

Dear colleagues,

With the 21st issue of our Newsletter we would like to **inform you about the open call of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Science (BMBF) for German-Ukrainian Cores of Excellence** (see p. 11) and as always, provide you with a digest of the latest news, selected funding opportunities and events related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We sincerely thank for your interest in and commitment to fostering the academic cooperation with Ukraine.

With kind regards,

Dr. Oksana Seumenicht, Managing Director, the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ Research Development Manager, MDC, Berlin

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Save the Date: The DUAG's Annual Meeting 2020

The next annual meeting of our Society will be held within the **Days of Ukraine in Lower Saxony** at The Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover on **11-12 of September 2020**. Program outline will be published on our web-site in due course.

SWEDEN, Stockholm: New Nordic branch of the UKRAINE Network launched

On October 28, Taras Kucherenko, who is doing his PhD in Machine Learning at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, presented a newly created Nordic branch of the UKRAINE Network and highlighted the DUAG's activities at an event organized by the Ukrainian Youth in Sweden.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/398191380858369/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12297173/>

UKRAINE, Kyiv: Dr. Nelia Wanderka gave a lecture at the KPI



Photo: private

In October 2019, **Dr. Nelia Wanderka** (Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin für Materialien und Energie (HZB) and the DUAG's treasurer) visited the National Technical University of Ukraine "Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" (KPI) and gave a lecture "Formation of intermetallic delta phase in Al-10Si-0.3Fe alloy investigated by in-situ 4D X-ray synchrotron tomography". In 2020 Dr. Wanderka with her colleagues will organize a summer school on material sciences research at the KPI, which will be supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Traditional Christmas "Stammtisch" took place in Dresden

On 17th of December 2019, as in the previous years, interested researchers working in Dresden at The Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR), The Leibniz Institute for Solid State & Materials Research in Dresden (IFW Dresden) and The Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools & Forming Technology (Fraunhofer IWU, Chemnitz) got together for an informal meetup (in German "Stammtisch"). This annual event is organized by the DUAGS' members **Dr. Denys Makarov (HZDR)** and **Dr. Vyacheslav Khavrus (Life Science Inkubator Sachsen GmbH & Co. KG)**.

MAJOR GRANTS, AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Ukrainian-born scientists are among the highly cited researchers

"The highly cited researchers " are recognized as the world's most influential researchers of the past decade, as demonstrated by the production of multiple highly-cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and year in Web of Science. Among the awardees are:

Yury Gogotsi, Materials Science and Engineering; A.J. Drexel Nanotechnology Institute, Drexel University, <https://nano.materials.drexel.edu/>

Publications: 1,530; Total times cited: 98,995; H-index: 139

Maksym V Kovalenko, Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry, ETH Zurich, <https://kovalenkolab.ethz.ch/>

Publications: 168; Total times cited: 17,072; H-index: 58

<https://recognition.webofsciencegroup.com/awards/highly-cited/2019/>



Two Ukrainian researchers won fellowships of The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)

Mariia Pavlovska from the State Institute “National Antarctic Scientific Center”, Ukraine won the SCAR early-career fellowship and will visit the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Germany to carry out a project entitled “Exploring the interplay of Antarctic bacterioplankton and phytoplankton by integration of biodiversity, contextual, and OMICS data”. Maria Pavlovska will continue her research on the biogeochemical interaction of Antarctic bacteria and microalgae of the Southern Ocean, which she has initiated at the Ukrainian Antarctic Station "Akademik Vernadsky". This year, a total of 37 applications were received for the early-career Fellowships, which offer awards of up to US\$15,000 each, and eight fellowships were granted.

With the support of the SCAR visiting fellowship, **Larysa Samchyshyna** from the Institute for Evolutionary Ecology (IEE) of the NAS of Ukraine, who is one of the three fellowship winners, will visit the Australian Antarctic Division, Australia. Her visit aims to establish a base for information exchange and start a dialogue for improvement and unification of krill methods.

Representatives of the scientific community of Ukraine have the opportunity to participate in such competitions thanks to the **renewal of the Ukraine’s status as a SCAR full member in 2018**.

<https://www.scar.org/general-scar-news/2019-scar-fellows/>
<http://uac.gov.ua/en/maria-pavlovska-researcher-of-the-national-antarctic-scientific-center-received-a-scar-grant-for-innovative-research-of-the-southern-ocean/>
<https://www.scar.org/general-scar-news/2019-visiting-scholars/>

Maria Rewakowicz awarded the 2019 Omeljan Pritsak Book Prize in Ukrainian Studies

Maria Rewakowicz, Lecturer of Ukrainian at Rutgers University, USA, is the first laureate of the Omeljan Pritsak Book Prize in Ukrainian Studies. She won this award for her book “Ukraine’s Quest for Identity: Embracing Cultural Hybridity in Literary Imagination, 1991-2011”. The award ceremony was held at the annual convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES, USA) in November 2019. Established this year this award is sponsored by the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University (HURI) to recognize an author for a distinguished book in the field of Ukrainian Studies that was published in the previous calendar year. Omeljan Pritsak was the primary founder of HURI and the first Mykhailo S. Hrushevs’kyi Professor of Ukrainian History at Harvard.

