

# NEWSLETTER

*There is another Ukraine story – a positive, bipartisan one. This one is about young people in young nation, struggling to break free its past...*

*William B. Taylor, Jr.  
US Ambassador to Ukraine 2006–2009 and 2019–2020*







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### CANADA-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM

2020

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On July 16, 1990, the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR adopted the Declaration of Sovereignty, which declared that Parliament recognized the need to build the Ukrainian state based on the Rule of Law.

On August 24, 1991, the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Independence, which the citizens of Ukraine endorsed in the referendum of December 1, 1991. Also, in 1991, Canadians celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. To mark the Centennial, Canadian organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone in Canada's history.

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto marked the Centennial by establishing in the Canadian Parliament, the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) for university students from Ukraine. CUPP gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to observe parliamentary democracy and government and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West European students have benefited.

Since 1991 over 1,000 university students have participated in the CUPP internship programs and the Model Ukraine Conferences at universities in Ottawa, Toronto, Washington USA, Oxford UK, Lviv and Kyiv.

In its first year of operation in 1991, Chris Axworthy of the New Democratic Party welcomed Ivan Tkachenko as his Intern. Jesse Flis of the Liberal Party welcomed Maryana Drach as his Intern. Alan Redway of the Progressive Conservative Party welcomed Solomia Khmara as his Intern.

The 2020 CUPP program Canada's MPs will welcome Ukrainian students from universities in Ukraine, France, Germany, Slovakia, Norway, Turkey and Poland.

In 2020 CUPP will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation in Canada's Parliament.



We are always open for  
cooperation with all  
CUPP interns!

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## — interview with — Ihor Bardyn

“ I WAS REASSURED AND HOPEFUL  
FOR UKRAINE

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is an internship program in the Canadian House of Commons for university students from Ukraine. Each year during the Spring or Fall Sitting of Parliament, Ukraine's students come to Parliament Hill, enter the offices of individual Members of Parliament and work with the MPs staff, attend sittings of Parliament and its standing committees and from an insider's vantage point observe how Canadians govern themselves.

More than 1,000 Ukrainian students have taken part in the parliamentary internship, participated in Model Ukraine Conferences in Canada, Great Britain, Ukraine and the USA. Participation in this practical hands on program, and empowering experience has made an impact on Ukraine's youngest leaders. From CUPP's ranks have come 3 Cabinet Ministers, 3 Deputy Ministers, 6 Members of Parliament, a Head of L'viv Oblast Administration and government officials for the office of the speaker of parliament, office of the president's administration and several assistants to Members of Parliament.

### **Mr. Bardyn how did the idea of an internship program in the House of Commons, get started?**

Fortuitously, in December of 1990, I travelled to Ukraine at the request of Amnesty International of London. AI delegated me to prepare a report about the imprisonment of Stepan Khmara, a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR.

### **Who is Stepan Khmara?**

He was an elected Member of Ukraine's Parliament who in autumn of 1990 was stripped of his parliamentary immunity by the communist dominated Supreme soviet and charged for exceeding his parliamentarian's authority, in a KGB staged provocation in an underpass on Kreshchatyk. The charge followed an incident in which Khmara came to the defence of a woman who was being assaulted by a KGB colonel named Grigoriev. Khmara was imprisoned on November 17, 1990.

Previously in 1982 Khmara was charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda and sentenced to 7 years labour camp and 5 years of exile.

### **Why was Amnesty International interested in Khmara?**

Khmara was first declared an Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience, in 1982 after he was charged for publishing "Ukrainskyi Visnyk", in which he wrote about the Ethnocide of Ukrainians in the USSR as well as for 'holding discussions for the purpose





of undermining the soviet regime'. AI members and Khmara's friends wrote petitions and letters to the soviet leadership, urging his release. Peaceful protest, speaking out and criticizing authorities is not considered a crime by AI.

### And so why were you asked?

I was a supporter of Amnesty International, participated in appeals on behalf of Prisoners of Conscience such as Nelson Mandela, spoke Ukrainian, and was willing to travel to Soviet Ukraine, on short notice. And I did.

On arrival in Kyiv airport I was met by Yuri Ayvazian, Victor Nikazakov and Mykola Nechytaylo, lawyers for RUKH, a political group of which Khmara was a member. Prior to travelling to Kyiv, I communicated with Yuri Ayvazian to arrange meetings for me with Ukraine's government officials.

He arranged meetings for me with the Procurator-General Office of Ukraine and Kyiv, Volodymyr Shevchenko, Mykhaylo Potebenko, Anatoliy Bielik, Speaker of Parliament Ivan Plushch, RUKH and Communist and Socialist Party members and officials and Khmara.

I completed my report in Kyiv and sent it to the International Secretariat of AI in London, before my departure from Kyiv.

### Your departure was not uneventful?

At Kyiv airport, after I received my boarding pass, I was in line for exit security inspection when I was approached by airport security, and asked to join them for a chat. I followed the two-security people to the basement level of the airport. I asked for an

explanation for the chat, but did not receive a reply until my checked luggage was brought into the room. I was asked to open the luggage and one of the security persons pulled 3 cassette tapes out of my suitcase, and asked what they contained.

I told them that these were interviews with Stepan Khmara. He asked how I was able to record an interview with Khmara, if I did not have permission to meet him. I realized that these chaps knew more about my visit to Kyiv and that they were not airport security people, but KGB or similar. I explained that precisely because I was not given permission to meet with Khmara, I wrote questions for him, and he recorded his answers on tape, in his prison cell.

Khmara's lawyers turned over the tapes to me, in order that I have Khmara's side of the incident of the confrontation with the KGB colonel. I needed Khmara's version, to complete my report to Amnesty International.

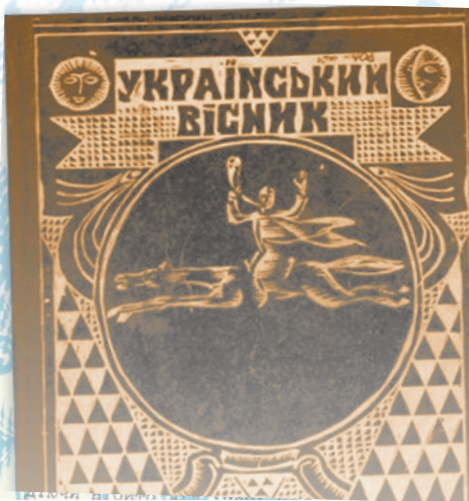
### What followed?

They asked what I intended to do with the tapes, to which I replied that the tapes formed part of my report to Amnesty International.

The KGB officials left me alone in the room for close to an hour. Upon their return they asked additional questions about Amnesty International and my involvement with AI and Khmara. They seemed to be performing a rehearsed function, without much enthusiasm.

### What was going through you mind?

I was troubled by being taken into the basement of the terminal, without anyone knowing my whereabouts.







I was also concerned that my flight to Frankfurt had departed. So, I told them to keep the tapes.

### What happened next?

They left the room once more and returned shortly with a third person, who was told to carry my luggage. We walked through the basement tunnels, took stairs and emerged outside the terminal, not far from an airplane to which I was brought. I was surprised that it was my flight as I believed it had departed. When I boarded the plane and walked to my seat I was met with some anxious stares.

