

## Carpathian Sea Democracy Week

### Hybrid session “Ukrainian-Nordic research co-operation: Utilising the lessons of war for the reconstruction of Ukraine”

Thursday 25 April 2024, 14:00-17:00 (Kyiv time)

#### Full programme

##### 14:00-14:10 Introduction

##### Words of welcome and presentation of Ukrainian-Nordic cooperation initiatives

- Speaker: Anne Pintsch, Associate Professor, leader of HROMADA, University of Agder

##### 14:10-15:25 Panel I

##### Ukraine-Nordic research cooperation during the war: Perspectives from universities and think tanks

#### Organizers & partners:

- University of Agder (UiA), Norway
- National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine

**Description:** Russia’s ongoing war against Ukraine and the challenge of Ukraine’s reconstruction create unprecedented knowledge needs. This largely relates to social science, as decision-makers in Ukraine and Western partner countries seek evidence for developing new policies and modifying existing ones. Natural sciences are also important, since both getting advantage over Russia on the battlefield and addressing the damage caused by its aggression to infrastructure and people requires new ideas and technological solutions. International research cooperation facilitates knowledge exchange, and the co-creation of new knowledge and solutions to complex challenges. In times of war, it also helps to compensate for losses in human, technical and financial capacity. Yet, engaging into research cooperation with universities and think tanks from a country at war may seem to be risky from the perspective of potential partners and donors. The panel will thus focus on the value, prospects, and challenges of international research cooperation in Ukraine in times of war, particularly Ukraine-Nordic cooperation. Using examples of specific research projects, participants will address ‘best practices’ and risk mitigation strategies of international research cooperation during the war.

**Participants:**

- Anne Pintsch, UiA
- Marianna Pyrih, Head of the Scientific Department, Ukrainian Catholic University
- Olena Primierova, Deputy Head of the Department of Finance, NaUKMA
- Yuliia Kazdobina, Security Studies Programme Senior Fellow, Ukrainian Prism
- Maria Tyshchenko, Malmö University, NGO “Poruch”
- Moderator: Olena Muradyan, Dean of the School of Sociology, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University

**15:25-15:35 Break**

**15:35-16:50 Panel II**

**Knowledge sharing and research collaboration for Ukraine’s rebuilding:  
Voices from Norway and Ukraine**

**Organizers & partners:**

UKRAINETT+: Research collaboration and knowledge sharing Norway – Ukraine  
OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University  
Karazin Kharkiv National University  
Operatyvna Sotsiolohiia, Dnipro

**Description:** UKRAINETT+ is a new 3-year network project funded by the Research Council of Norway aimed at advancing university and research collaboration between Ukraine and Norway. The network builds on and expands the already established Norwegian UKRAINETT, a network for research on Ukraine, by including also Ukrainian universities and research institutes. An important aim of the network is to disseminate research-based and policy-relevant knowledge to Norwegian and Ukrainian policy makers, public administration, business, civil society and the wider public. This panel marks the official launch of the network in Ukraine, and speakers will present the network, discuss the role of research in Ukraine’s rebuilding, and give examples of good practices on the research-policy dialogue.

Presentations:

**Launch of UKRAINETT+: Strengthening of collaboration between Norwegian and Ukrainian universities and research institutions [DIGITAL PRESENTATION]**

Aadne Aasland, leader UKRAINETT+, Research Professor at the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo Metropolitan University

**How can international research collaboration contribute to the strengthening of Ukraine?  
[PHYSICAL PRESENTATION]**

Olena Muradyan, Dean of the School of Sociology, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, UKRAINETT+ co-ordinator in Ukraine

**Research and policymaking to enhance democracy in Ukraine: experiences from Norway  
[DIGITAL PRESENTATION]**

Oleksandra Deineko, Senior researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo Metropolitan University, Associate Professor at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University

**Explored and unexplored Ukraine as a field of knowledge: research practices “from the ground” [PHYSICAL PRESENTATION]**

Vladislav Baliychuk, Chief Executive Officer, Operatyvna Sotsiolohiia; Denys Denysenko, Co-owner of Operatyvna Sotsiolohiia

Moderator: Yuliia Kazdobina, Ukrainian Prism

**16:50-17:00 Closing remarks**

Speaker: Liliia Honcharevych, Head of the NGO “Democratic Week of the Carpathian Sea”

**End of the session**