<http://shevchenko.org/news-events/news/omeljan-pritsak-book-prize/>
<https://reell.rutgers.edu/people/instructors/83-rewakowicz>

NOTABLE APPOINTMENT: Maksym Yarema appointed Assistant Professor of Nanoscale Memory Devices at the ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Dr. Maksym Yarema (*1985), currently a post-doctoral researcher at ETH Zurich and Empa, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Nanoscale Memory Devices. Maksym Yarema specializes in developing methods for synthesizing new semiconducting and metallic nanoparticles and integrating them into (opto)electronic and energy-related devices. His latest work focuses on phase-change memory devices made from nanoscale materials – a promising alternative to traditional silicon-based devices. He has received an ERC Starting Grant for this research (see our NL No 3, 2019). Maksym was born in Chervonograd, Ukraine, 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.

<https://ethz.ch/en/news-and-events/eth-news/news/2019/12/new-professors.html>



COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Four joint Ukrainian-Israeli projects funded

After a more than 20-year break, joint funding for two-year bilateral scientific projects has been announced at the first meeting of the Joint Ukrainian-Israeli Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in November 2019. Proposals were invited in the priority fields of applied mathematics and theoretical physics and Jewish heritage. In total, 15 applications were submitted and four joint projects were selected for funding.

In Ukrainian: <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/teoretichna-fizika-i-problemi-spilnoyi-spadshini-ukrayinski-ta-izrayilski-naukovci-pochinayut-dvostoronni-doslidzhennya-pislya-20-richnoyi-perervi>

List of funded projects, in Ukrainian:

<https://mon.gov.ua/storage/app/media/news/%D0%9D%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B8/2019/11/25/na-sayt.pdf>

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NATO's scientific cooperation with Ukraine

On 21 November in Kyiv an Information Day of the NATO's Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Program was organized with support from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Mission of Ukraine to NATO. Over 200 members of the Ukrainian scientific community participated in the event, which took place on Ukraine's Day of Dignity and Freedom. The event was an opportunity to review the key achievements of Ukraine's participation in SPS, which intensified following Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014. In 2019, Ukraine continues to be the leading partner with 28 ongoing SPS projects, which represents almost a quarter of the overall SPS Program. Advanced technologies, counter-terrorism, and defence against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents are the focus of most ongoing activities. The event also highlighted SPS' contributions to the Comprehensive Assistance Package for Ukraine, including the establishment of a multinational telemedicine system, and enhancing the humanitarian demining capacity of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU). SPS projects have brought real benefits to the Ukrainian scientific community, providing state-of-the-art equipment and support to research laboratories, and engaging young researchers. In turn, Ukraine e.g. is a key contributor to the **SPS flagship program DEXTER** (Detection of Explosives and firearms to counter terrorism). Together with other seven allied and partner countries it develops an integrated system that can detect explosives and firearms in public places, remotely and in real time without disrupting the flow of pedestrians. Another example is a multi-year **project "Compact Sensor Systems for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles"**. Upon its completion, **Prof. Kostyantyn Lukin** (O. Ya. Usikov Institute for Radiophysics and Electronics, NAS Ukraine, Kharkiv), along with his Spanish and Korean colleagues, received the **SPS Partnership Prize**, which was presented by then NATO Deputy Secretary General, Rose Gottemoeller, at the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Science Programme on the 29th of November 2018.

https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_171433.htm

Information Day brochure: https://www.nato.int/nato_static_fl2014/assets/pdf/pdf_2019_11/20191120_191121-sps-info-day-ukraine.pdf

The latest update from the German-Ukrainian Excavation Project in the Ancient Greek Colony of Olbia Pontike

Since 2014 a joint German-Ukrainian project has been carried out in the suburb of the ancient Greek colony of Olbia (modern Mykolajivs'ka oblast') within the framework of a DFG-founded cooperation project.



The project is led by **Prof. Jochen Fornasier** (Institute for Archaeological Sciences of the Goethe University Frankfurt/Main), DUAG member, and **Dr. Alla Buyskikh** (Institute for Archaeology of the National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine in Kyiv).

Results of the investigations were presented and discussed at the recent **International symposium “On the banks of the Bug: Current Results of the German-Ukrainian Research Project in Olbia Pontike in the context of international Black Sea archaeology”**, Frankfurt/Main, 07 – 09 October 2019. Furthermore, at this meeting German and Ukrainian partners have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to further intensify their fruitful cooperation.



*Prof. Jochen Fornasier opens the symposium.
Photo: courtesy of B. Schödel, Goethe-Universität
Frankfurt am Main*

Archaeological field studies carried in July-September 2019 delivered new interesting insights on the history of Olbia. As a part of this project, a complete geophysical investigation of the Olbia suburb has been completed. The obtained results revealed that a total area was 25 hectares and evidenced an interesting construction in Olbia's defence system, dated by the beginning of the 5th century BC. Investigations of Olbia and its suburbs and the necropolis will continue next year. See also our earlier news feature: <http://ukrainet.eu/2018/03/31/olbia-pontike/>.

<https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/54032914/Olbia?>

Meeting: https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/76310274/Fachtagung_2019

in Ukrainian: <http://iananu.org.ua/novini/konferentsiji/860-ukrajinsko-nimetske-spivrobotnistvo>
<https://de-de.facebook.com/iarchaeology/>

NEWS FROM UKRAINE

Additional €7 million will be available to Ukraine within the EU “Horizon 2020” program

Ukrainian scientists will be able to receive funds for research and infrastructure as part of additional funds provided by the EU to Ukraine within the Horizon 2020 program. Start of the first funding round is scheduled for the early of 2020.

