



OpenUkraine

Arseniy Yatsenyuk Foundation

REPORT

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The Open Ukraine Foundation is an international foundation, established in July 2007, at the initiative of Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Zbigniew Dzhyhala for strengthening and development of Ukraine's reputation in the world.

OUR TASKS:

- Improving international reputation of Ukraine and increasing its promotion abroad.
- Promoting international cooperation with Ukraine and public diplomacy.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- International Dialogue
- Cultural Horizons
- Young Leaders
- Open Yourself

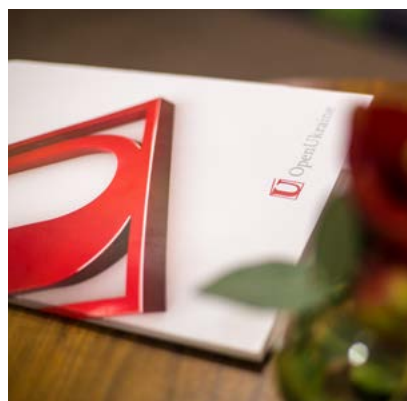
OUR MOTTO – OPEN UKRAINE FOR YOURSELF AND FOR THE WORLD

OPEN UKRAINE FOR YOURSELF

- In Ukraine, we are working with a young generation of artists, scholars, and community leaders who seek to implement social changes in different regions.
- Ukrainian youth has great potential and we are trying to strengthen it.

OPEN UKRAINE FOR THE WORLD

- We see Ukraine as a potential regional leader in security. The Annual Kyiv Security Forum is a powerful platform for international cooperation and for development of public diplomacy of Ukraine.
- We support contemporary art initiatives and present them to the Ukrainian and international communities. The Open Ukraine Foundation promotes information distribution about the best examples of modern visual arts and literature from Ukraine within the European cultural space.



Dear friends and colleagues!

It was a difficult year, but the war in Ukraine is still going. Despite this, we continue to change the country. We are grateful to the world for its support.

The Open Ukraine Foundation is also a worthy place to introduce changes. Thank you to the Foundation's team for the persistent work. I appreciate their active position and their willingness to act.

In 2018, the unique status of the Kyiv Security Forum as a prominent discussion platform for Ukraine was reaffirmed. We are developing and confidently gaining recognition throughout the world.

We held an extremely representative forum with the participation of high-ranking statesmen. Among them, Prime Minister of Lithuania Saulius Skvernelis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova Pavel Filip, Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman, The Special Representative of the President and Government of the Republic of Turkey, the Minister of Interior Suleyman Soylu, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania Dănuț Sebastian Neculăescu, U.S. Assistant Secretary, Defense for International Security Affairs Robert S. Karem, Minister of National Defence of Lithuania Raimundas Karoblis, Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia Teona Akubardia, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (2006-2007), Member of the European Parliament (2009-2014) Pawel Robert Kowal, Minority Leader of Senate, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Poland in 2007-2011 Bogdan Klich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (2007-2009, 2010-2013) Karel Schwarzenberg, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2011-2012) Kazuyuki Hamada, Ambassador, U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO Kay Bailey Hutchison, Chair of Defense and Security Committee (2010-2015), Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (1995-1997), the United Kingdom Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Ukraine Roman Waschuk, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Ukraine Jan Pieklo, Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe; Director, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative, Brookings Institution, U.S. Steven Pifer, Director, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies, European Commissioner for Regional Policy (2004) Peter Balazs, Head, Center of Excellency for National Security, Singapore Shashi Jayakumar, President, Center for Study and Research for Political Decisions, France Nicolas Tenzer. We are pleased that the Deputy Secretary General of NATO, Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, has been a forum participant for the second consecutive year out of her respect for Ukraine.

Continuing intellectual discussions, we introduced the discussions of the Kyiv Security Forum with the participation of the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Ukraine Roman Waschuk, Head of the NATO Representation to Ukraine Alexander Vinnikov.

Along with intellectual discussions, we continue to support talented Ukrainians by providing them with travel grants for participation in international festivals and exhibitions.

I am convinced that Ukraine must be strong. What is a strong Ukraine? The one that fights against Russian aggression, is struggling for independence. Ukraine that is a member of the European Union and a member of NATO. 2019 has new challenges with which we also have to cope successfully.

I wish you all success. I believe that every good thing in Ukraine does not go unnoticed, it promotes the emergence of new gems of a successful Ukraine.

