 1,2 million. The funds are aimed to be spent on technical support of the reforms process, strengthening the inter-university cooperation between Ukraine and Czech Republic and as a targeted assistance to the 'exile universities', i.e. the educational institutions with internally displaced students and teachers. This is a continuation of the support: in 2015-2018 the government of the Czech Republic provided EUR 1,5 million.

(in Ukrainian): <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/pidtrimka-reformi-osviti-peremishenih-vishiv-ta-spivpracya-mizh-universitetami-chehiya-nadaye-ukrayini-she-12-mln-yevro-na-modernizaciyu-osvitnoyi-sistemi>



## Ukrainian PEN announced the names of the winners of the Kharkiv Literary Residence of 2019

The Kharkiv Literary Residence was established in 2018 to support writers, as well as to promote Kharkiv and its culture, in Ukraine and the world. Writers - participants of the residency - are welcome to spend 1 month in Kharkiv to work on their writings, as well as get to know the city - its history, culture and people. The first four planned awards – for spring, summer, autumn and winter - are aimed at two Ukrainian prose writers, a Ukrainian translator and a foreign writer. Among the winners is the German writer **Michael Zeller**, who first came to Kharkiv in 1994. He plans to use his stay to write a series of stories for his third book of short stories.

<http://pen.org.ua/ukrayinskyi-pen-ogolosyv-imena-uchasnykiv-harkivskoyi-literaturnoyi-rezydentsiyi-2019-roku/>  
[www.michael-zeller.de/kropp-auf-ukrainisch-erschiene/](http://www.michael-zeller.de/kropp-auf-ukrainisch-erschiene/)

## Business Incubators in Kyiv and Kharkiv

Two new Business incubators are opening in Kyiv and Kharkiv to provide mentoring support for startups, as well as train the budding entrepreneurs how best to promote their business on foreign markets. The platform was presented on April 2, 2019 at the American House in Kyiv. Business incubators will assist in finding investors, teach how to efficiently distribute duties in a team and how to adapt products to potential customers. Incubators are open to applications from all regions of Ukraine, deadline is **May 3, 2019**.

<https://www.eo.in.ua/>

## Melitopol won a UNESCO Learning Cities 2019 Award

The Ukrainian city Melitopol, Zaporizhzhya Oblast, won the UNESCO Learning Cities Award among more than 200 applicants. This is the first Award for Ukrainian city in the initiative. The status of the UNESCO Learning City recognizes the high achievements in adult education and opens new opportunities for international cooperation.

<http://uil.unesco.org/lifelong-learning/learning-cities/members>

## A series of articles on tech entrepreneurs living or born in Ukraine, by Mike Buryk, Ukraine Digital News

This series of articles shows how tech entrepreneurs living or born in Ukraine explore their motivations and dreams and also the many obstacles they face, striving to shape new products and services worldwide.

**Under the radar:** New breed of Ukrainian tech entrepreneurs seek success in global markets (part 1, January 10, 2019): <http://www.uadn.net/2019/01/10/under-the-radar-new-breed-of-ukrainian-tech-entrepreneurs-seek-success-in-global-markets-part-1/>

**Three pioneers:** New breed of Ukrainian tech entrepreneurs seek success in global markets (part 2, February 18, 2019):

- **Jan Koum and Whatsapp**
- **Vitaly M. Golomb: Tech investor, author and keynote speaker**
- **Yegor Anchyshkin: Viewdle and beyond**

<http://www.uadn.net/2019/02/18/three-pioneers-new-breed-of-ukrainian-tech-entrepreneurs-seek-success-in-global-markets-part-2/>

**The Cultivators:** New breed of Ukrainian tech entrepreneurs seek success in global markets (part 3, March 18, 2019):

- **Denys Zhdanov, VP Marketing at Readdle**
- **Kirill Bigai, CEO and co-founder of Preply**
- **Vitaliy Goncharuk, CEO and Founder of Augmented Pixels**

[www.uadn.net/2019/03/18/the-cultivators-new-breed-of-ukrainian-tech-entrepreneurs-seek-success-in-global-markets-part-3/](http://www.uadn.net/2019/03/18/the-cultivators-new-breed-of-ukrainian-tech-entrepreneurs-seek-success-in-global-markets-part-3/)



## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS' REPORTS

### FRANKFURT/ ODER, European University Viadrina, Summer Semester: Seminar „Major Works of Ukrainian Literature 20-21 century/ *Hauptwerke ukrainischer Literatur 20. Und 21. Jh.*“

In this course important works of Ukrainian authors will be discussed, complemented by the basic information on the author, the work-biographical and literary-historical context, history of origin and text, reception and socio-cultural contexts, etc. A particular focus will be on contemporary literature, i.e. on works that have been created since the 1990s. Specific literary directions (e.g., modern postmodernism), genres (e.g., pop literature), and thematic emphases (e.g., cultural / collective memory texts, gender issues, Chernobyl, or war) will be discussed. The combination of a literary-historical and cultural-scientific perspective is intended to convey a broad understanding of literature and its significance in the culture and society of Ukraine. **Alexander Kratochvil** (Dr. phil.), slavist and literary translator, currently works at the Institute of Czech Literature, Czech Academy of Sciences Prague.

<https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/lw/osteuropa/Lehre/Sommersemester-2019/Hauptwerke-ukrainischer-Literatur-20-Und-21-Jh.html>

### BERLIN, Symposium devoted to the World Tuberculosis Day

*By Gaby Feldmann, Akkon Hochschule*

On March 19 and 20, 2019, the **13<sup>th</sup> Scientific World Tuberculosis Day Symposium** was organized by the Koch-Metschnikow Forum (KMF) and Akkon University as a satellite symposium of the World Health Summit. The cooperation partners of KMF and Akkon University, including **Professor Leonid Hryschchuk from Ternopil State Medical University**, presented their findings.

*Am 19. und 20. März 2019 fand das 13. wissenschaftliche Symposium zum Welttuberkulosestag statt, das als Satellitensymposium zum World Health Summit gemeinsam von Koch-Metschnikow-Forum und Akkon-Hochschule vorbereitet und durchgeführt wurde. Am ersten wissenschaftlichen Tag wurden die Ergebnisse des UN Highlevel-Meeting vom September 2018 in New York bezüglich ihrer Bedeutung für die WHO-Euro-Region in einer gemeinsamen Veranstaltung von BMG und WHO am Robert Koch-Institut bedacht. Am zweiten Tag stellten die Kooperationspartner von KMF und Akkon-Hochschule, darunter Professor Leonid Hryschchuk von der Ternopil State Medical University, ihre Ergebnisse vor. Darüber hinaus wurden in State-of-the-art-Vorträgen die neuesten Entwicklungen in Diagnostik, Therapie und Prävention präsentiert und diskutiert.*

### BERLIN, 14 March 2019: Lecture “The Crimean toponymy in Ukraine: living evidence of the centuries-old interactions between Crimea and the mainland Ukraine”

This lecture was organized within the “Science first hand” Series. The Crimean Tatars, the Crimean Karaites, the Krymchaks and the Urums are indigenous peoples of Ukraine. Throughout the hundreds of years these peoples populated south regions of Ukraine, including Crimea. In the past centuries many of them – often forcefully and violently – were resettled or deported (after the Russian empire seized these territories in XVIII century or in 1944, when almost 200 thousand Crimean Tatars were deported in just 2 days). However, many current placenames (toponyms) all over the south and even central Ukraine preserved the memory of these historic encounters between numerous ethnicities that have been populating Ukraine for long time. Roman Alieiev, engineer at the Research department of MAN Truck & Bus AG and PhD student at the Technical University of Braunschweig, developed a strong interest to these toponyms and developed a digital map, which includes names of settlements, buildings, rivers, linguistic origins of which could be connected to the languages of these peoples. In his talk he presented some insights into



the complicated history of the region and reflected on how the change of geographical names (gradual and adaptive or instant and foreign) could tell us more about the nature of interactions between different peoples.

Interactive Info-Map "Crimean native names in Southern Ukraine": <https://goo.gl/maps/qbpCqVP6tZP2>

### Ukrainian and German mathematicians intensify their collaboration

Research Group Linkage grant „[Singular diffusions: analytic and stochastic approaches](#) (2018-2021)“ between the *Institute of Mathematics of University Potsdam* and the Institute of mathematics (NASU), funded by the Alexander von Humboldt foundation. This alumni program supports long-term research collaborations between academics in Germany and abroad.