In Ukrainian: <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrayinski-vcheni-otrimayut-do-7-mln-yevro-na-doslidzhennya-ta-infrastrukturu-2020-go-startuye-novij-konkurs-u-mezhah-dopomogi-yes-ukrayini-v-gorizont-2020>

Open Ukrainian Citation Index was launched

On 12 November 2019 the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU), together with the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine, launched the Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI). OUCI was presented as a new service for search and analysis of scientific citations of Ukrainian researchers. It will be the first element of the future national scientific-information system, which is planned to be established by the MESU next year.

OUCI is a search engine and a database of scientific citations, that originates from all publishers using the Crossref's Cited-by service and upholds the aims of the Initiative for Open Citations. The database contains information from databases such as Scopus and the Web of Science, and can also be searched in English. OUCI is intended to simplify the search for scientific publications, attract editorial attention to the problem of completeness, openness and quality of the metadata of scholarly publications.

<http://ouci.dntb.gov.ua/en/>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03662-6>



EU Erasmus+ program in Ukraine

Ganna Novosad, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, gave a press-conference "EU support in reforming education in Ukraine: Erasmus+ grants and 2014-2019 years results" on December 17, 2019. According to the minister, during 2014-2019 **4695 students** and **4361 university teachers from Ukraine** participated in training or had an internship in Europe within the framework of the EU Erasmus+ program. At the same time, **2872 lecturers** and **1123 students from Europe** had an exchange opportunity to work or study in Ukraine.

In Ukrainian: <https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/qanna-novosad-majzhe-47-tis-ukrayinskih-studentiv-i-43-tis-vikladachiv-zmogli-projti-navchannya-u-yevropejskih-vishah-zavdyaki-erazmus>

Ukrainian green SME producing smart solar blinds wins EU support through the EIC SME Instrument Phase 2

Buildings are responsible for more than a third of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions. The Ukrainian company **Solar Gaps** has developed the first window blinds that automatically track the sun and generate electricity from its energy.

The EIC Accelerator (SME Instrument) is part of the European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot that supports top class innovators, entrepreneurs and small companies with funding opportunities and acceleration services. The main focus of the EIC Accelerator (SME Instrument) is on market-creating innovations that shape new markets and generate jobs, growth and higher standards of living.

<https://solarqaps.com/>

Full list of the awardees: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/eic-smeinst-2018-2020/1872624-eic-accelerator-list-selected-companies-20191009_en.pdf

Ukrainian scientists will study Antarctica and the World Ocean on their own marine vessel

On 20 November 2019, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine allocated funds (up to 252 million hryvnia) for the purchase of scientific ice-class ocean vessel, informs the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. This will be the beginning of the revival of the ocean scientific fleet of Ukraine. It is expected that the agreement on the acquisition of the vessel will be concluded before the end of 2019, and in 2020 it will take its first departure into the ocean under the Ukrainian flag.

<http://uac.gov.ua/en/ukrainian-scientists-will-study-antarctica-and-the-world-ocean-on-their-own-marine-vessel/>

In Ukrainian: https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/ukrayinci-nareshiti-vivchatimut-antarktidu-ta-svitovij-ocean-na-vlasnomu-sudni-kabmin-znajshov-qroshi-na-zakupivlyu?fbclid=IwAR2yRvtTsLsVfdBXhNWQ_4fEx7BxZPXOiKzIBfuLmdBLMrUltqjKWVYGqLc

EVENTS' REPORTS

German-Polish-Ukrainian Forum TRIYOU, 11-15.09.2019, Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine)

By Anna Lysiak

The annual forum of the German Polish-Youth Office (GPYO) dedicated to the trilateral cooperation with Ukraine in the area of youth exchanges and non-formal education took place at Promprylad in Ivano-Frankivsk. Over 30 participants from three countries came to Ukraine to take part in a three-day workshop. They represented NGOs, schools, informal initiatives and came together to discuss the organization of their first German-Polish-Ukrainian youth encounters in the near future. The Forum provided know-how on the role of a project facilitator, diversity conscious education and youth participation in the local context and helped the



participants to network and develop project ideas. The GPYO also informed the participants about the possibilities of funding for such projects. The highlight of the forum was the launch of a new platform TRIYOU, that the GPYO dedicated to the trilateral projects with Ukraine. The platform provides several tools that support the common project management on equal footing for all sides. Further options like micro-sites and the map allow to promote the projects and facilitate the networking between the organizations. The forum had concluded with presentations of three different projects related to the youth activities in local context. The event had been carried out in cooperation with the Ukrainian partners of GPYO: *Insha Osvita* and The agency of cultural and educational events *INSHI*, with financial support of the German Federal Foreign Office.