### What observations did you make?

During my stay in Kyiv I met with government officials, RUKH, Communist and Socialist Party Members as well as university students from Kyiv, and attended sessions of the Supreme Soviet (now Verkhovna Rada). I worked into the night on preparing the report to Amnesty International and several times when I left the RUKH building, well after midnight, I had to hail a passing car to take me to my hotel. Curiously there was often a car near the Rukh building, usually with a young driver. I had interesting conversations with these drivers, who although they never agreed with me about conditions in Ukraine, did not strongly disagree.

Shortly after my arrival in Toronto, AI recognized Khmara as their Prisoner of Conscience, for a second time. The duplicate set of my Khmara tapes arrived in Toronto several weeks later. My observation was that average Ukrainians had reached a point of exhaustion from soviet rule. Yet those in control were holding on to power and Khmara was going to

serve as an example of their power and control.

### What happened to Stepan Khmara?

In August 1991 Amnesty International delegated me to attend Khmara's trial and I was in Kyiv on August 23 when Ukraine's Parliament adopted the Declaration of Independence. Khmara's loyal friends and RUKH members entered the prison and forcibly carried him out. Forcibly, because Khmara protested and did not want to leave until his accusers were put in jail in his place. Nevertheless, Khmara's supporters carried him out of prison on their shoulders.

That day stay in Kyiv and the attendance at Khmara's trial in 1991, the meetings with government officials and students, served as vivid lesson and picture of the Soviet-Russian-Communist political culture, the Rule by Force, the Rule by Intimidation and the political vacuum in which Ukraine was existing and the political, economic and cultural vacuum, which followed the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

There is an iota of truth in Vladimir Putin's assertion that the implosion of the Soviet Union was a great catastrophe. It was a catastrophe from the point of view that the collapse laid bare the catastrophic infrastructure on which the Soviet-Communist-Russian System of Government stood. It had no foundation, no rules of succession and no Rule of Law. The Soviet - Russian - Communist system was based on Rule by Decree, or Rule Force and Intimidation. The Rule of Law which is the underpinning of western culture and countries was foreign to the Soviet Union, Russia and Communist society. The collapse of the Soviet Union left chaos which only one group

### Amnesty...

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Mr. Bardyn wrote that the Ukrainian Parliament did not have the required quorum of 300 deputies when the vote was taken and that the vote had not been on the day's published agenda as required for a vote.

During a telephone interview on December 5 Mr. Bardyn said that during his meeting with Messrs. Byelik and Shevchenko he tried to express the international community's concern about the treatment of Mr. Khmara. "I told them the arrest of (Mr.) Khmara is a blemish on the international mark of Ukraine," he said. Any breach of a parliamentarian's civil rights in Ukraine will be considered by American and Canadian parliamentarians in their decisions on "dividing up the economic aid pie" for Ukraine.

Mr. Bardyn said he also kept a copy

TORONTO — The International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London, has confirmed that it has received permission to delegate an observer to attend the trial of Stepan Khmara, a people's deputy to the Ukrainian SSR Supreme Soviet.

The report requesting Amnesty International to participate in the trial of Stepan Khmara was prepared by Ihor Bardyn, an attorney from Toronto who traveled to Kiev in December of last year to interview representatives of the Procurator's Office, Dr. Khmara's defense counsel, Hanna Khmara, as well as other witnesses to file the report for Amnesty.

Amnesty International has now issued its own brief which, in part, states, "Amnesty International is concerned that the real reason for the charge against Stepan Khmara may be his outspoken criticism of the Communist Party and it is therefore seeking further information from the Soviet authorities



### Amnesty International to send observer to trial of Khmara

TORONTO — Amnesty International in London is prepared to send an observer to the trial of Ukrainian People's Deputy Stepan Khmara and has requested permission to send a trial observer.

A two-page information brief about Dr. Khmara and the charges against him has been prepared by Amnesty International and circulated to Amnesty branches throughout the world.

Amnesty chapters and members in several countries are currently approaching the Soviet authorities in connection with the Khmara case.

Ihor Bardyn, who prepared the report to Amnesty International, has been asked to attend the Khmara trial on behalf of the Jurists Group, a committee of jurists and lawyers whose aim is to encourage and monitor democratic and human rights developments and institutions in Ukraine.

Mr. Bardyn is currently in Kyiv.



in soviet society was prepared for, the class of would-be Oligarchs, who in retrospect, anticipated the chaos and stepped into the vacuum, to seize state assets and seize control the government. They hold this power to the present day.

The oligarchs were prepared to seize state assets in both Ukraine and Russia and to perpetuate and nurture the corruption and operation of the former soviet state.

The RUKH patriots who survived concentration camps, prisons, hardships and family break-ups were battle weary. They did not have the strength to continue the fight to bring about changes. Ukraine's government was still in the hands of the Communist Party class, who rebranded and continued to rule. They were schooled to take orders from Moscow and did not know how to govern.

The absence of leaders, statesmen and men and women of good will, with only a few exceptions, did not serve Ukraine well.

Understandably, Ukraine did not need a Lech Walesa to topple the communist regime. In Ukraine, the Soviet Union came to an end like a change in the weather. Some complained about it, some greeted it and others passively accepted it.

Outside force was not needed to collapse the Soviet Union. Nor a revolution. These came, belatedly, years later.

At independence Ukraine did not have a Leszek Balcerowicz to guide Ukraine's economy. It had few government officials who spoke an international language. Ukraine's teachers at all levels were educated in the soviet, communist system and were unprepared to teach about democratic governance. Very few understand it, even today. Ukraine like the rest of the Soviet Union existed in an isolated container and emerged with little or no contacts with western governments or institutions. Ukraine was on its own. The Diaspora moved into action, and continues to take a keen interest in the ancestral homeland.

*It was clear that Ukraine needed new leaders.*

### **How did you go about it?**

It seemed I should do what I was familiar with and could do. Open the window for Ukraine's youth to the operation of the government of my country, a normal country. More recently, I was asked by Ambassador Shevchenko the question, why CUPP and who and how are students chosen for CUPP. I replied that the goal was to open the doors to Canada's Parliament, to inquisitive youth, and let them observe the operation of a normal government from inside. Canada's Parliament is not ideal, it has warts and nuances, but it's almost as good as one can find, in terms of Parliaments. And as to the question of who is chosen and who comes to Parliament Hill, my answer was "youth who will be the best representatives of Ukraine and of Ukraine's future and who will hopefully serve their country".

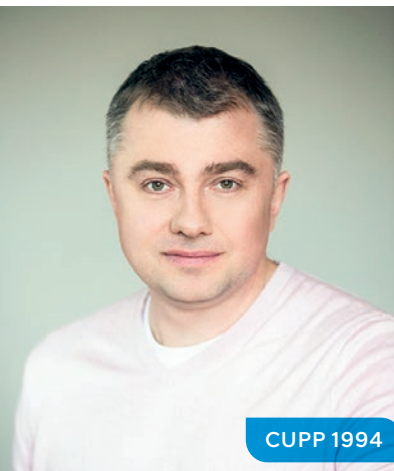
So, it began. After my return home, the first three CUPP students arrived in Ottawa. Chris Axworthy of the New Democratic Party welcomed Ivan Tkachenko as his Intern. Jesse Flis of the Liberal Party welcomed Maryana Drach as his Intern. Alan Redway of the Progressive Conservative Party welcomed Solomia Khmara as his Intern. After serving the internship on Parliament Hill the three Ukrainian Interns moved to Queen's Park in Toronto to serve a short internship in the Ontario Legislature with Cam Jackson, who is of Ukrainian ancestry, John Sola and Noel Duignan. The Canadian student co-ordinator was Queen's University student, Tania Bardyn, my daughter.