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Participants of the workshop, Potsdam, April 2019. Photo: courtesy of Dmytro Ivanenko

This Research Group Linkage provides funding mainly for reciprocal research visits and for two specialist conferences. The first workshop entitled „[Workshop "Singular diffusions: analytic and stochastic approaches I"](#)“ took place in Potsdam on 1-3 April, 2019. Over 20 participants from Berlin, Giessen, Jena, Kyiv, Moscow, Potsdam and Wroclaw presented their latest research results.

<https://www.imath.kiev.ua/general/?item=5&lang=en>

<http://www.math.uni-potsdam.de/professuren/wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie/internationale-projekte/ipkp/ipkp2019/>

### Israeli adtech company Perion buys Ukrainian AI startup Captain Growth for \$3.75 million

Perion Network, an Israel-based internet company, has acquired Ukrainian AI start-up Septa Communications (known as Captain Growth). Launched in 2017, Captain Growth is a platform that analyses the performance of Facebook and Google AdWords ads and provides the user with recommendations on how to improve the efficiency of a campaign.

<https://tech.eu/brief/israeli-adtech-company-perion-buys-ukrainian-ai-startup-captain-growth-for-3-75-million/>

<https://captaingrowth.ai/de/>



## A SELECTION OF RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

For the up-to-date announcements visit our LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594>  
or our web-page: <http://ukrainet.eu/category/fund/>

### EU: 4th Call for EaP PLUS Grants for Networking, apply by 30 May 2019

The grants for networking call financially support the participation of local researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of H2020 project proposals. <https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/240>

### GERMANY, DAAD: Support for the internationalization of Ukrainian HEIs/ Unterstützung der Internationalisierung ukrainischer Hochschulen 2019-2021, apply by 28 June 2019

The program aims to support the internationalization of Ukrainian and German universities by consolidating and initiating new collaborations. A contribution should be made to link the Ukrainian higher education system and research area with European structures.

Eligible for application are German state and state recognized universities.

**What is funded?** Promotion of the internationalization at Ukrainian universities with the development of digital components (including support of personal exchanges and networking between German and Ukrainian universities and education programs for employees of Ukrainian universities).

The program includes **two funding lines**:

Line 1: Shaping the digital future together: German-Ukrainian university cooperation.

Line 2: Continuing Education Programs for University Administrators and Administrators of Ukrainian Universities in Education and Science Management.

(In German): <https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57499830>

[DAAD call: Support for the internationalization of Ukrainian HEIs/ Unterstützung der Internationalisierung ukrainischer Hochschulen 2019-2021, apply by 28 June 2019](#)

### GERMANY, DAAD: PAGEL – Partnerships for the Health sector in developing countries/ Partnerschaften für den Gesundheitssektor in Entwicklungsländern, apply by 28 June 2019

The programme is intended to contribute to strengthening the health sector in the partner countries by providing initial and continuing vocational training at partner universities, establishing development-relevant specialist networks and preparing students for a career in their home region.

#### What is funded?

- **Funding Module 1:** Travel and short stays, organisation of events, teaching activities, field trips, measures for the development of digital teaching and learning materials including the corresponding technical infrastructure (in combination with Funding Modules 2 and 3)
- **Funding module 2:** Implementation of weekend seminars (in combination with funding modules 1 and 3)
- **Funding module 3:** Organisation of further training events (only in combination with funding module 1)



**Who is sponsored?** Students and lecturers from foreign partner universities, alumni of German universities as well as experts and multipliers from and in developing countries, medical students from developing countries at German universities.

Applications may be submitted by German universities, represented by their departments related to the health sector, university hospitals, institutes of tropical medicine and non-university research institutions with experience in sector-specific issues relevant to development policy.

Summary in English: <https://www.daad.de/downloads/foerderprogramm/file.php?id=4959>

Full information (in German): <https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57501855>

### Germany, DAAD: Funding for visits of a student group / Studienreisen für Gruppen ausländischer Studierender in Deutschland (3 cut-off dates a year)

Funded is a training and learning visit to a German university of a group of students (up to 15), led by a university lecturer/ professor, for a max. of 12 days.

