

UKRAINE LECTURE SERIES

SUMMER SEMESTER 2025

MONDAY | 6 P.M. | GD 102
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA
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EUROPAPLATZ 1
15230 FRANKFURT (ODER)

UKRAINE IN EUROPE

CONTROVERSIES, COMPLEXITIES AND AGENCY
OF A MULTIFACETED INTERCONNECTION

Europe and Ukrainian European identity have long been important topics in Ukraine, while from a Western European perspective, Ukraine was in a marginal position for a long time. Today, Ukrainian-European entanglements are being researched more intensively, and the issue of Ukrainian membership in the European Union has gained new momentum. The lecture series analyses Ukrainian-European relations, cooperation, conflicts, cultural references and dynamics, both in relation to Europe as a whole and to the European Union.

14.04.25

PANEL DISCUSSION

Ukraine in Europe: What controversies, complexities and agency determine our common future?
with Timm Beichelt (European University Viadrina), Ljudmyla Melnyk (Institut für Europäische Politik e.V.), Fausta Šimaitytė (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Lithuania)

28.04.25

Mykhailo Minakov (European University Viadrina)
Membership in the EU: Perspectives of Ukrainian elites and society
(Lecture in cooperation with Viadrina Master of Arts in European Studies/DAAD, followed by a reception)

05.05.25

Andrea Gawrich (Justus Liebig University Gießen)
Eastern Partnership perspectives on Ukrainian EU integration

12.05.25

Georgiy Kasianov (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)
Does Ukraine possess an agency? A historical perspective

19.05.25

Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven (Ambassador (ret.), publicist)
Paths to Ukrainian EU integration beyond the conditionality approach

26.05.25

Julia Langbein (Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS), Berlin)
How to manage integration into the EU market: Lessons from Eastern enlargement for Ukraine's EU accession

02.06.25

Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zurich)
War and boundary formation: the European integration of Ukraine

16.06.25

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KIU DOCTORAL PROGRAMME
'Resilience, restoration and transformation. Ukraine in a world of turmoil'
KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION
Ukrainian Studies in a new era
with Elena Korosteleva (Warwick University),
Volodymyr Sheiko (Ukrainian Institut, Kyiv) and Yulia Yurchuk (Södertörn University)
Different location: Logensaal, Logenstraße 11

23.06.25

Jan C. Behrends (European University Viadrina)
Germany, Ukraine, Europe: Approaches, policies and misunderstandings in the 1990s

30.06.25

Jeffrey Alexander (Yale University)
Can civil peace extend beyond the nation state?
Europe, NATO, and the U.S. in the shadow of the Russia-Ukraine War
Different location: Senatssaal, HG 109, Große Scharrnstraße 59

07.07.25

Roman Petrov (National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy)
Can EU External Action ensure justice and fair peace deal for Ukraine in Trump 2.0 era? Mission im/possible?

14.07.25

PANEL DISCUSSION

From the Weimar Triangle to the Frankfurt Quadrangle – new perspectives for European cooperation
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