Funding programme of the German-Polish Youth Office for German-Polish Youth exchanges with Eastern Partnership Countries, especially Ukraine: <https://www.dpjw.org/projektfoerderung/projekte-mit-laendern-der-oestlichen-partnerschaft-und-russland/>

Platform TRIYOU: <https://triyou.dpjw.org/>

Homepage of Insha Osvita: <http://insha-osvita.org/>

International workshop “Ludwik Fleck and His Thought Collectives”, Lviv (Ukraine)

By Natalia Otrishchenko (Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine)



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How can we place ideas? We link them to people – individuals or groups – and then we locate people and their constellations in space. Therefore, it is through an individual that an idea acquires its material dimension. **International workshop “Ludwik Fleck and His Thought Collectives”** aimed at bringing together a person and the city/places/spaces, Ludwik Fleck (1896-1961) and Lviv, where he was born, studied, worked, debated, contemplated, and wrote his philosophic and medical texts.

Participants from different institutions of Ukraine, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, and the USA analyzed the social landscape of interwar Lviv, where different ethnic, linguistic and religious groups, different artistic communities and scientific groups co-existed and co-worked; they also tracked the changes and adaptations of Fleck’s ideas in diverse disciplinary and geographical contexts.

The seminar intended to actualize Fleck’s legacy and open up opportunities for its further application in academic and extra-academic settings. In addition to four thematic panels, participants of the seminar visited the newly-opened “Scottish” coffee house – one of the key points on the map of interwar Lviv, where representatives of the Lviv Mathematical School met; acquainted themselves with the collections of biology department of the Ivan Franko Lviv National University, where the laboratory of Rudolf Weigl was located; participated in a city-walk around places associated with the Fleck family. The seminar program featured two public events: lectures by **Marcy Shore (Yale University/ IWM Vienna)** and by **Hans-Jörg Rheinberger (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin)**.



As one of the outcomes of the workshop, the collection of abstracts was published. It is intentionally multilingual – we aimed to reflect both on the multivocality of Fleck’s environment and on the cultural backgrounds of conference participants. Each language provides readers with nuances, which could be lost in the translation. At the same time, this publication has English as a common denominator: it was the working language of the event.

The seminar was possible because of the initiative of **Dr. Stefaniya Ptashnyk**, DUAG member, whose Ukrainian translation of the **Ludwik Fleck’s book “Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact”** was published this year by the *Book-XXI*. It was organized by Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, and Ukrainian Catholic University. Financial support was provided by the German Research Foundation (DFG) as well as by the Collegium Helveticum and the Ludwik Fleck Center (Zurich).

With all these different activities we tried to bring together Fleck and Lviv one more time, but I tend to believe that we achieved a bit more – we have returned Fleck’s ideas to people who are now creating new thought collectives. I hope that this project developed a new link between spaces, ideas, scholars, and researchers, as well as residents of Lviv, who now, perhaps in a new way, will discover the history of science in relation to the history of the city.

Workshop “Sharing experience on the internationalization of the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in Germany and Ukraine”, Kyiv (Ukraine)



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In view of the growing competitiveness of the universities for every new student as well as for research grants, the questions of internationalization become more and more important. Not only German universities but also their partners in Ukraine face similar problems in institutionalization of internationalization activities at their HEIs. In order to share relevant experiences and develop suggestions on the improvement of internationalization at Ukrainian HEIs a four-hour workshop was organized in Kyiv on the 25th of October by the DAAD

Information Centre upon the initiative of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (DUAG)/ The UKRAINE Network.

The workshop was conducted by **Dr. Iryna Shalaginova**, Head of the International Relations Office of the University Koblenz-Landau (Germany) and the DUAG member. 23 participants from all over Ukraine have been given a critical view on the autonomy, financing and internationalization of German HEIs with practical examples from the University of Koblenz-Landau. After a short introduction to the history of autonomy the results of the latest study on the autonomy of German HEIs were presented. Dr. Shalaginova has introduced the indicators, which were used for the measurement of the autonomy, such as instruments influencing institutional structures, financing and quality assurance. In the following discussion and group work the workshop participants were able to apply those instruments in the analysis of their own institutions and compare them to the German system. In view of the ongoing reform of the



Higher Education system in Ukraine, which aims at providing greater autonomy to the Ukrainian HEIs, participants had a critical discussion of the planned reform measures and their possible influence on the institutions based on the experiences already made in Germany. Information on the financing of German HEIs did not only provide necessary background knowledge on the institutionalization of internationalization in Germany but also showed negative effects caused by the current financing scheme and how those will be improved by the joint financing program of the federal government and federal states, which will come into force in year 2021.

In the last part of the workshop participants were provided with the analysis of Internationalization of German HEIs: from internationalization frameworks on the European, national and university levels to the current place of Germany in the field of Internationalization compared to other European countries, to a practical example of financing and integration of internationalization processes at the University Koblenz-Landau. During the discussions and group work the workshop participants also shared experiences from their own institutions. One of the main outcomes of the workshop was a list of practical suggestions on how to improve internationalization at Ukrainian HEIs developed by the participants themselves.

The workshop was one of the first events in providing a deeper understanding and comparison of internationalization processes in Ukraine and Germany. Further events and activities are to be organized both in Germany and Ukraine next year.