A separate funding line supports visits for practical courses (in this case the hosting university is acting as an applicant).

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

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

Visits (in English): <https://www.daad.de/downloads/foerderprogramm/file.php?id=4672>

Practical courses (in English): <https://www.daad.de/downloads/foerderprogramm/file.php?id=4669>

### Individual Funding/ Fellowships

#### GERMANY, “Green Talents” Competition, apply by 22 May 2019

Every year, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) hosts the prestigious 2-week “**Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development**” to promote the international exchange of innovative green ideas. With this year’s special focus on the question of how digitalisation can promote more sustainability in science and our societies, **the motto of the 2019 competition is “Smart Green Planet – Solutions for a Sustainable Future”**. However, applications from all disciplines are highly welcome and the research does not need to have a direct link to digitalisation. A successful Green Talent 2019 will receive:

- an invitation to the **fully funded two-week Green Talents Science Forum 2019**, consisting of
  - visits to leading German sustainability facilities, institutions and companies with exclusive insights into their pioneering research and projects,
  - individual appointments with German experts of your choosing to discuss possibilities for upcoming joint research and cooperation efforts,
  - networking opportunities at the 10-year-anniversary Green Talents alumni conference in Berlin with key representatives of the German sustainability landscape,
- a fully funded research stay of up to 3 months at an institution of your own choice in Germany in 2020,
- exclusive access for you to the prestigious Green Talents alumni network.

Competition flyer: [https://www.greentalents.de/media/content/GT\\_Flyer\\_2019\\_barrierefrei.pdf](https://www.greentalents.de/media/content/GT_Flyer_2019_barrierefrei.pdf)

Web-site: <https://www.greentalents.de/index.php>



## 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/>

## GERMANY, Bavaria: Bayhost Funding for Students in 2019

BAYHOST oversees the scholarship and grant program of the Free State of Bavaria and its partner countries in Central and Eastern Europe and provides mobility grants for the exchange of students and young researchers as well as for the initiation of cooperation in the field of research and education.

- Outgoing / Incoming: Mobility grants for internships. Application deadline: **14 May 2019**
- Incoming: Annual scholarship program for graduates from Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, **Ukraine** and Hungary. The scholarship is used to finance postgraduate studies (such as a master's degree), a research stay or a PhD at a state or state-funded university or college in Bavaria.

Mobility grants for internships: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/english/scholarships/index.html>

Annual scholarship program: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/english/index.html>

## GERMANY, Berlin, 8-9 November 2019: Falling Walls conference

**Falling Walls Lab:** You can apply for participation in Falling Walls Lab (**Chernivtsi** is participating in the **Falling Walls Lab** call, and you can apply through its open call by **28 April 2019**):

- Outstanding scholars, researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, young professionals, and innovators.
- All disciplines are welcome.

**Falling Walls Venture** will take place on **8 November 2019** in **Berlin**. Start-up nominations will be open from **1 May to 30 June 2019**.

**Falling Walls Engage:** Submissions from any field of science engagement, communication, outreach, education - large or small - are welcome from **1 May to 30 June 2019**. The most impactful, novel, and cost-effective projects will be invited to Berlin.

<https://www.falling-walls.com/programme>

## GERMANY, Berlin: Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships to foster academic freedom

The Einstein Foundation is committed to fostering academic freedom. Two special programs (Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships) are offered temporary in order to reach this objective and to enable researchers who are experiencing constraints in their work around the world to come to Berlin for two years to pursue their research without undue restrictions or threats. **First and foremost, the programs are intended to support top researchers from regions of conflict.** Furthermore, they are directed at researchers from regions



that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research, and who look for opportunities to return, migrate or cooperate with countries offering a work environment free of constraints.

