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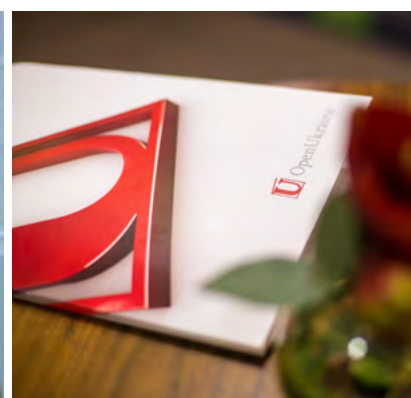
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The Open Ukraine Foundation is an international foundation, established in July 2007, at the initiative of Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Zbigniew Dzhymala for strengthening and development of Ukraine's reputation in the world.

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!

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank everyone who closely follows the activities of the Open Ukraine Foundation and has participated therein. I want to give special thanks to our partners. We have always felt your support and it gives us inspiration and motivation to move forward.

I would also like to thank everyone who is reading these lines. You are curious to know about us and we are interested in your stance on civic questions, so, we are united in that manner. Together we are looking for new ideas that will make our country stronger, safer and more comfortable.

Since 2014, after the Revolution of Dignity, Ukraine has embarked on a difficult path of modernization. Despite Russia's military aggression, the occupation of part of our territory, the damage to a large part of the economy, many reforms have been carried out that have reduced the country's vulnerability. However, serious challenges remain today, requiring us to constantly improve.

Security is a crucial issue today for the world. In 2019, we held the 12th Kyiv Security Forum. It is rightly called the main international forum of Ukraine. Our forums are not composed of mere formalities; they are gatherings of creative people, intellectuals, and authorities engaged in lively communication, forming progressive opinions in the country. These pioneering viewpoints must have a platform from where they begin to resonate nationwide. Our forum is exactly such a platform.

The Kyiv Security Forum has another important task, that is to enable young people to come up with new ideas and vision for solving the global problems facing Ukraine and the world. In addition, we create an environment where new leaders of the future will emerge.

Below you will have an opportunity to see a description of all our achievements and plans. We really have something in which to be proud. In 2019, the Foundation significantly expanded the range of partners, including embassies, international organizations, and leading think tanks.

In addition to traditional events such as the Youth Kyiv Security Forum, Summer School, Open World Discussion Club series and Open Morning meetings, we have introduced a new format for regional discussions. With the support of the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, our team organized a meeting in Lviv at the end of last year, the first Young Leaders Security Forum, attended by over one hundred representatives of the Western region of the country. I am extremely impressed with our youth; they are creative, energetic, and patriotic.

In the future we intend to continue the tradition of such meetings in other regions of Ukraine.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Open Ukraine Foundation in providing travel grants to artists. We are proud of our youth. You represent Ukraine with dignity.

Last year's performance of the Foundation's team, and the experience gained, are the basis for new standards of activity. We are open to new ideas and excited to invite everyone to work together.

Regards,

Arseniy 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
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DIALOGUE

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM

12th Kyiv Security Forum

Last year's **Kyiv Security Forum**, which took place on April 11-12, gathered a record number of participants, more than one thousand. Among them were Ukrainian high officials, representatives of government, diplomacy and experts from more than twenty countries.

«Restless Wave: the Strategic Choice of Ukraine and the West» was the name of the 12th Kyiv Security Forum.

The forum took place between the first and second rounds of the presidential election, so it was no coincidence that the focus of the participants was on the foreign and security priorities proposed by the candidates for the post of head of state.

During the fifteen panel discussions, the following topics were discussed: strategic choices of Ukraine and the West, and the political, economic, security and cultural interdependence of Ukraine and the Western world.

Arseniy YATSENYUK,
The Founder of the Open Ukraine Foundation and former Prime Minister of Ukraine (2014-2016) underlined that the democratic election of the President of Ukraine is not just the choice of the Ukrainian nation, «it is also proof of the fact that Ukraine really is a democratic European country,» «This is a testament to true democracy.»



Oleksandr TURCHYNOV,
Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (2014-2019) emphasized that «Russia is now the epicentre of the destruction of security priorities in Europe.»



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Petro POROSHENKO,
President of Ukraine
(2014-2019)

said that «the issue of joining the EU and NATO united the Ukrainian nation, because the EU and NATO do not start where the formal borders lie, Europe begins where European values, human rights, respect for human dignity and high standards of life reign.»