Ukraine will win!

Sincerely yours,
Arseny Yatsenyuk




Mission:

- To ensure the participation of Ukraine in the European discourse on key political, security, social and economic issues
- To strengthen the international community's understanding of the processes taking place in Ukrainian society



PROGRAM
INTERNATIONAL
DIALOGUE

11th Annual Kyiv Security Forum

In 2018, on the 12-13th of April, Kyiv hosted its 11th annual Kyiv Security Forum titled: “THE reGENERATION PLAN FOR SECURE FUTURE”. Participants in this year’s Forum included Prime Ministers of Ukraine, Lithuania, and Moldova, former and current officials of the Ministries of Defense from the EU, USA, and Georgia, high-ranking officials of European Parliament, high-ranking diplomats from the USA, Great Britain, and Germany, as well as industry leading security experts from Washington, Brussels, and Paris.

Arseniy YATSENYUK,
Founder of Open Ukraine
Foundation, Prime Minister
of Ukraine (2014-2016)

noted that “The protection of the NATO countries, and Ukraine in the future, isn’t just article 5 of the Washington Agreement written on a piece of paper, it is the honoring of that article”.

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Petro POROSHENKO,
President of Ukraine
stated that “I am sure that Russia’s Achilles heel is specifically its aggression towards Ukraine... The path to victory undeniably starts with our win in Ukraine”.



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Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr GROYSMAN, stated that “Through international cooperation, we must finally take concrete and necessary action to stop the aggressor that is Russia, which poses a threat to the entire civilized world”.



Pavel FILIP, Prime Minister of Moldova emphasized that the Eastern European region that is currently considered secure “is experiencing an influx of constant change, which on its own generates new challenges and threats”.



Saulius SKVERNELIS, Prime Minister of Lithuania believes that “International allies must supply Ukraine with lethal weapons”.



Süleyman SOYLU, Special Representative of the President and Government of the Republic of Turkey, the Minister of Interior stated that “Countries must analyze security in an intricate manner and with a global perspective, rather than only worrying about their own borders”.

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NATO Deputy Secretary General **Rose GOTTEMOELLER** noted, “the knowledge that Ukraine has gained over the many years of dealing with hybrid threats from the Russian side is very valuable to NATO. I would like to emphasize how much NATO expects to learn from your experience and that we are very happy about the joint platform that NATO and Ukraine formed last year against hybrid threats. That is a vital element of what NATO can learn from you”.



Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania **Raimundas KAROBLIS** reminded us about the importance of providing practical support to Ukraine, who “became a victim of Russia’s Revisionist Politics”. “Russia wants to restrict Ukraine to its sphere of influence and keep it from Euro-Atlantic integration”.



U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs **Robert KAREM** stated that “Ukraine became a target for a majority of Russia’s attacks and is being used as an initial testing ground for new types of weapons and cyberwarfare”. On top of that, Russia is weaponizing its energy supply, evident by the limited amount of gas passed through Ukraine in the last month. Russia’s “Nord Stream 2” initiative also directly targets Ukraine and “The USA stands against this project as it poses a threat to Ukraine’s interests as well as interests of global security”.



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Youth Kyiv Security Forum

Over 70 young leaders, students, and social activists from various regions in Ukraine, as well as young specialists from Poland and Germany took part in the 6th annual Youth Kyiv Security Forum, which took place on the 10-11th of February, 2018 in Kyiv.

Participants had the opportunity to listen to presentations from industry leading experts, communicate with the speakers, as well as discuss amongst themselves. Among the speakers in attendance were: international expert of information security from the Center for European Policy Analysis Corina REBEGA (USA), representative for the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence Beata BIALY (Lithuania), representative of the European Space Agency Paul HONIG, political expert Taras BEREZOVETS and more.



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Kyiv Security Forum Discussions

In the summer of 2018, The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation organized Kyiv Security Forum Discussions on the topic: “What to expect from the 2018 NATO Summit?” Speakers for the discussions were former Ukrainian Prime Minister (2014-2016) Arseniy YATSENYUK, American Ambassador to Ukraine Marie YOVANOVITCH, Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine Roman WASCHUK, and Head of the NATO representation to Ukraine Alexander VINNIKOV.

Aresniy YATSENYUK,
Founder of the Open Ukraine
Foundation, Prime Minister
of Ukraine (2014-2016)
emphasized that “By fighting
against Russia’s military advances,
Ukraine isn’t only protecting its
own borders, but the borders of
Europe as well”. “As of today,
we stand at the forefront
of the democratic world”,
added Arseniy YATSENYUK.



