



Ukraine at the Crossroads

Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa - 7-8 March 2012

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on Democracy, Human Rights,
the Rule of Law, Economic Freedom
and Foreign Policy in
Contemporary Ukraine

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Wednesday 7 March

6:00-7:00 pm Reception

7:00-10:00 pm Opening Forum Dinner

An Opening Dinner and panel presentation involving speakers representing Ukraine, the European Union, the US State Department and Canada's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Venue: Chateau Laurier Hotel

Greetings from: **Bob Onyschuk**, Q.C., Chair, Canada Ukraine Foundation

Keynote Speakers: "Quo Vadis Ukraine"

Borys Tarasyuk (Chair VR Committee on European Integration, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine)

Thomas Melia (Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor, Washington D.C.)

Hon. Marcin Swiecicki (Member of the Polish Sejm, former Minister of Foreign Economic Relations, Warsaw)

Hon. Peter van Loan (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Canada)

Moderator:

Chrystia Freeland (Editor, Thompson Reuters Digital)

Followed by a question period involving the experts who are part of the conference programme

Thursday 8 March

Venue: Chateau Laurier

8:00-8:30 Registration (Coffee, Fruit, Muffins)

8:30-8:50 Official Opening

Dominique Arel, Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa

Eugene Czolij, President, Ukrainian World Congress

Paul Grod, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress

08:50-09:30 am Plenary Presentation I
Opening Keynote Speaker:

Oleh Rybachuk (New Citizen, Kyiv) *
"The State of Democracy in Ukraine"

09:30-10:45 SESSION I:
Democratic Governance, Rule of Law, Human Rights
and Media Freedom

Moderator: Andrew Robinson (Former Canadian
Ambassador to Ukraine, retired)

Speakers: Mykola Riabchuk (Krytyka, Kyiv)

Halyna Coynash (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, Ukraine)

Danylo Bilak (CMS-Cameron McKenna, Kyiv)

Discussant: Thomas Melia (Deputy Assistant Secretary of State,
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor, Washington D.C.)

10:45-11:00 Break (Coffee, Muffins, Fruit)

11:00-12:15 SESSION II: The New Election Law and
the 2012 Parliamentary Elections

Moderator: Bohdan Harasymiw (University of Calgary)

Speakers: Alyona Hetmanchuk (Institute of World Policy, Kyiv)

Bohdan Futey (Federal Judge and Constitutional Expert, Washington)

Markian Shwec (UCC-CUF Observer Mission)

Discussant: Nico Lange (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Ukraina, Kyiv)

12:15-2:00 Lunch and Plenary Presentation II

Luncheon Keynote Speaker:

James Sherr (Royal Institute of International Affairs; Senior Fellow,
Russian and Eurasian Programme, Chatham House, London)

"Ukraine and the Russian Question"

Moderator: Robert Amsterdam (Amsterdam and Peroff, Toronto)

Discussant: Andrei Piontkovsky (Russian Academy of Sciences,
Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute)

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2:00-3:15 Session III: Economic Issues: Energy, Economic Freedom and Corruption

Moderator: **Morgan Williams** (Chair, US Ukraine Business Council)

Speakers: **Anders Aslund** (Peterson Institute, Washington)

Zenon Potoczny (President, Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, Toronto)

Discussant: **Adrian Karatnycky** (Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
Program on Transatlantic Relations)

3:15-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 Session IV: Geopolitics and National Security

Moderator: **Derek Fraser** (Former Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine, retired)

Speakers: **Valentyn Nalyvaichenko** (Nasha Ukraina,
Past Head Security Service of Ukraine)

Dr. Amanda Paul (European Policy Centre, Brussels)

Dr. Ariel Cohen, Ph.D. (Heritage Foundation, Washington)

Ihor Kozak (former Canadian NATO military officer/diplomat, Toronto)

Discussant: **James Sherr** (RIIA, Senior Fellow, Chatham House)

5:00-5:15 Conference Summary

Walter Zaryckyj (Center for US-Ukrainian Relations)

5:15-5:30 Official Closing Remarks

Dominique Arel (University of Ottawa)

Bob Onyschuk (President, Canada Ukraine Foundation)

5:30-7:00 Post-Conference Reception and Cash Bar