Raimundas KAROBLIS,
Minister of National
Defense of the
Republic of Lithuania
noted that «We must
be patient. Reforms
are taking place and
we should wait for
the reform marathon
to bear fruit.»



Volodymyr GROYSMAN,
Prime Minister of
Ukraine (2016-2019)
underlined that «since 2014,
every government of Ukraine
(and I have had the privilege
of working together with
Arseniy Yatsenyuk in the
first government after the
Revolution of Dignity, and
in parliament), everyone
has taken enormous
responsibility in making
the decisions. This had
been done in order to
overcome the challenges.»



Andrew WILSON,
Professor of Ukrainian Studies,
University College London (UK)
noted that «Ukraine needs to
build as many relationships
of solidarity as possible, not
only with NATO and the
EU. The more is the better,
because then there will be
fewer dangerous scenarios.»



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Alexander VERSHBOW,
Distinguished Fellow,
Atlantic Council (USA)
believes that «Ukraine should not rush with the issue of joining NATO but focus on conducting reforms and the implementation of the Alliance's standards.»



Roman WASCHUK,
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Canada
to Ukraine (2014-2019)
noted that «Ukraine can very well become a member of NATO. You have all the tools to enter the Alliance. However, Ukraine needs to move very quickly, reform and demonstrate the ability to defend yourself. Canada has assisted and will continue to assist Ukraine under any conditions.»

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Nadia MCCONNELL (USA),
President of the US-Ukraine Foundation
noted that «Today, Ukraine is no longer weak; it is gaining potential, understanding that it is stronger and more independent. Ukraine is becoming an asset rather than a consumer of aid.»



Andriy PARUBIY,
Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (2016-2019)
emphasized that «In today's world, security isn't just tanks and weapons; the main, decisive, and key struggle is for the hearts and minds of people.»

Judith GOUGH,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom to Ukraine (2015-2019)
noted that «Great Britain supports Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic aspirations. Our Ministry of Defense supports your reform efforts. Ukraine's end goal is membership, however, the process is important as well, which strengthens institutions and improves defense capabilities.»



Figures and facts:



1083 participants,



15 current ministers



representing **35** countries



116 Members of Parliament



80 speakers



112 diplomats



60 young leaders



301 accredited journalists



375 experts

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM

7th Kyiv Security Forum

Coverage of Audience on Social Media:



11271 site hits of
ksf.openukraine.org

2107 citations in the media

Youth Kyiv Security Forum is a platform for discussion by young experts on current issues of international relations and foreign policy of Ukraine. The aim of the forum is strengthening the role of a new generation of experts, enhancing their abilities to participate in the process of policy analysis and development.

In 2019, nearly one hundred young leader from all regions of Ukraine as well as Georgia, Germany, and Poland discussed the issues and challenges that stand before international organizations (EU, NATO, OSCE, UN, CE). The theme of this year's forum was «International organizations at the crossroads of classicism and modernism. An alternative view.»