Marie YOVANOVITCH,
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the United
States of America to Ukraine
stated that “Ukraine must
reach a point of capable
military power, and we can
see how they have developed
within the last four years.
We expect to see the same
level of progress in the
next four years as well”.



Alexander VINNIKOV,
Head of the NATO
representation to Ukraine
said that “In future
summits NATO will
continue to show
unwavering support
for reforms in Ukraine
as well as Ukraine’s
development towards
insuring its own security”.



Roman WASCHUK,
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of
Canada to Ukraine
underlined that “An
important question at the
Alliance summit will be
confirming the unity of
the NATO countries”.



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM





Mission:

- Helping young people to implement projects aimed at introducing changes in Ukraine
- Assisting socially active youth whose successful work is aimed not only at their own career, but also at improving the life of society

Discussion Club “Open World”

In 2018, participants in the Discussion Club were representatives of International organizations in Ukraine such as the UN, EU, and IMF. Attendants also had the opportunity to speak to American Senator **Chris STEINER**, Japanese scientist and assistant professor of the Yokohama University **Makoto SETA** and professor of economics **Yoshihiko OKABE**.

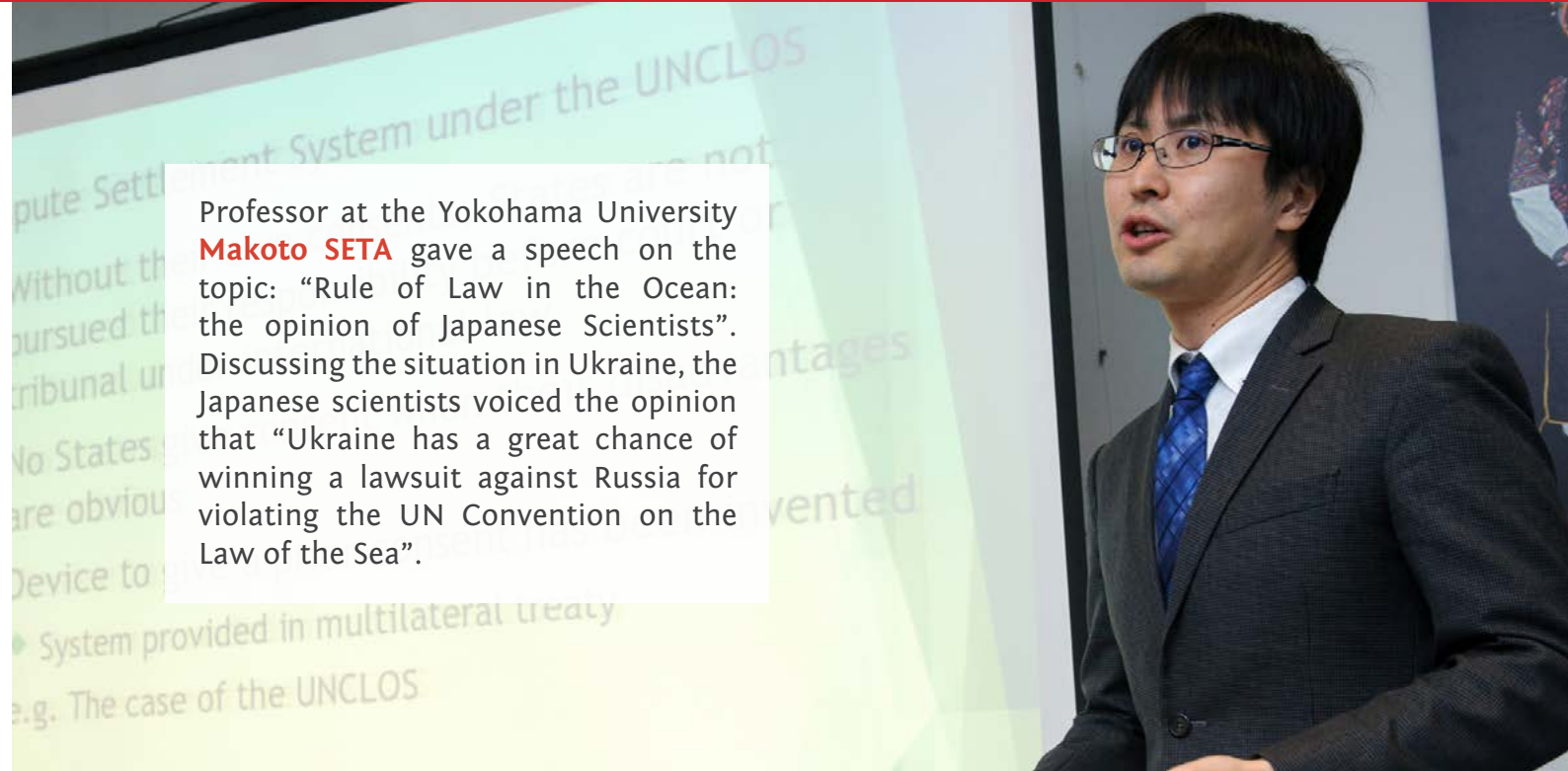


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Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine **Hugues MINGARELLI** stated that “Right now, we support efforts to regulate the conflict under the Minsk Protocol as well as the Normandy Format”. Being frank about the fact that so far they haven’t seen significant progress, he emphasized that they currently view the Minsk Protocol as the only path to establishing a productive dialogue and that things would only get worse if for whatever reason we couldn’t support such a dialogue.



Professor at the Yokohama University **Makoto SETA** gave a speech on the topic: “Rule of Law in the Ocean: the opinion of Japanese Scientists”. Discussing the situation in Ukraine, the Japanese scientists voiced the opinion that “Ukraine has a great chance of winning a lawsuit against Russia for violating the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea”.



American politician and Kansas Senator **Chris STEINEGER** shared the USA’s experience and advice for creating an open, fair, and prosperous economy. Senator Steineger shared insights into the unique operation of their government as well as trends in the opinions of the American public.



Full-time representative for the International Monetary Fund in Ukraine **Gösta LJUNGMAN** noted that it is important for Ukraine to maintain the macroeconomic stability that it has already achieved. Doing so, will allow Ukraine to develop and prosper.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM



UN Resident Coordinator in Ukraine **Osnat LUBRANI** and representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees **Pablo MATEU** discussed a variety of topics related to the humanitarian, educational, emigrational, and medical spheres in Ukraine. The UN representatives assured us that the completion of peacebuilding projects for the areas within Ukraine's control and humanitarian relief for the occupied regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, and their surrounding territories is of utmost priority for the UN in Ukraine.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Morning meetings “Open Morning”

In 2018, Open Ukraine started organizing regular morning meetings between young leaders and renowned government officials, representatives of the diplomatic sector, cultural mentors, as well as experts from various other fields. The goal of these meetings is to create an open dialogue and promote the exchange of ideas between prominent public figures and the youth.



Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation, in collaboration with Representatives from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Ukraine, organized an “Open Morning” meeting with German politician **Johannes SCHRAPS**.

On a regular “Open Morning” meeting, attendants got the chance to speak to acclaimed journalist and TV host **Vitalii PORTNIKOV** about what he does to start his day.



Ukrainian Minister of Youth and Sports **Ihor ZHDANOV** shared his secrets for success during an “Open Morning” meeting. The young participants had the chance to receive some motivational insights from the Ukrainian Minister.

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Well-known campaign manager, journalist, and TV host **Taras BEREZOVETS** shared his personal recipe for a successful morning and noted that, “breakfast is perhaps the most important part of your day, so it’s important to do it right”.



Founder and Head of the medical platform INgenius **Ivanka NEBOR** recognized that by getting to know how other countries operate their medical industries, you develop not only your own ability as a doctor, but also your ability to help your home country.



Director of NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Ukraine, **Barbora MARONKOVA**, spoke to attendants of “Open Morning” about the important decisions that stand before Ukrainian society in the near future.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Youth Council YouThink

Open Ukraine's Youth Council consists of students, representatives of public organizations, and active members of society ages 18-35.

On their own initiative, members of the Council volunteer their time in order to resolve simple but very consequential issues that our country faces.



The Youth Council has successfully organized their third annual project #donateafairytale, in the confines of which, willing participants send books to children in Ukrainian orphanages and boarding schools. Over 300 people participated in the project and, more notably, over 7000 books were donated.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Summer school “Security Art Space”

16 social activists, young specialists, and students from various regions of Ukraine took part in a Summer school program titled “Security Art Space”, which was organized by The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation.