At the completion of the first internship for Ukraine's students, the three MPs and the three MPPs declared the program a success and urged the Speaker of the House of Commons John Fraser to continue its operation. I was reassured and hopeful for Ukraine. The rest is history, which continues to be written by some of Ukraine's best and brightest youth. Hopefully CUPP will continue for at least another thirty years.

**Mr. Bardyn, we have barely touched on the first year of CUPP? What about the next 29?**

Let's leave that to another time. Thanks. [\*\*CUPP\*\*](#)





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## Ruslan Deinithchenko

Intern to [Joe Fontana](#), MP for London, Ontario.  
[Humeniuk Family Scholarship](#) recipient.

Ruslan earned a BA degree in English and a MA degree in History (Honours) at Sumy State University in Ukraine. He earned a certificate from The United States Telecommunications Training Institute Course "Introduction to U.S. Television Broadcasting" and "Introduction to U.S. Public Television Broadcasting" in Dallas, Texas - Washington, DC. Ruslan earned a second MA degree at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Ruslan started his career with Monolog TV Studio as a reporter and host of a daily TV program "Computer X". Afterwards, he joined STB and Inter TV channels as a reporter. His successful pursuits led him to becoming an intern at Voice of America in Washington, DC. Where in 2001 Ruslan translated and produced original stories, conducted live and pre-recorded interviews with guests and anchored live radio news. Currently Ruslan holds three positions. Since 2002 he has been working at Voice of America in Ukraine, producing TV stories for the daily TV show Chas-Time, as well as web/online reports and radio news. In 2003, Ruslan became the Primary Instructor at National University of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy. Recently Ruslan was promoted to Executive Director at Kyiv- Mohyla University. He is a contributor to the StopFake.org; where he works at countering fake Russian propaganda and its media.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

When I first began my internship in Parliament, my primary task was to sort and reply to emails from constituents and ordinary Canadians. My replies, depended on the nature of the complaint or topic raised by the author. However, in addition to my office duties, I was very proactive, so I attended all possible sessions on Parliament Hill with my MP, and as well as numerous meetings with the Speaker of the House of Commons, Government Officials, Members of Parliament from all political parties, and the Ukrainian Diaspora. During CUPP, I was invited to local radio stations to give interviews about my internship in Canada and life in Ukraine. When I first began my internship in Parliament, my primary task was to sort and reply to emails from constituents and ordinary Canadians. My replies, depended on the nature of the complaint or topic raised by the author. However, in addition to my office duties, I was very proactive, so I attended all possible sessions on Parliament Hill with my MP, and as well as numerous meetings with the Speaker of the House of Commons, Government Officials, Members of Parliament from all political parties, and the Ukrainian Diaspora. During CUPP, I was invited to local radio stations to give interviews about my internship in Canada and life in Ukraine.

#### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

*During your CUPP Internship, try to come up with efforts, ideas and projects to always be on the go. Efforts to be active and effective not only working with your MP and his or her staff, but also helping your fellowinterns and team members, as they will support you, give you useful advice, and share their experience and skills. Be pro-active.*



CUPP 1991

## Maryana Drach

Intern to [Jesse Flis](#), Parkdale-High Park, Ontario and [John Sola](#), Mississauga East.

[Mazurenko Family Scholarship recipient.](#)

Maryana Drach earned an undergraduate degree in international studies from Roosevelt University in 1993 and subsequently earned a graduate degree in Public Administration from the Institute of Public Administration and Local Government in Ukraine. In 1996 Maryana joined Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, specializing in international affairs reporting and in May 2013 she was appointed Director of RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service, also known as Radio Svoboda. Under her lead, the Service provided balanced television, radio and social media reporting on events on Maidan as well as the Russian military invasion into Ukraine. Today Radio Svoboda reports on local news, regional politics and issues of global concern and its investigative television program "Schemes", which tracks corruption among Ukraine's political elites, is renowned for its hard-hitting reporting.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP was the program that shaped my interest in global affairs and good governance. I feel privileged to be one of the first CUPP participants. Back in 1991 many were still wondering what independent Ukraine would mean for the world, but CUPP founders knew it all along: Ukraine needs a new generation of leaders and professionals. CUPP gave me a unique chance to learn how strikingly different Post-Soviet and Canadian political ways are. The program has influenced my future development. I have studied politics to later become a journalist, inspired by the Canadian experience. I believe that CUPP is one of the best international projects in Ukraine because of its aims for the future. Looking back, I am very thankful to Tanya Bardyn, CUPP'91 Coordinator, for her guidance and warm personality.

### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

Not be afraid of challenges, be open to new experiences and have the courage to disagree.

Prepared by Yaroslav Korotash, CUPP 2018 intern to Hon. Wayne Easter, MP for Malpeque, Prince Edward Island.



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## Oleksiy Soshenko

Intern to [Chris Axworthy](#), Saskatoon-Clark's Crossing, Saskatchewan and [John Solomon](#), Regina-Lumsden, Saskatchewan.

[Vasyl Loboda Scholarship recipient.](#)

Oleksiy Soshenko is the managing partner and Head of the Banking and Finance, Capital Markets and Debt Restructuring practices of Redcliffe Partners, one of the top Ukrainian law firms. He specializes in international finance and capital markets transactions and advises clients on the most significant transactions in the agribusiness, renewable energy and infrastructure sectors. Oleksiy has more than 20 years of experience in representing foreign investors, international financial institutions and borrowers on all

types of syndications and secured finance transactions, debt restructurings and private and public securities offerings. Before founding Redcliffe Partners, Oleksiy practiced law with leading international law firms Clifford Chance, CMS Cameron McKenna, Chadbourne & Parke. Oleksiy has a law degree from National Law Academy of Ukraine and LL.M. degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

I do not want to be mentoring here but I recommend that you get as much knowledge from your participation in CUPP and your stay in Canada as possible. Meet people and make friends, learn about the Canadian governance, democracy and system of governance, rule of law, culture, traditions and habits. Also spread amongst Canadians successful and inspiring stories about new Ukraine and Ukrainian people. Learn more about Ukrainian diaspora, ask them to share memories and how they have preserved Ukrainian culture. Listen, watch, observe and absorb! When you come back home, stay in touch with your new friends and new contacts. CUPP also unites students from different parts of Ukraine. I am originally from Kharkiv, so interestingly enough CUPP provided me with a great opportunity to meet and make friends with CUPPers from different parts of Ukraine, such as Lviv, Kyiv, Ternopil, Chernivtsy, Poltava, Odesa, Crimea, etc. The CUPP alumni will be an amazing network for you in the future. Well, enjoy and the best of luck!

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

I am certain that CUPP will be among the brightest events of your life, which you will remember through the years, just as my CUPP friends and I remember. For me CUPP was the first sparkle which started my professional and international career. Studying for the LLM at the University of Minnesota was the next step, a few internships with Minneapolis law firms, then starting the job as a lawyer in a US law firm in Kyiv. Now I practice law assisting foreign clients doing business in Ukraine or Ukrainian clients doing business with foreign counterparties for more than 20 years. Lots of interesting transactions and projects, I am proud of the expanding foreign links with Kyiv and the numerous negotiations in Paris, London, Amsterdam, Istanbul, Munich.

Prepared by Iryna Kukhta, CUPP 2020 Applicant National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.





CUPP 1996

## Roman Tereshchuk

Intern to [Sharon Hayes](#), Port Moody – Coquitlam, British Columbia.

[Alexandra & Eugene Sukniarsky Scholarship](#) recipient.