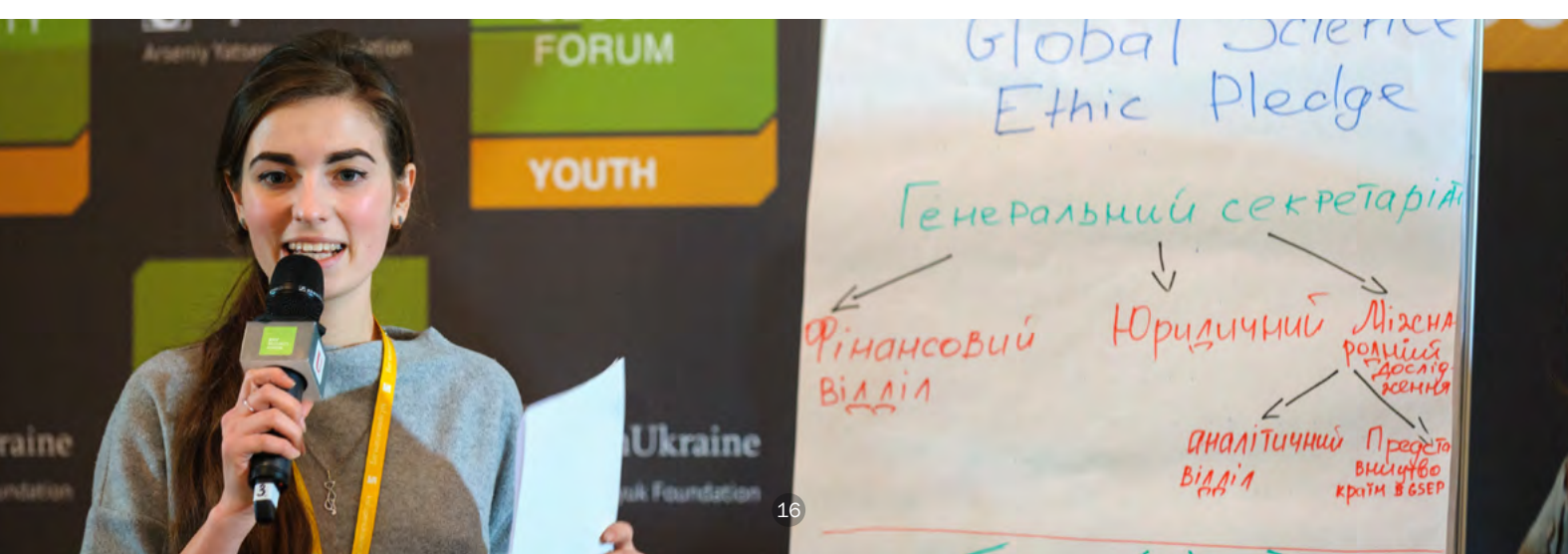
INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM

7th Kyiv Security Forum



The program for the forum included presentations from former Prime Minister of Ukraine (2014-2016) and founder of the **Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation**, **Arseniy YATSENYUK**, Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, **Ihor ZHDANOV**, Deputy Director of the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine, **Viktorija CIEMINYTÉ**, UNHCR Representative in Ukraine, **Pablo MATEU**, and writer and TV host, **Vitaly PORTNIKOV**.

Over the course of two days, February 21-22, participants worked in separate groups to develop alternative views to the operation of classic international organizations. At the end of the second day of the Forum the groups presented their projects and were recognized with a certificate of participation in the 7th Youth Kyiv Security Forum.



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

Summer School «Virtualization of Social Consciousness»

Twenty-three participants from all regions of Ukraine spent three days learning the fundamentals of battling manipulative technologies and developing the skills to defend themselves from propaganda.

The goal of this year's Summer School was to heighten critical thinking and the conscious perception of media material. The training was conducted by experts from the foremost organizations involved in the study of propaganda, fake information, and disinformation – Internews-Ukraine, StopFake and UkraineWorld.org.



PROGRAM
YOUTH LEADERS



Cool and competent speakers, supportive and motivating environment, tons of important information. I am genuinely happy that I applied for the Youth Security Forum. Thank you, Open Ukraine.

Vladyslav Yatsenko
(Dnipro)



Seeing the propaganda and the fakes in the media is an emotionally unpleasant moment, but inventing and reciting is very fun.

Anna Loza
(Zhytomyr)



Three days of the Summer School «Virtualization of social consciousness» – done! Many thanks to the Open Ukraine Foundation for making youth stronger and more responsive to the modern challenges!

Natalka Yashchenko
(Nova Basan, Chernihiv region)



Friends, Develop Critical Thinking, Check Facts, Read, and Be Attentive – These are the most important tips for not getting caught in the lies and propaganda. Thank you Open Ukraine for #openua2019

Galyna Gychka
(Uzhgorod)



Awesome! Magical! Productive! These are the words that come to mind when describing the Summer School «Virtualization of social consciousness» organized by the Open Ukraine Foundation.

Anna Zaskalna
(Lviv)

YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Discussion Club «Open World»

Sir **Malcolm RIFKIND** believes that in the modern world democracy is a global phenomenon. He spoke about this at a meeting of the «Open World» Discussion Club. The discussion focused on European unity and the cooperation between Great Britain and Ukraine. The moderator for the event was renowned TV host **Taras BEREZOVETS**. In his speech, Mr. Rifkind emphasized that there are obvious democratic changes taking place in Ukraine. The speaker also voiced his opinion regarding the modern political processes taking place in Europe and the world.



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During the Discussion Club «Open World», Brookings Institution Nonresident Senior Fellow (USA), **Steven PIFER**, discussed matters of American politics and perspectives on Ukrainian-American relations.