USA, New York: The Dobzhansky Genetics Club established

The Biomedical Section of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the USA established the **Dobzhansky Genetics Club** aiming to stimulate an academic discussion of cutting-edge research in genetics and foster a dialogue among Ukrainian American scientists of different generations. The first inaugural meeting was held on November 2, 2019. The Genetics Club is named after Theodosius Dobzhansky, a renowned Ukrainian-American experimental and theoretical geneticist. **Dr. Roman Shirokov**, chair of the Biomedical Section, co-founder of the Genetics Club, and Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience at Rutgers University, made the introductory remarks and delivered a talk, titled “Paradise of Theodosius Dobzhansky” at the inaugural meeting. Two junior scholars from Rockefeller University gave presentations on their current research: **Dr. Olya Yarychkivska** spoke about the cell death and cancer and **Dr. Iryna Ivasyk** gave a talk entitled “Ants, Genetics, and Social Behavior”. It is planned that The Dobzhansky Genetics Club will hold semi-annual meetings in the fall and in the spring of each year, which will include a few short presentations of genetics research on pressing issues in our society.

<http://shevchenko.org/news-events/news/dobzhansky-genetics-club/>

Contact: Dr. Roman Shirokov, <https://njms-web.njms.rutgers.edu/profile/myProfile.php?mbmid=rshiroko#tab-bio>

More about Theodosius Dobzhansky: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodosius-Dobzhansky>

The Annual meeting of the German Association of Ukrainists took place at the Potsdam University

The meeting took place on 22 November 2019. In addition to annual report of the board and the Association’s members the meeting included the presentations of work projects of early career researchers - members and guests of the Association. This year the main topics were the literary and cultural studies:



- **Alexander Chertenko** (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen): „The one is afraid that it is contagious: The war in Donbass from the internal perspective in Ukrainian literature after 2014“;
- **Anastasija Au** (Universität Potsdam): „Lesia Ukrainka and the Ukrainian Modernity: Is the „Lisova pisnia“ („Forest song“) a modern play?“ (Master Thesis);
- **Dr. Denys Shatalov** („Thkuma“ Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies (Dnipro)), Visiting Fellow of the „Prisma Ukraïna-Research Network Eastern Europe“ at the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin): „The Cossacks Myth in Eastern Europe“.

This meeting was organized in collaboration with the Research colloquium of the Institute for Slavonic Studies at the Universität Potsdam (Forschungskolloquium am Institut für Slavistik) and also within the framework of the University's program „Kleine Fächer – Große Potentiale“ (<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/osteuropastudien-in-brandenburg.html>). The meeting was concluded by the presentation of **Dr. phil. habil. Alexander Kratochvil's** new book „Die Zone als Ort des Kollektiven Gedächtnisses (S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Shadow of Chernobyl)“.

The German Association of Ukrainists (Die Deutsche Assoziation der Ukrainisten, DUA) is an independent organization of researchers who deal with Ukrainian-related topics as well as other persons interested in Ukraine. Above all, it serves to expand scientific relations between Germany and Ukraine, to promote and disseminate Ukrainian studies, to exchange research results and as an information platform for universities and colleges where research or teaching is carried out on Ukraine. <https://www.ukrainistik.de/mitgliederversammlung-2019/>

Institute for European Politics (IEP, Berlin) organizes the Train-the-Trainer workshops on EU association

In the framework of the **Civic School for Sound EU Practice (CiSEP)**, the IEP has been conducting Train-The-Trainer workshops for representatives of the Ukrainian civil society to become trainers on EU association. The participants are CiSEP alumni of previous CiSEP basic and specialisation trainings on EU association. From September 2019 till March 2020, the participants attend four workshops of three-day length each in Chernihiv and Dnipro. These trainings empower them with in-depth knowledge about the EU-Ukraine association process, as well as the practical skill-set to operate as multipliers with their own interactive trainings on EU association in the future. This training series is organised in cooperation the local partners **Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies (Chernihiv)** and the **Public Chamber Ukraine (regional office in Dnipro)**. CiSEP is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Since its founding in 1959, the Institute for European Politics (IEP) has been a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of European integration. It is one of the leading foreign and European policy research centres in the Federal Republic of Germany and serves as a forum for exchange between academia, politics, administration and political education.

<http://iep-berlin.de/en/about-the-iep/>
<http://iep-berlin.de/en/2nd-edition-of-train-the-trainer-workshop-series-on-eu-association/>

DEUTSCHLAND, Burgwedel, 23.11.2019: The 28 Stolperseine für Kinder von Zwangsarbeiterinnen verlegt

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In Burgwedel, einer Kleinstadt bei Hannover, existierte von September 1944 bis Kriegsende eine Einrichtung, die im NS-Sprachgebrauch verharmlosend „Ausländerkinder-Pflegestätte“ genannt wurde. Diese Einrichtung befand sich mitten im Ort, in einem damals schon bereits baufälligen und nicht mehr bewohnbaren Bauernhaus. 24 der Kinder sind namentlich bekannt, 15 kamen aus Polen, 9 aus der ehemaligen Sowjetunion, meist aus der Ukraine. Sie wurden ihren Müttern, die



Zwangsarbeit auf Bauernhöfen in der Umgebung leisten mussten, wenige Wochen nach ihrer Geburt weggenommen. Das jüngste der in dem Heim verstorbenen Kinder war sechs Wochen, das älteste 15 Monate alt. Die Babys starben an den Folgen von Vernachlässigung und falscher bzw. mangelhafter Ernährung und wurden auf dem örtlichen Friedhof an unbekannter Stelle begraben.