Roman earned his undergraduate degree in Culture Studies from The National University of Ostroh Academy and Master of Public Administration from The University of South Alabama (USA) in 2002. Roman is Project Lead for European Claim Operations of American International Group (USA), a global insurance company, where he is based in the UK London office, supporting the business in a variety of projects. Previously, he worked as Customer

Service Manager for AIG Life in Ukraine supporting policy and claims services and Associate Director in the USA Polling Group in the USA conducting survey research and public opinion polls for the United Department of Justice, private and public organizations. Roman was a founder of the NGO “Youth Without Frontiers”, helping young Ukrainians find educational opportunities abroad.

### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

“Don’t waste a single minute and ask as many questions as you can! Explore beyond the place of your stay by walking around and do beyond that which is expected from you; also deliver more than expected from you – all through demanding more from yourself. Remember that the Canadians will think of Ukraine based on their experience with you: be open, friendly, and remember to smile!”

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

The CUPP was my first foreign trip and the experience helped form my personality and perception of the world, through establishing my understanding of the relationship between a state and its citizens. The trip also set my expectations in terms of my educational and life aspirations. The CUPP created a turning point for me, and in later years I created the NGO “Youth Without Frontiers”, and pursued a Masters Degree in Public Administration in the USA funded by Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. In Canada, I learned to be independent, to have clear goals and be a results-driven person. I learned to write my first report about the Krever Inquiry for the Member of Parliament, Ms. Sharon Hayes and also helped her assistant, Rosemary Alfes with tidying up office stationery. No work was ever too big or too small for me after that.

Prepared by Olena Khvostyk, CUPP 2020 Applicant Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University.



CUPP 1994

## Hlib Kryvenko

Intern to [Preston Manning](#), Calgary Southwest, Alberta.

[Mazurenko Family Scholarship](#) recipient.

Hlib earned his Diploma in Jurisprudence with Honors at the National Law Academy of Ukraine. Later, he earned LL.M. Master of Laws in US Legal Studies at the University of Connecticut School of Law and was awarded a full fellowship by the USIA and the Soros Foundation. Finally, he earned an MBA at the International Management Institute and earned Master of Medical Psychology at the Interregional Academy of Personal Management. Following his participation in CUPP, Hlib worked for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) as project manager in the field of legal reform,

responsible for developing strategy and implementation of USAID’s technical assistance programs in such areas as: anti-corruption, regulatory reform, judicial reform, enforcement of judicial decisions, commercial law, SME development, financial restructuring, competitiveness. He also worked for USAID funded project as anticorruption advisor responsible for development and implementation of strategy and methodology to promote transparency and accountability and prevent corruption in the financial sector institutions in Ukraine.

### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

“Think globally, be ambitious, love your country and help to preserve its cultural values. At the same time expand your horizon and be open to new ideas in current turbulent times.”

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

The CUPP internship was absolutely extraordinary and unique experience for me. It has given me not only understanding of how the Canadian Parliament and government institutions function, but most importantly gave all of us an opportunity to breathe the free air of democracy, feel warmth and hospitality of people who surrounded us and got us acquainted with new cultural patterns. And of course, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Ihor Bardyn for his big heart, charisma and enthusiasm and whose support our group felt all the time.

Prepared by Anna Kikesheva, CUPP 2020 Applicant Friedrich-Alexander University.



CUPP 1996

## Peter Batiouk

Intern to the [Hon. Stephane Dion](#), MP Saint-Laurent - Cartierville, Quebec.  
[Humeniuk Family Scholarship recipient.](#)

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, Peter holds a Master's degree in International Law from the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (1998). He has been a practicing lawyer in Kyiv since his completion of his studies. After graduated in 1998, Peter worked at various law firms and state institutions in Ukraine. Currently, he is a managing partner at Batiouk, Stepanov & Partners. Peter specializes in the support and resolution of complex litigation, tax litigation and other administrative relationships. Also, he possesses extensive experience in protecting clients' rights in

corporate and employment relationships. With over 20 years of professional experience, in 2019 he was awarded the "Lawyer Veteran" honors.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

"In addition to the wonderful and beautiful emotions, and unforgettable memories of a lifetime, CUPP gave me priceless experience. It will not be an exaggeration if I say that this experience helped me in building a career as a lawyer in Ukraine. It was truly inspiring and I am very glad that I managed to receive this opportunity of a life-time."

Prepared by Vsevolod Vereshchahin, CUPP 2020 Applicant Matej Bel University & Complutense University of Madrid.



CUPP 1996

## Alona Shkrum

Intern to [Hon. Peter Julian](#), Burnaby-New Westminster  
[John Sopinka Scholarship recipient.](#)

Alona Shkrum studied international law at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, has an MA degree in international economic law from the University of Sorbonne Paris 1 and LL.M. from University of Cambridge. She is Member of Ukrainian Parliament and Head of the Subcommittee on the reform of the civil service, Head of the France-Ukraine friendship parliamentary group. Now she is a politician, a member

of the Committee on Local Self-Government. She also co-chairs the friendship parliamentary group with France. She works on reforming public administration and restarting the civil service in Ukraine. Being a member of the Ukrainian Parliament she is trying to rebuild the public institutions and to develop a new economic policy by supporting small business initiatives in Verkhovna Rada.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP played an important role in my life because - I was able to see how the parliament of a democratic and successful country works from the inside. It was in Ottawa when I took the most hard and amazing decision on my life - to leave the legal profession and go into politics. I had no idea I would be elected an MP in Ukraine later on, but the experience of work in parliamentary committees in Canada and seeing how the MPs office is supposed to work - inspired me to try change Ukraine politics. This experience came very useful to me in my job and still helps me a lot. My motto is still the one inspired by my experience being an intern in Canadian parliament: "Politics can be done differently."

Prepared by Artem Sahaidak, CUPP 2018 intern to Robert- Falcon OUELLETTE MP for Winnipeg Centre

#### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

Grab every possibility that comes your way, take initiative as much as possible, do not be afraid to seem too pushy or out of ordinary behavior, and make the most of every day and every new contact in Canada. Dare to dream big and plan your dreams to come true.



CUPP 1997

## Oleksand Kopets

Intern to [Benoit Serre](#), Guelph, Legislative Assembly of Ontario.  
[Humeniuk Family Scholarship recipient.](#)

Oles Kopets obtained an undergraduate degree in international relations from Ivan Franko University in Lviv in 1999 and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. In 1999 Oles joined the Ukrainian Ministry for Justice, where he worked to represent the Government of Ukraine in the European Court of Human Rights. Oles was awarded a Muskie Fellowship and joined 2-year Master in Public Policy Program with Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. While at Harvard, he majored in international finance. In 2002 Oles returned to Ukraine to work in the private sector in Ukraine. He joined Foyil

Securities, an American investment firm in Ukraine to run corporate finance and proprietary desk department. At Foyil, Oles pioneered international financing into JSC Universalna, and number of other companies, having executed multi-million dollars deals in pulp and paper, cement and finance sectors. In 2008 Oles started his own advisory practice, focusing on distressed opportunities and deals in real estate, retail, agriculture and finance. Starting from 2013 he moved to originate export-oriented businesses in wood processing and pulp and paper sectors, working on opportunities in Ukraine and Canada.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP was an eye opener into democratic values. CUPP allowed me to later pursue graduate studies in France.

Prepared by Hanna Rutkowska, CUPP 2020 Applicant University of Tartu

#### Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

Be open-minded and live the moment.





CUPP 1996

## Yuriy Rudyuk

Intern to [John Loney](#), Bruce, Ontario.