<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>

**GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster 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>

**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**

02/05/2019 Berlin Germany	Prisma Ukraïna Lecture <i>“Die große ukrainische Emigration und ihre Folgen”</i> by Matthias Benz. Research program <a href="#">Prisma Ukraïna</a> .  <a href="https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/die-grosse-ukrainische-emigration-und-ihre-wirtschaftlichen-folgen.html">https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/die-grosse-ukrainische-emigration-und-ihre-wirtschaftlichen-folgen.html</a>
4 and 11/05/2019 online	6 <sup>th</sup> annual online career conference for PhDs  <a href="https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/beyond-the-professoriate/beyond-the-professoriates-6th-annual-online-career-conference-for-phds/">https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/beyond-the-professoriate/beyond-the-professoriates-6th-annual-online-career-conference-for-phds/</a>
08/05/2019 Berlin Germany	ZOiS Research Colloquium <i>“Trenches, trials, trenchcoats? Explaining variance and success in the trajectories of the pro-Ukrainian volunteer bataillons”</i> by Johann Zajackowski  <a href="https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/trenches-trials-trenchcoats-explaining-variance-and-success-in-the-trajectories-of-the-pro-ukrainian-volunteer-bataillons/?L=0">https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/trenches-trials-trenchcoats-explaining-variance-and-success-in-the-trajectories-of-the-pro-ukrainian-volunteer-bataillons/?L=0</a>
16-17/05/2019 Frankfurt/ Oder Germany	Prisma Ukraïna Conference <i>“Rethinking Ukrainian Studies: Locally, Regionally, Transnationally”</i>  <a href="https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/rethinking-ukrainian-studies-locally-regionally-transnationally.html">https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/rethinking-ukrainian-studies-locally-regionally-transnationally.html</a>
23/5/2019 Berlin Germany Register by 20/05	Science First Hand series; "A noble man from head to toe". Pavlo Skoropadsky and the first years of his emigration/ „Ehrenmann vom Scheitel bis zur Sohle“. Pavlo Skoropadskyj in den ersten Jahren der Emigration (in German)  Speaker: Veronika Dyminska, research assistant, Department of Culture & History of Central and Eastern Europe, European University Viadrina  Register at: berlin (at) ukrainet.eu, providing your name, occupation and employer/ place of study, city, as required by security regulations of the embassy.



05/06/2019 Berlin Germany	<p>ZOiS discussion and reading “Literary perspectives on the war in Eastern Ukraine” with Ziemowit Szczerek (writer), Serhij Zhadan (writer) and Alexander Chertenko (literary studies expert)</p> <p><a href="https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/literary-perspectives-on-the-war-in-eastern-ukraine/?L=0">https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/literary-perspectives-on-the-war-in-eastern-ukraine/?L=0</a></p>
10–17/06/2019 Dnipro Ukraine	<p>Transregional Academy „After Violence: The (Im-)Possibility of Understanding and Remembering“. Research program <a href="#">Prisma Ukraïna</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/home/index.php?eID=tx_securedownloads&amp;u=0&amp;g=0&amp;t=1576668437&amp;hash=ad0aa4d109946de1b28e44ef5ae801adf1b5c508&amp;file=/fileadmin/bilder/Prisma_Ukraina_BBUI_ehemals/_Veranstaltungen/After_Violence_TA_2019/CfA_TA_After_Violence_Dnipro_2018.pdf">https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/home/index.php?eID=tx_securedownloads&amp;u=0&amp;g=0&amp;t=1576668437&amp;hash=ad0aa4d109946de1b28e44ef5ae801adf1b5c508&amp;file=/fileadmin/bilder/Prisma_Ukraina_BBUI_ehemals/_Veranstaltungen/After_Violence_TA_2019/CfA_TA_After_Violence_Dnipro_2018.pdf</a></p>
24/06/2019 Berlin Germany	<p>Prisma Ukraïna Lecture “IMF, Ukraine’s Toxic Debt Dependency and Erosion of Sovereignty” by Yuliya Yurchenko. Research program <a href="#">Prisma Ukraïna</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/ukraine-and-the-empire-of-capital-from-marketisation-to-armed-conflict.html">https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/veranstaltungen/detail/ukraine-and-the-empire-of-capital-from-marketisation-to-armed-conflict.html</a></p>
30/06-6/07/2019 Ivano-Frankivsk Ukraine	<p>German-Ukrainian Summer School "Perspectives in Biomedicine with Focus on Cancer Immunotherapy"</p> <p><a href="http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/ivano-frankivsk">http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/ivano-frankivsk</a></p>
02/07/2019 Berlin Germany	<p>ZOiS presentation and discussion “Kyiv’s now generation” with Jana Antonissen (journalist), Nadja Scherff (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and Kateryna Mishchenko (publisher)</p> <p><a href="https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/kyivs-now-generation/?L=0">https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/kyivs-now-generation/?L=0</a></p>
7-13/07/2019 Odesa Ukraine	<p>German-Ukrainian Summer School "Perspectives in Biomedicine with Focus on Cancer Immunotherapy"</p> <p><a href="http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/odesa">http://daadschool.onu.edu.ua/index.php/odesa</a></p>
10/07/2019 Berlin Germany	<p>ZOiS Research Colloquium “Innovative models of participation in Poland, (East)Germany and Ukraine: Paving the way to democratic resilience?” by Dr. Susann Worschech</p> <p><a href="https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/innovative-models-of-participation-in-poland-eastgermany-and-ukraine-paving-the-way-to-democratic-resilience/?L=0">https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/innovative-models-of-participation-in-poland-eastgermany-and-ukraine-paving-the-way-to-democratic-resilience/?L=0</a></p>
12-18/08/2019 Lviv Ukraine Apply by: 09/05	<p>Summer School “Integrative Approaches in Systems Physiology”</p> <p>Aimed at: 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> year Ukrainian medical students and interns.</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DSxowhwYm16HqojeuisBOerngUd6YmT0/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DSxowhwYm16HqojeuisBOerngUd6YmT0/view</a>  <b>Application form:</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX4Cu-rqUAU-Ef31X_jwdTkeT0Prjqc5_f4l4L0u0M3-xAYQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX4Cu-rqUAU-Ef31X_jwdTkeT0Prjqc5_f4l4L0u0M3-xAYQ/viewform</a></p>