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Die Historikerin Irmtraud Heike M.A. und der Journalist Jürgen Zimmer haben dieses Thema im Auftrag der Stadt Burgwedel jetzt aufgearbeitet und die bedrückenden Ergebnisse in einem Buch publiziert (Geraubte Leben, erschienen im VSA-Verlag Hamburg, ISBN 978-3-96488-038-3: <https://www.vsa-verlag.de/nc/buecher/detail/artikel/geraubte-leben/>). Irmtraud Heike arbeitet seit vielen Jahren zum Thema Zwangsarbeit und Täter*innenforschung. Weitere Veröffentlichungen:

- Feinde im eigenen Land. Zwangsarbeit in Hannover im Zweiten Weltkrieg, Anschütz, Janet/ Heike, Irmtraud, Verlag für Regionalgeschichte Bielefeld 2000, ISBN 3-89534-372
- Amsterdam, Hannover und zurück: Mein Leben als Zwangsarbeiter während des Zweiten Weltkriegs, Carbaat, Henk / Heike, Irmtraud, Hahnsche Buchhandlung Hannover 2012, ISBN 9783775262033

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/>

GERMANY, BMBF: Funding call for the establishment of German-Ukrainian Cores of Excellence in Ukraine, apply until 15 March 2020

Scope: establishment of excellent joint German-Ukrainian research groups or small institutes (Cores of Excellence) in Ukraine to strengthen the sustainable bilateral research partnership between Germany and Ukraine.

Format and funding: In a first phase ("**concept phase**": **12 months, up to EUR 100T**) a detailed plan for the establishment of the Core of Excellence, its scientific focus, fit to the advancement of the bi-lateral science cooperation and economic feasibility should be prepared. After an independent evaluation of the submitted concepts, up to three most promising projects will be selected for **the implementation phase (48 months, up to EUR 2.5 million)**. Funding will be provided for the establishment and work of internationally staffed working groups under the leadership of a top researcher, who will be identified and employed by the German institution and seconded to Ukraine for the implementation phase of the German-Ukrainian Core of Excellence at the latest.

More, including the call summary in English: <http://ukrainet.eu/2019/12/05/bmbf-call-de-ua-coe/>
Full call information (in German): <https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2743.html>



British Council in Ukraine: digital innovation competition, apply until 10 January 2020

A global innovation challenge #IdeasChangeLives is looking for digital solutions to the world's greatest problems

People with a fresh, entrepreneurial spirit and a big idea that has the potential to make a positive impact for communities across the globe are highly encouraged to apply. The winning pitch will get **£20,000** to invest in their idea, as well as mentorship and support from the British Council for a full year. This year, ideas will be supported that help to meet any or all of the targets within **one** of the three Global Goals for Sustainable Development: Goal 4: Quality education; Goal 5: Gender equality; Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/work/partner/ideas-change-lives>

GERMANY-UKRAINE: Culture for Changes, apply by 31 January 2020

The partnership program of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation and the “MEET UP! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters” of the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) is intended to strengthen German-Ukrainian cooperation and the joint search for answers to the challenges of the modern world. To this end, cultural dialogue as well as cultural and artistic products are supported.

https://ucf.in.ua/en/m_programs/5dbb75dc06c9e045c06490d2

GERMANY, DAAD: Stays of students for learning tours in Germany, apply by 1 February

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 February

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>

GERMANY: Bavarian funding program for the initiation of international projects, next cut-off dates: 10 March and 9 June 2020

The most promising projects are selected – for which an application for funding of up to a max. of EUR 10,000 can be submitted.

<https://www.bayfor.org/en/about-us/mission/initial-funding-programme-bayintan.html>

Individual Funding/ Fellowships

Training for Higher Education Administrators in Ukraine, apply until 7 January 2020

FH Münster (Germany) invites applications for the new Professional Development Programme for Ukrainian Higher Education Administrators in the field of Internationalization in Higher Education and Science Management “Training for Higher Education Administrators (THEA)



Ukraine". The call is aimed at Higher Education Managers, Heads of International Offices and others in charge of internationalization from Ukraine. THEA Ukraine combines training elements with consultation for organisational development projects. Skills in strategic planning, project and process management as well as change management for internationalization will be developed in the course of the THEA Ukraine program. Moreover, THEA Ukraine aims at fostering a fruitful exchange between German and Ukrainian Scientists and Administrators and at establishing sustainable regional networks in Ukraine. The program is coordinated by Wandelwerk, FH Münster's Centre for Quality Development.

<https://en.fh-muenster.de/WWWeiterbildungen/thea-ukraine-call-for-applications.php>

About the Wandelwerk, in German: <https://www.fh-muenster.de/wandelwerk/>

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GERMANY: special funding for diaspora and returning experts to developing countries and emerging economies

The German Government's competence centre for international labour mobility (CIM) facilitates the transfer of knowledge from individuals to developing countries and emerging economies. CIM supports individuals who wish to put the knowledge and skills they have acquired in Germany to good use in their country of origin by, for example, taking on a specialist role, starting a new business or working for an association. Two main programs are available for work in Ukraine: (i) **Short-term assignments** with a development focus in your country of origin and (ii) Working as a **returning expert**. <https://www.cimonline.de/de/html/uber-uns.html>

USA, Harvard University: HURI Research Fellowships for 2020-2021, apply until 13 January

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.