Mr. Pifer voiced the opinion that the current level of support from the American government towards Ukraine is still high. «Congress continues to provide military support. If we want to see Ukraine stable, independent and democratic, this is in our best interest. This assistance also sends an important signal to Russia,» the speaker concluded.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Morning meeting «Open Morning»

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation continues the format of morning meetings between young leaders and renowned government officials, representatives of the diplomatic sector, cultural pundits and experts from various fields.

The purpose of these meeting is to create an open space for conversation and the exchange of ideas between public figures and the youth.

Andriy TETERUK, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (2014-2019), told the Open Morning's audience about the secrets of his own success, why self-improvement is important and how to develop in a competitive environment. The MP's morning starts with physical exercise, breakfast and, necessarily, the embrace of his wife and children. «This is our family tradition,» said Mr. Teteruk.

During «Open Morning», **Dr. Ulana SUPRUN**, Acting Minister of Healthcare of Ukraine, shared her thoughts on reforming the healthcare system in Ukraine and challenges that the Ukrainian society is facing right now.

YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Young Leaders Security Forum

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation, with the support of the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine, held the first Young Leaders Security Forum.

The topic of the Forum related to the international coalition in support of Ukraine. The focus of the conversation was Russian aggression against Ukraine and the war in the Donbass.

The former Prime Minister of Ukraine (2014-2016) and the Founder of the Open Ukraine Foundation, **Arseniy YATSENYUK**, the former Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine (2016-2019), **Ostap SEMERAK**, Head of the NATO Delegation to Ukraine, **Alexander VINNIKOV**, the newly appointed Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, **Larisa GALADZA**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, **Volodymyr VASYLENKO**, and others addressed participants of the conference.



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

This was the first regional meeting in continuation of the traditional **Youth Kyiv Security Forum**, held in Kyiv. For seven consecutive years, there were more than five hundred submissions annually, and this stimulated intellectual discussions in the regions of Ukraine. One hundred winners of the contest from the western regions of Ukraine took part in the forum.

We are convinced that the attraction of young people from different parts of Ukraine to the Forum would serve as an educational project and at the same time as a mobilization measure for the intellectual potential of the country.



Mission:

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

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation organized the presentation of a new book written by **Valery DOROZHKIN**, a well-known psychotherapist with 20 years of experience. The book, entitled «**On the Inner Offender**», reveals the nature of the human psyche; it is a recounting of the stories, cases, and reflections on the experiences taking place in the therapist's office.



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.

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation organized a classical music concert for friends and partners of the Foundation.

The event was held at the «Art Salon» of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. Ukrainian virtuoso musician and jazz composer, **Pavlo IGNATIEV**, performed compositions of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Puccini for the audience. The artist also performed music of a Christmas theme and a selection of his own compositions.



CULTURAL HORIZONS PROGRAM



Mini-grants for artists

The Open Ukraine Foundation provides mini-grants for travel expenses to Ukrainian artists so they may exchange artistic experience at the international level and to improve cooperation between Ukrainian and foreign artists. These grants give Ukrainian artists the opportunity to present their achievements internationally. In 2019, eleven travel grants were awarded to:

**Sergiy
PUDICH,
Director**

Participation at the film festival, «Sound & Image Challenge Short Film Festival»
China

**Alina
GORLOVA,
Director**

Participation in the educational program CIRCLE Women Doc Accelerator
Montenegro

**Nadiia
PARFAN,
Director**

Presentation of her film at the Astra Documentary Film Festival
Romania

**Maksim
NAKONECHNI,
Director and producer**

Participated in the educational program for producers of documentary film «Eurodoc»
France

**Dmitry
SARATSKYI,
Composer**

Participation in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe
Scotland

**Liubov
DURAKOVA,
Director**

Participation in «Meeting Point – Vilnius»
Lithuania

**Ostap
MANULIAK,
Composer**

Participation in ISCM World Music Days Tallinn
Estonia

**Anastasiia
FALILEIEVA**

Director of animated films
Presentation of an animated film at the REX Animation Film Festival
Sweden

**Nikon
ROMANCHENKO,
Director**

Participation in the Berlinale Talents program at the Berlinale Film Festival
Germany

**Semen
MOZHOVIY,
Director,**

screenwriter
Presentation of his film at the Full Frame IDFF Film Festival
USA

**Elizabeth
SMITH,**

Production director
Participation in the Torino Film Lab (TFL) Extended 2019 Workshop
Italy

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