19/08-1/09/2019

Frankfurt/ Oder

Germany

**Viadrinikum 2019: Transsectoral UrbanLab. Participatory Urbanism Beyond MetroPoleis**

Viadrinikum is an annual summer school devoted to the countries of the Eastern Partnership region with a special focus on Ukraine. This year it will tackle complex issues of (global) urbanism, urban development and active citizenship in small and medium-sized post-socialist cities from multiple theoretical and methodological perspectives. Students, PhD candidates, young NGO activists and artists (up to 35 years of age) from all fields are invited to apply. Call for applications will be announced in early May, 2019.

More information about the school can be found at <http://www.europa-uni.de/viadrinikum> and <http://viadrinikum.blog>.

19-20/09/2019

Tübingen

Germany

The next **Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society** will take place within the framework of **The Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg**. Meeting Chair: Prof. Olga Garaschuk, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen. Registration will be opened in June 2019.

<http://ukrainet.eu/annual-meeting/>

19/09/2019

Tübingen

Germany

Apply by: 20/05

**Final of the PhD THESIS PRESENTATION CONTEST 2019** will be organized as a part of the **Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society** within the framework of **The Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg**.

<http://ukrainet.eu/phd-contest/>

## QUICK & USEFUL

### USA, New York Elegies: Ukrainian Poems on the City

The bilingual anthology of poetry about New York was recently published by Academic Studies Press: "New York Elegies: Ukrainian Poems on the City", Edited by Ostap Kin

<https://www.academicstudiespress.com/ukrainianstudies/new-york-elegies>

### REPORT: Group of Senior Officials on global research infrastructures

This progress report 2017 also includes a list of research infrastructures of global interest.

[https://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/qso\\_progress\\_report\\_2017.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/qso_progress_report_2017.pdf)

### REPORT: Checklist for Collaboration with Chinese Universities and Other Research Institutions

The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS) has worked in close cooperation with the Leiden Asia Centre (LAC) on an extensive study (January 31st 2019) mapping the risks and challenges of academic and research collaboration with Chinese partners.

<https://www.hcss.nl/report/checklist-collaboration-chinese-universities-and-other-research-institutions>

### e-learning centre of the European Patent Academy:

A wide variety of free and paid for e-courses, eg see the recordings of the course on "Patenting Artificial Intelligence":

<https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=151>

### Newsletter, DAAD Kyiv:

<https://www.daad-ukraine.org/uk/pro-nas/informatsijnyj-byuleten/>