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

House of Europe Program, different deadlines

EU-funded programme "House of Europe" aims at fostering professional and creative exchange between Ukrainians and their colleagues in EU countries and focuses on different professional fields: culture and creative industries, education, health, social entrepreneurship, media, and youth. Overall objective is contribution to the advancement of Ukrainian reforms in culture and cultural and creative industries, education, health, media, social enterprises, and youth. Contribution to a stronger mutual understanding and dialogue between the EU and the Ukrainian society within Ukraine. Supporting tolerance and cultural diversity in Ukraine and a stronger internal cohesion within Ukraine. The "House of Europe" will promote people-to-people contacts between the EU and Ukrainian society to share best practices and encourage mutual understanding. House of Europe is led by Goethe-Institut Ukraine, with British Council, Institut Français, and České Centrum as consortium partners.

In Ukrainian: <https://houseofeurope.org.ua/en/opportunities>

GERMANY, "Future Stipends", apply by 27 January 2020

MEET UP! German-Ukrainian youth exchanges aim to bring Germany and Ukraine closer together. To this end, the MEET UP! Future fellowships will allow you to make new contacts and build partnerships. Stays of committed people with a specific project that take place in Ukraine between March 1 and December 31, 2020 are supported.



GERMANY, Berlin: Call for Applications: Prisma Ukraïna Visiting Fellowship 2020, apply until 31 January 2020

The Berlin-based Forum Transregionale Studien announced a three-month Visiting Fellowship in 2020 within the framework of the research program Prisma Ukraïna – Research Network Eastern Europe. The fellowship is open to postdoctoral scholars from all fields of social sciences and humanities, as well as to authors, journalists and civil society activists who want to carry out their research projects in connection with the Prisma Ukraïna program. Applications by young scholars from Eastern and Central Europe, broadly defined, are particularly encouraged. Proposal topics include: (i) history, and (ii) contemporary topics related to society and culture in Eastern and Central Europe. The three-month fellowship can start on April 1, Mai 1, or September 1, 2020. The fellow is obliged to work in Berlin and to help shape seminars and working discussions related to their research field.

<https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/news/news-detail/call-for-applications-prisma-ukraina-visiting-fellowship-2020.html>

SWITZERLAND, Bazel: Call for Applications: “Ukraine and Europe in Transition”, two URIS fellowships, apply by 31 January 2020

The initiative Ukrainian Research in Switzerland (URIS) is calling for applications for two URIS fellowships for the autumn semester 2020 and the spring semester 2021 at the University of Basel (Switzerland). The internationally oriented fellowship programme is open to postdoctoral and senior scholars in the humanities, cultural studies and social sciences whose research has the potential to make a substantial contribution to a better understanding of the history, society, politics and culture of Ukraine.

<https://uris.ch/call-for-applications-ukraine-and-europe-in-transition-two-uris-fellowships-autumn-semester-2020-and-spring-semester-2021-university-of-basel-switzerland/>

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: 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>

GERMANY, Bavaria: Mobility grants from the Bavarian University Center for Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (BAYHOST), apply by 15 February

Advanced students and young scientists from Eastern Europe and Bavaria have the opportunity, in cooperation with teachers at Bavarian universities, to apply for mobility grants in the form of grants for research stays in Bavaria or Eastern Europe (travel expenses / grants, subsistence).

In German: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/stipendien/mobilitaetsbeihilfen/index.html>



UK Turing Artificial Intelligence Acceleration Fellowships, apply by 18 February

Up to £18 million is available to fund the next generation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) researchers (10-15 fellows for 5 years) who are willing to undertake ambitious and novel research in the UK with a primary focus on tackling the methodological and theoretical challenges in AI driven by real world applications. A three-stage assessment process will be used:

- Stage 1: **Outline proposal**
- Stage 2: **Full proposal** - candidates successful at the outline stage will be invited to submit a full proposal
- Stage 3: **Interview Panel** - full proposals with sufficiently high postal peer reviewer scores will go to interview in order to select the final successful applicants

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/turing-artificial-intelligence-acceleration-fellowships/>

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GERMANY, EEGA: Calls for Applications on a Regular Basis

The Leibniz Science Campus EEGA offers Fellowships, PostDoc- and Postgraduate-Grants, Workshops and Training Courses for different audiences. The EEGA supports researchers from within and outside the science region Leipzig-Halle-Jena with open calls for:

- **Short-Term Stays**
- **Thematic Workshops and Conferences**

Deadline for applications for winter term: **15 January** (start of the fellowships between 1 September and 28 February)

Deadline for applications for summer term: **15 July** (start of the fellowships between 1 March – 31 August)

- Applications for funding for **the presentation at international conferences** connected to the EEGA subject (e.g. ASEES, BASEES, ASN) are possible at any time.