[Michael and Anna Bardyn Scholarship](#) recipient.

Yuriy has earned his LLB from Lviv University Law School and completed the LLM (International Trade Law) at Amsterdam Law School. Currently, he is practicing International Trade Law at Van Bael&Bellis' Brussels office, where he has worked for almost 20 years. His main area of

expertise is trade defence investigations, anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard. In 2017, Yuriy was nominated on the list of arbitrators on behalf of Ukraine under the Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

I participated in CUPP during my second year of studies at the Lviv University Law School. Participation in the Program so early in my educational process made a crucial impact on my academic development and further legal practice. Indeed, one of my first assignments for my MP was to research the restrictions applicable, at that time, in the EU against imports of Canadian hormone-treated beef.

My MP was from Alberta with strong ties to the Canadian beef industry. At that time, I could not have realised, that I was positioned at the beginning of a major trade dispute which would formally start at the WTO later that year, and would continue for more than 20 years! A mutually agreed settlement of this dispute was reached between Canada and the EU in 2017. I returned to Ukraine after CUPP and continued my studies but out of all the areas of law, I chose international trade law which I practice still today, assisting major Ukrainian and international companies in overcoming various trade related disputes. I am immensely thankful to CUPP and its founder, Ihor Bardyn, for giving so many Ukrainian students such a valuable opportunity, which lives on in so many positive ways with all the Program's graduates.

Prepared by Antonina Rybka, CUPP 2020 Candidate University of Münster.



CUPP 1997

## Oleksandr Kraynyukov

Intern to [Allan Rock](#), Etobicoke Center, Ontario and [Gerry Philips](#), Scarborough-Agincourt, Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

[Humeniuk Family Scholarship](#) recipient.

Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

Be open-minded and live the moment.

Oleksandr earned a B.A. in sociology & economics from Kyiv-Mohyla University and an M.A. in management of distribution networks in Dunkerque, France, MBA from INSEAD in France & Singapore. Oleksandr has worked at ArcelorMittal since 2001. In 2011, he became Regional Director for France. In 2013, he has moved to an operational position as Head of a Business line

in Germany. In 2015, Oleksandr changed to a strategy position in Luxembourg. Currently, he lives in Luxembourg and is working as a Procurement Strategy Specialist at ArcelorMittal in charge of Procurement Strategy Planning & Modelling, Digitalization & Artificial Intelligence projects, Commodities price forecasting.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP was an eye opener into democratic values. CUPP allowed me to later pursue graduate studies in France.

Prepared by Antonina Rybka, CUPP 2020 Candidate University of Münster.



CUPP 1996

## Olesya Tragniuk

Olesya Tragniuk is a Candidate of Law and Associate Professor in the Department of International Law and since 2018 - Associate Professor of Law in the Department of the European Union at the Yaroslav the Wise National Law University in Kharkiv. In 1996 she graduated with a BA degree from the same university.

Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

As young leaders use every opportunity to learn, do not hesitate to ask questions and find out the truth. Accept challenges as gifts that make you better.

Intern to [David Kilgour](#), MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Alberta, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.

[Mazurenko Family Scholarship](#) recipient.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

Having an opportunity to participate in the CUPP program was a big accomplishment and a big challenge, at the same time, for me. It shaped my vision of international affairs and politics. The internship in Parliament has influenced my further development as a professional and taught me the best practices. I still remember my time on Parliament Hill with warmth and gratitude. The knowledge and experience that we received was priceless.

Prepared by Viktoriia Onykienko, CUPP 2020 Applicant Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

**CUPP 1997, CUPP 1998 (coordinator)**

1997 Intern to **Derwyn Shea**,  
High Park - Swansea, Legislative  
Assembly of Ontario.

**Michael and Anna Bardyn**  
Scholarship recipient.

1998 Coordinator, Research  
Office Intern at the Reform  
Party of Canada.

**Mazurenko Family Scholarship**  
recipient.

## Ihor Markuts

Ihor holds a Master's degree in Administrative Management from the State Technical University (currently the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering). Before he enrolled at university, Ihor spent a year studying in Munich, Germany, on a local school exchange program. Since graduating in 1999, Ihor has built a successful career in management and marketing, leading teams from 20 to 700 people. His experience includes working as Marketing Manager at Asea Brown Boveri, as well as several top management positions at Lviv Textile Company, Technobasalt-Invest,

LLC and Tenmark, LLC. In addition, Ihor was a regional coordinator and representative for Lviv oblast in the framework of two CIDA-funded entities, namely the Civil Society Community Roots Project and the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO). In 2003, Ihor founded his own business, which currently consists of three companies, namely Buduchnist LLC, Mast LLC and Galecoresurs LLC and is developing successfully up to this day. Currently, Ihor is actively involved in the "Promprylad.Renovation" project in Ivano-Frankivsk as a member of the Supervisory Board.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP has played an extremely important role in my life as this project has significantly expanded my horizons and made me realize that there is nothing impossible in life. The desire to participate in CUPP motivated me to learn English in 3 months. Also, participation in the program demonstrated that any skills you acquire during your lifetime may find their use in completely unexpected situations. For example, during my studies at university, I mastered the layout skills and worked as a typist in the district newspaper. It was these skills that helped me to produce the CUPP Newsletter during my internship. It goes without question that the knowledge, skills and contacts I received during Program gave me an opportunity to make a qualitative leap in my personal development. Apart from that, I find it necessary to tell about the friends I made during the two Programs, who became my life companions. Even though the Programs finished 22 years ago, I am still in close contact with many of them!

Prepared by Vsevolod Vereshchahin, CUPP 2020 Applicant Matej Bel University & Complutense University of Madrid.

**CUPP 1999**

Intern to **Leu Sekora**,  
Port Moody-Coquitlam,  
British Columbia.

**Raynell Andreychuk**  
Scholarship recipient.

## Anastasiya Leukhina

In 2002 earned MA in international peace studies from University of Notre Dame. Anastasiya Leukhina is a freelance consultant/facilitator and a Visiting Professor at the Kyiv School of Economics. She has been teaching Negotiation, Conflict Resolution, and Communication at Ukraine's top business schools since 2004. She has been active in Ukraine's reforms: police, education, and healthcare are on her professional achievements list. Anastasiya is a member of the Expert Council on Reform at the Ministry of Interior and was a chair of vetting commission at the National Police of Ukraine. Her leadership in the "Let us into Intensive Care Units" campaign was recognized by the Best Communication Team of the Year in the Non-Profit Sector by the European

Association of Communication Professionals (2017). Anastasiya is also a regular columnist to Ukraine's top media outlets, such as Ukrainska Pravda and NV. She also founded a grassroots organization Horizontal Connections to promote diversity in education and humility in healthcare. Her community platform Educational Experiment has helped many families and children find their educational path or inspired to create own alternative schools or homeschooling programs. She just finished a book about palliative care, life, and death, titled "An Unscary Book about Life, Death, and Everything in Between," which will be published in paper in Ukrainian and will be available in English in the electronic format in 2020.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

CUPP has given me a great perspective on what quality discourse on public matters is, and I have been working hard to bring up the standards of public discourse in Ukraine ever since. The Canadian parliamentary experience also helped me decide early on in my career, that I do not want to go into politics, hence it has been easy to say no to different opportunities and follow my chosen path.

Prepared by Mykhaylo Korchyynsky, CUPP 2020 Applicant National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.





CUPP 1996

Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

“ Do not be afraid to meet new people and discover new things. ”

## Maxim Holubenko

Intern to [Jack Frazer](#), Saanich - Gulf Islands, British Columbia.