Across three days, the young adults developed their leadership skills while discussing and ultimately completing a joint project. On the final day of Summer school, participants got the chance to present the product of all their hard work: video material about the city Lviv.





Mission:

- Presentation of cultural achievements of modern Ukraine abroad
- To strengthen cooperation between the cultural environments of Ukraine and Europe, improving the interaction between Ukrainian and foreign artists, and integration of Ukrainian art into the global context.

Mini-grants for artists

Open Ukraine Foundation gave out mini-grants to cover travel costs of Ukrainian artists in order to promote the exchange of ideas and strengthen the relationship between local and international artists. In 2018, 20 travel grants were given out, recipients of which were:

Mariana YAREMCHYSHYNA, painter
Participated in the "Cleaning the House" master-class
Germany

Vadym DANSHYN, vocalist
Participated in a festival of old-time music
Italy

Andriy BENYTSKYI, editor
Participated in the Fumetto Comic Book Festival
Switzerland

Berberyana ANDRANIK, director
Participated in the Cannes film festival "Festival de Cannes"
France

Olena AVDEEVA, painter
Participated in the festival of digital art and media-culture "Ars Electronica"
Austria

Ivan SVITLYCHNYI, painter
Participated in the International festival of digital art and culture "Transmediale Vorspiel"
Germany

Daria TSYMBALIUK, painter
Participated in the "Woman Shall Inherit the Earth" exhibition
Great Britain

Illia GLADSHTEIN, producer
Participated in the short-film documentary contest IF/THEN
The Czech Republic

Igor CHEKACHKOV, photographer
Visited the Cassis Art Residency to work on his photobook
France

Dmytro SUHOLYTKYI-SOBCHUK, director, screenwriter
Presented his film at the Warsaw International Film Festival
Poland

Andriy SHOLTES, writer
Presented his book and gave a lecture
Poland

Olena SIYATOVSKA, painter
Presented her own exhibition "0,99 zł"
Poland

Sergey PUDICH, director
Participation in the "Sound & Image Challenge Short Film Festival"
China

Maria STOYANOVA, director
Participated in the "Open City Documentary Festival"
Great Britain

Mission:

- Personal development and strengthening of their own education
- Selfimprovement and the internal development of society

Open Ukraine Foundation organized a lecture from a doctor of psychology and practicing psychologist **Valeriy DOROZHUKIN** on the topic: ““Bad” girls don’t wait for the 8th of March”.

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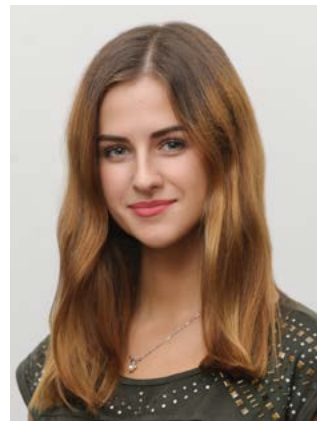
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Victor Pinchuk Foundation

The Victor Pinchuk Foundation is an international, private, non-partisan, philanthropic foundation based in Ukraine. This foundation currently operates more than 20 projects in various areas, including healthcare, education, art, development of civil society, philanthropy, and global integration.

B | S | T The Black Sea Trust
for Regional Cooperation
A PROJECT OF THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND

Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation of the German Marshall Fund of the United States

Established in 2007, the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation of the German Marshall Fund of the United States cooperates with various donors to provide grants to organizations of the Black Sea region that promote regional cooperation, civil society, and fundamentals of democracy.

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The Regional Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Ukraine and Belarus

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is the oldest German political foundation. This foundation is a non-profit institution sharing the values of social democracy and justice. It is also actively involved in promoting of policies of freedom, solidarity, and social justice throughout the world.

CHATHAM HOUSE

Chatham House: The Royal Institute of International Affairs

The Democracy Fund is aimed at supporting projects to foster the development of democracy and building civil society in Ukraine. The Democracy Fund is a focused but flexible mechanism that is targeted to provide financial support to unique and promising projects, especially those that promote the capacity and sustainability of NGOs in Ukraine.

NATO OTAN Центр інформації та документації НАТО

The NATO Information and Documentation Centre

The NATO Information and Documentation Center (NIDC) was established in Kyiv in 1997 to improve knowledge and understanding between NATO and Ukraine. The Center provides information, research assistance, and project support to Ukrainian citizens and organizations on NATO-related topics.

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