<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

Through 16/01/2020 Cambridge, MA USA	Exhibition "From Vision to Reality: Exhibit of Ukrainian Studies at Harvard" https://www.huri.harvard.edu/news/news-from-huri/398-from-vision-to-reality-exhibit-of-ukrainian-studies-at-harvard.html
09/01/2020 Potsdam, Germany	University podium "Learn from Eastern Europe" with Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Eichwede, Prof. Dr. Mechthild Dreyer, Prof. Dr. Alexander Wöll, Prof. Dr. Oliver Günther, Prof. Dr. Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast, Dirk Wiese, Dr. Jan Claas Behrends https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/osteuropastudien-in-brandenburg/projekte/c-offener-blick-nach-osten/hochschulpolitisches-podium-von-osteuropa-lernen.html



13/01/2020	OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM Winter Semester 2019/20
Frankfurt/ Oder Germany	Bozhena Kozakevych (Frankfurt/ Oder) „Jerusalem von Wolhynien: Das jüdische Leben in Berdyschiw vor und nach dem Holocaust“ https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf
14/01/2020	Kleine-Fächer-Wochen der HRK, joint lecture series of the Universität Potsdam and the Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt/ Oder “Metropolen des Ostens”
Potsdam, Germany	Lecture “Was Odesa before 1917 a cosmopolitan city?”, Guido Hausmann (Regensburg) https://www.uni-potsdam.de/uploads01/tx_upevents/Metropolen_Ringvorlesung_Platat_web.pdf
22/01/2020	By invitation only. Research event: “The New Orthodox Church of Ukraine: Opportunities and Challenges of Canonical Independence”
London UK	https://www.chathamhouse.org/event/new-orthodox-church-ukraine-opportunities-and-challenges-canonical-independence?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_23_2019_9_2)&mc_cid=8c6924156c&mc_eid=dc86348d66
29-31/01/2020	URIS Conference “Ukrainian Studies Today. State of the Art in Switzerland”
Bazel Switzerland	<p>On the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of URIS, the current state of Ukraine research in Switzerland will be undertaken. All six URIS fellows and the URIS academic advisory board will be coming to Basel to mark the occasion and discuss the challenges and opportunities of Ukraine research together with colleagues from Switzerland, Germany and Ukraine. Yaroslav Hrytsak will offer the keynote lecture.</p> https://uris.ch/international-conference-ukrainian-studies-today-state-of-the-art-in-switzerland-basel-29-01-31-01-2020/
3/02/2020	„Wissenschaft und Diplomatie“, a discussion with H.E. Dr. Andrij Melnyk, Ambassador of Ukraine in Germany (in German)
Frankfurt/ Oder Germany	https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/kg/entangled-ukraine/aktuelles/osteuropakolloquium/OSTEUROPAKOLLOQUIUM-Programm1.pdf
11/02/2020	ZOiS: Transfiguration: Gender Revolution through Migration?
Berlin, Germany	<p>Film and discussion in cooperation with DeZIM, with Stephan Ganoff (director) and Petja Dimitrova (artist/activist), Chair: Magdalena Nowicka (DeZIM)</p> https://en.zois-berlin.de/events/upcoming-events/transfiguration-gender-revolution-through-migration/?L=0



11-12/09/2020
Hannover
Germany

Annual meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society will be held within the Days of Ukraine in Lower Saxony

16-19/09/2020
Leipzig
Germany

Conference: Globalising Eastern Europe – New Perspectives on Transregional Entanglements

In thematic panels, round table discussions and interactive workshops dedicated to knowledge transfer and innovative science communication, about 100 international junior and senior scholars present their research on Eastern Europe in its global and transregional entanglements. A **PechaKucha Night for young researchers** will open the interdisciplinary exchange on **15 September** at ZOIS (Berlin).

British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Regional Conference, organized in conjunction with the Leibniz ScienceCampus “Eastern Europe – Global Area” (EEGA), in cooperation with the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e. V. (DGO), both Berlin.

<https://en.zois-berlin.de/about-us/news/call-for-panels/>

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UKRAINE: Infographics – the European map of Ukraine

Infographics was created as a result of a unique research project “The European map of Ukraine. Rating of European Integration of Regions” prepared by the New Europe Center analysts in cooperation with the Government Office for Coordination on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration.

<http://neweurope.org.ua/en/visual-materials/infografika-yevromapa-ukrayiny/>

Book “Ukraine in histories and stories. Essays by Ukrainian intellectuals”

The book is a collection of 16 texts by contemporary Ukrainian intellectuals: writers, historians, philosophers, political analysts, opinion leaders, including Serhii Ploky, Andriy Kurkov, Ola Hnatiuk, Irena Karpa, Yaroslav Hrytsak, Yuri Andrukovich, Larysa Denysenko, Vakhtang Kebuladze, Andriy Portnov, Haska Shyyan, Hanna Shelest, Volodymyr Rafeenko, Volodymyr Yermolenko, Alim Aliev, Leonid Finberg, Andriy Bondar. It is edited by Volodymyr Yermolenko, a Ukrainian philosopher and writer, UkraineWorld's editor in chief and director for analytics at Internews Ukraine. The preface was written by Peter Pomerantsev; introduction by Andriy Kulakov, project leader.

Free download is available here: <https://ukraineworld.org/articles/books/essays-intellectuals?fbclid=IwAR1qJW-CrKuvn6zNlFRFkrXUlxOekxOU7Uj9HMLnNxK03mbRm6Ar3tiGGRC>

Report of the ERA Steering Group Human Resources and Mobility (ERA SGHRM) “Using the Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training as a Tool for Guiding Reforms of Doctoral Education in Europe”

https://cdn5.euraxess.org/sites/default/files/principles_for_innovative_doctoral_training.pdf

Digital tools for researchers: <http://connectedresearchers.com/online-tools-for-researchers/>

NATURE CAREER COLUMN, 20 December 2019 “Early-career funding sources: you will not find what you do not seek”:
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03873-x>

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