[Vasyl Loboda Scholarship](#) recipient.

In 1994 Maxim received his MA degree from Odessa Medical University, in obstetrics and gynaecology. He worked in several maternity hospitals and later took up teaching. Maxim became chief physician at Odessa No.2 maternity hospital, and thereafter served as its Director.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

When I applied for CUPP, I was sceptical of my chances, but when I received my letter of acceptance, I needed to get tickets for Canada in short order, to travel to Canada for a 3-month internship. As I recall now, there was very little time to make my decision to go to Canada, but I have never regretted my choice. CUPP made one of the brightest impacts on me in my life. I am almost 50 years old, and I still remember the experience CUPP gave us. For 3 months I was surrounded by beautiful and educated people. I remember how pleased we were to work in the offices of our members of parliament, as they treated everyone very well. Still, I am grateful to two people - Jack Frazer, whose office I was working in, and Ihor Bardyn, who works so hard to ensure the success of CUPP. I am

extremely grateful to Mr. Ihor for what he has done for me and for other talented Ukrainian students. Each of us remembers our time in Canada with warmth and respect.

The experience gained during CUPP, including assistance to parliamentarians during elections to the House of Commons, later helped me in my election to the Odessa City Council, in which I which I participated and won. I served as City Deputy for 4 years. During CUPP my ideas of how the government should function and what the responsibilities of senior officials should be, were formed. During the program I also met my best friend - this is one of the greatest gifts I received. We still keep in touch to this day.

Prepared by Nadia Chervinska, CUPP 2020 Applicant National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



CUPP 2004

Advice to CUPP 2020 interns:

“ Explore various educational opportunities and internships/ volunteerism during summer breaks, travel to meet people from other cultures and get to know yourself, your passion and strengths, before choosing a Master degree and starting a career. ”

## Viktoriya Shaban

Intern to [Tony Ianno](#), Trinity-Spadina, Toronto.

[Cathy Obal Scholarship](#) recipient.

Viktoriya earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of Amsterdam (2008) and BA in international relations from Kyiv International University (2006). She worked with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in her native Ukraine until 2009. In 2012 she started her first international assignment in Ethiopia, followed

by Turkey, Greece, Kenya and Kazakhstan. Currently she is in Amman, Jordan, reviewing refugee status determination of claimants from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan. Viktoria's next posting will be to Baku, Azerbaijan as of January 2020.

### CUPP EXPERIENCE

I truly enjoyed my stay in Canada and my internship with the Office of Tony Ianno, during the Federal Election of 2004. In addition to studying Canada's political system, I observed my MPs media and press briefings and took part in canvassing the electorate. In addition to the internship, CUPP offered a rich program of group visits, discussions and activities with NGOs and government officials. The most memorable for me was the presentation by author Victor Malarek of his book 'The Horrific Inside Story of Slavery, Rape, and Murder in the Global Sex Trade', where I learned about the crime of trafficking of persons. Prior to that, my only exposure to disadvantaged groups was volunteerism with Roma children in western Ukraine. The CUPP program together with my legal studies impacted my professional choice of working in the field of human rights.

Prepared by Anna Saltykova, CUPP 2020 Applicant Babson College.



— interview with —

# Raynell Andreychuk

Raynell Andreychuk, a Canadian lawyer, judge, chancellor and diplomat, served in the Senate of Canada from 1993-2019. As a long serving Senator, her defining goal was the cause of Human Rights and Justice. In February 2020, we conducted the interview below in order to ask the prominent Canadian official to reflect on her illustrious career in public service and her thoughts on the state of Canada-Ukraine relations over the years and today.

**Good morning Senator Andreychuk. Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program today. Let's start from the very beginning - what made you interested in politics and public life? What shaped your ideological beliefs at the outset of your career?**

It would be fair to say that I had always been interested in law, human rights and international affairs. After I graduated from university, I went into the field of corporate and criminal law where I spent a number of years. Throughout those years, I became very involved in community work in my native province of Saskatchewan, trying to help people on the ground





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**Senator Andreychuk** participating in Vyshyvanka Day 2019 with CUPP interns, Canadian officials and representatives of the Ukrainian embassy.

wherever I could. That experience of dealing with people's issues led me to be asked to establish our province's first family court in Regina. I was always interested in international issues and was involved in international organizations and causes. People's issues inspired me to establish our province's first family court in Regina.

**From what seems like rather local domestic issues you gradually pivoted to international matters where you acted on behalf of Canada as a whole. Could you tell us more about that?**

In 1987, I was named Canada's High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda, as well as ambassador to Somalia. I saw this as a wonderful opportunity to help those nations on their path to democracy and rule of law. Three years later, I became Canada's ambassador to Portugal. Apart from engaging in bilateral diplomatic

affairs, during that time I also became heavily involved in the work of international institutions - the United Nations in particular. As such, I was Canada's permanent representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, as well as the organization's Environmental Program and Human Settlements Program.

**What inspired you to dedicate your talents to federal affairs and move to politics?**

Well, I didn't move to politics - I was called to the Senate. The then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (Canada's 18th Prime Minister in 1984-1993, Leader of the Conservative Party - B.P.) recommended me to the then Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn. I was a diplomat at the time. I agreed with many of the government's policies, especially on international human rights issues, so I decided to accept the



invitation. So I became the first female representative of the province of Saskatchewan in the Senate of Canada.

**Upon your retirement in August of last year, what are your biggest achievements throughout your 26-year tenure, particularly in regards to Canada's relations with Ukraine?**

Immediately after I became a senator, I started being approached by members of the Ukrainian community. Saskatchewan has a large Ukrainian population, and so does Canada as a whole. In the early 1990s, I became involved with various aspects of establishing the independent Ukrainian state, human rights and the rule of law in that country. In fact, Canada was the very first Western democracy to recognize the independence of Ukraine. As for me personally, I take

pride in the introduction and passing in the Senate of Canada the Motion that recognized the Holodomor as an Act of Genocide against the Ukrainian people and others; the Act which followed in 2008; drafting and having both Houses of Parliament pass the Sergei Magnitsky Law (Justice for Victims of Corrupt Officials Act); as well as leading 4 Canadian Electoral Missions to Ukraine. Supporting CUPP was extremely rewarding.

**Which Canadian-supported reforms in Ukraine would you call the most successful today?**

The government of Canada was engaged with Ukraine ever since the latter became independent in 1991, because of the inseparable personal and family ties between our nations and the strategic geopolitical importance of Ukraine. Ukrainians are incredibly



## CANADA DAY 2020

CUPP alumni meet  
Canada's Ambassador  
Larysa Galadza

**L to R:** Yuri Kushnir (President of CUPP Alumni Association), Anna Novosad (former Minister of Education), Vasyl Myroshnychenko (former President of Professional Government Association), Ambassador Larysa Galadza, Volodymyr Omelyan (former Minister of Infrastructure), Solomiia Bobrovska (Member of Verkhovna Rada).

**Missing:** Roman Lozynskyi (Member of Verkhovna Rada), Alona Shkrum (Member of Verkhovna Rada), Rustem Umerov (Member of Verkhovna Rada).





On February 1, 2020

Ambassador Roman Waschuk and his spouse Oksana Smerechuk were honoured at a Tribute Dinner in Toronto, sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. On stage with Ambassador Waschuk and Oksana Smerechuk who are members of PLAST Scouts Organization, are PLAST members from Toronto.

valuable to the foundation of Canada, and Canada, on the other hand, certainly has a role to play on Ukraine's path to independence, democratic governance and the rule of law. Throughout the three decades, we have been closely involved with Ukraine's democratic development as an independent nation and its sometimes bumpy road with institution-building. I strongly believe that Canada can play a role in Ukraine, especially through our engagement in multilateral institutions like NATO and our allies such as the European Union. The most important is the defense of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

**You have been one of the most dedicated friends and allies to the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. How would you describe the benefits the program has brought to Ukraine and its government?**

I have always tried to do as much as I could for the young Ukrainians coming to Canada to serve the internship. Part of that was due to my own experience – while at university, I got a scholarship to study in Germany for a limited time. This made me realize the incredible value such programs give to students and young

people not only improving their professional skills, but also broadening their horizons as individuals. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program has given hundreds of Ukrainian students an opportunity to get a grasp of how democracy works in practice, how the government and opposition function to the benefit of the people they are elected to represent.

I met with every group of Ukrainian students during their time in Ottawa. While the first groups were just generally interested in how we were doing things in the Canadian government, the students got better and better at understanding democratic principles, rule of law, civil society and how they can make a difference. Ukraine is already benefitting from this program immensely. The times I have been in Kyiv, I always meet several alumni several alumni who now hold important positions in the national government and NGOs. I truly hope that more and more CUPP alumni will continue to go into public service and improve Ukraine's governance by incorporating the experience they acquire during the internship in Ottawa.

**Thank you so much Senator.** CUPP



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Copies of the Newsletters are archived in the Library of the Parliament of Canada. Additionally, programs of [Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill](#) are published by CUPP Interns and are also archived in the Library.





# Talented Ukrainians

## Anna Yaroslavna

**Highly educated, multi-lingual and politically astute, Anna was the sixth Queen Of France.**

Anna Yaroslavna (born c. 1024) was the daughter of Yaroslav the Wise, the grand prince of Kyiv. He is sometimes known as the “father-inlaw of Europe” because of how he established blood relations by marrying his daughters to the most influential European monarchs of the time. Like her siblings, Anna Yaroslavna also bore this fate. She married the French King Henry I, becoming the sixth queen of France. The French nicknamed her Anne of Kyiv.

Anna was educated, cultured, and known for her diplomacy in the conduct of affairs of state. Because of this, she had a hand in governing and her mark can be found on

official documents from the time. After the death of Henry I, Anna left the court for several years. She reappeared on the political horizon in France when her son Philip became king. Anna Yaroslavna’s destiny after 1075 is unknown, yet this woman has forever entered the history of France not only as an impressive persona, but also as the great-grandmother of many French kings.

During Vladimir Putin’s visit to France in May 2017, the president dated the French-Russian friendship back to the eleventh century, when Anna, whom the president called “Russian Ani,” became the queen of France. Ukraine’s official Twitter immediately posted a response, pointing out that Moscow didn’t even exist at that time, so it doesn’t make sense to call Anna Russian.



## Johann Pinsel

**He’s called the Ukrainian Michelangelo, though why compare?**

This incredible sculptor from Halychyna is a unique figure in the art world. Pinsel’s life and creative path are enveloped in mysteries. It is known that he lived and worked in the eighteenth century in several cities of western Ukraine, but the years of his birth and death are unknown, and the very name of this sculptor is spelled differently across various archives.

Pinsel’s sculptures tend to be carved out of wood and are created in the late Baroque tradition. They are considered masterpieces by art historians and are compared with the most outstanding works by European masters of this time. The dynamism and extreme expressions of Pinsel’s sculptures

- his subjects’ faces tend to show great anguish and pain - are characteristic of his style. In 2012 an exhibition of this outstanding sculptor’s best works was presented in the Louvre. In Ukraine, the biggest collection of Johann Heorh Pinsel works can be found in the Lviv Art Gallery and in the city of Buchach.





# Mariya Prymachenko

A dream world of fairy tales, folk legends, and mythical beasts.

Mariya Prymachenko and her representations of folk primitivism have gained world-wide acclaim. Prymachenko was born in 1909 into a peasant family, and spent all her life in the village of Bolotnya, situated 30 km from Chornobyl. She grew up surrounded by artistically gifted people, and her interest in making

art began quite early in life. Over time, she transformed as an artist and came to astonish the art scene that was gathered at the 1937 Paris art exhibition. Her talent enchanted Picasso, Chagall, and many others who greatly admired the extraordinary nature of her naive art.

Her works commonly represent a struggle between good and evil, life and death, happiness and sadness.

## Les Kurbas



One of the most important Ukrainian theater directors of the twentieth century and a member of the Executed Renaissance.

Contemporary theater in Ukraine owes much to Les Kurbas (1887-1937), the father of Ukrainian theater, who is considered to be one of the lead figures of the Executed Renaissance. Between 1917-1918, Molodyi Teatr (Young Theater) was founded in Kyiv. In 1922 it grew into the brainchild of theater director and actor Les

Kurbas and was renamed Berezil (meaning “Spring” or “New Beginning”). As devotees of the avant-garde, this theater group gradually became the embodiment of experimental theater and, naturally, a target of Bolshevik repression. For ordinary audiences accustomed to simpler artistic forms, Kurbas and

his theater’s deeply philosophic productions seemed foreign. Nevertheless, theater the Berezil theater was fortunate to stage a series of outstanding performances based on plays by European classics (W. Shakespeare, H. Ibsen, F. Schiller, Moliere) and on works by Ukrainian playwrights, particularly, Mykola Kulish - first in Kyiv, then in Kharkiv.

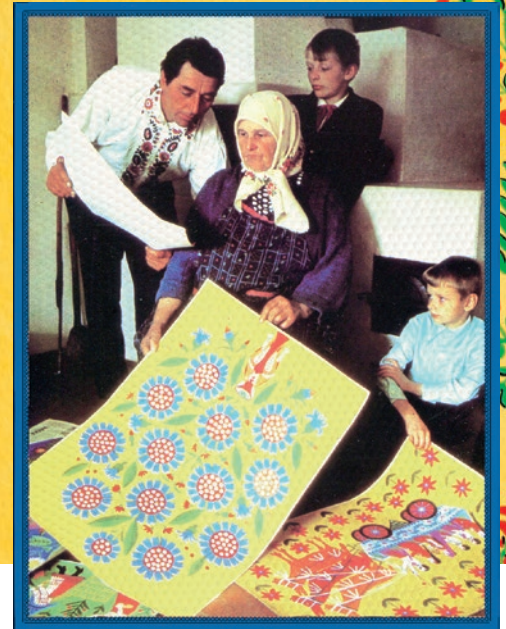
The avant-garde pursuits of these distinguished reformers of their time ended in tragedy. In autumn 1937, Les Kurbas, Mykola Kulish and thousands of prominent figures of Ukrainian culture, after spending years in the Solovki prison camp, were shot in Sandarmokh in Karelia in northern Russia. For this they are known as the Executed Renaissance - a whole generation of writers and artists wiped out by Stalin’s regime.

Today you can visit Les Kurbas Academic Theater in Lviv. In Kyiv - the National Center for Theater Arts also carries his name, and the small stage of the Taras Shevchenko Academic Theater in Kharkiv is called the Berezil theater.

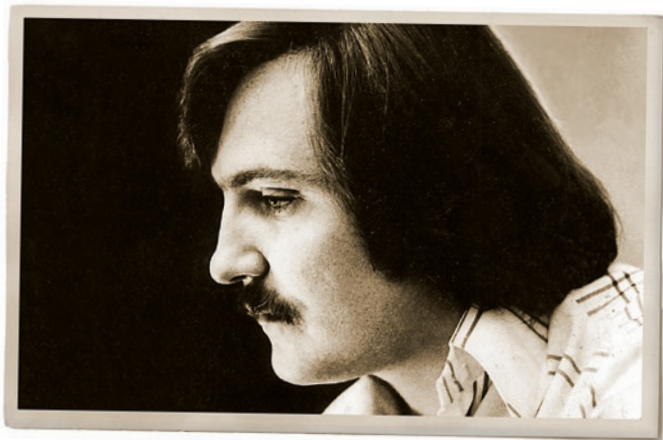




Those with an eye for beauty will see an entire universe created by exceptional imagination, inhabited by whimsical birds, animals, plants, and fantastic creatures. She often anthropomorphised animals in her work, giving them inquisitive eyes and long eyelashes. Mariya Prymachenko's unique and compelling perspective transformed Ukraine's long tradition of folk imagery.



## Volodymyr Ivasiuk



**A legendary Ukrainian poet and composer who befell a tragic fate.**

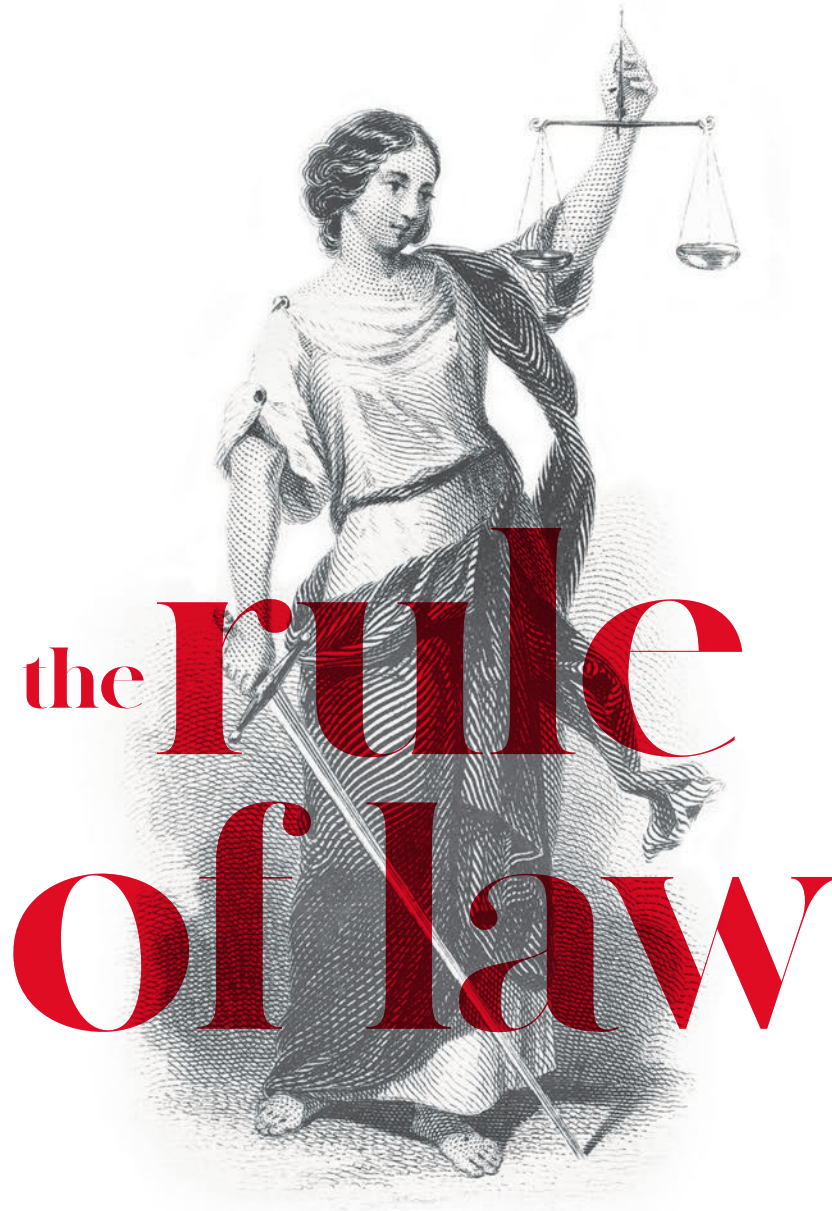
While his life was cut short - at only thirty years - his songs have left an enduring legacy. "Chervona Ruta," "I'll Go Far into the Mountains," "Vodohray" and his other works became real hits in their time and are widely recognized today. Endowed with many talents,

Volodymyr Ivasiuk (1949–1979) became one of the founders of Ukrainian pop music. Renowned singer and National Artist of Ukraine Sofia Rotaru often performed his songs, widely popularizing them both before and after independence.

In May 1979, Ivasiuk's body was found hanged in the Bryuk-hovetskyi forest in Lviv. While the official line purported this to be a suicide, there is evidence to suggest that Ivasiuk was killed on KGB orders. The day of this famous poet and composer's funeral was marked by a mass protest against the Soviet regime. Following this mobilization, Ivasiuk's work was banned. Nowadays Volodymyr Ivasiuk's memory is honored through numerous events, awards, monuments, posthumous titles, etc. But the greatest recognition of his contributions comes from his enduring legacy - generations of fans continue to love Ivasiuk's songs. They've stood the test of time. Today you can visit Volodymyr Ivasiuk Memorial Museum in Chernivtsi.







## *fundamental fairness & history*<sup>1</sup>

Imagine that you are sitting in a courtroom in Kyiv in which a criminal trial is being conducted. The courtroom is packed. For weeks and months leading up to the trial, the government and some newspapers have been vilifying the defendant. The trial is important enough that there has been communication between the judiciary and the head of state. And, the trial has attracted international attention and international condemnation.

Can you guess which trial I am thinking about?



written by <sup>2</sup>

**Bohdan Vitvitsky**

<sup>1</sup> Address delivered on November 23, 2012, at the "Different Roads to the Rule of Law" conference sponsored by the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program and the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy.

<sup>2</sup> The opinions expressed in this address do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Government but rather simply reflect the opinions of their author.



Actually, I am thinking of a trial that took place almost exactly 100 years ago here in Kyiv. It was the famous trial of Mendel Beilis. Beilis was a Jewish Ukrainian who was arrested by the Czarist Russian secret police and charged with having murdered a young Christian boy for the supposed purpose of using his blood in a Jewish ritual. The trial was a sensation at the time. The anti-Semitic Czarist Russian government very much wanted and expected the trial to result in a conviction. But the conviction never happened. Can you guess why it didn't happen? It didn't happen because the trial had a jury. Somewhat ironically, the jury consisted mostly or wholly of twelve Ukrainian peasants. One police official contemptuously described the

prompted me to make them the focus of my remarks? It is quite simple. The key element of the rule of law, the purpose, goal and measure of the rule of law is fundamental fairness. And, as regards Ukraine, but not only Ukraine, the deficit of rule of law and fundamental fairness cannot be understood and cannot be overcome without an understanding of history and, more specifically, legal history.

I have on a number of occasions in Ukraine come across the view that Ukraine is going through a "Wild West" period in its development and that one must wait a number of years or a number of decades for the rule of law to take root. This is an opinion held even



## Beilis Affair

jury as an ignorant jury insofar as there were no members of the intelligentsia on that jury.

But it doesn't matter who was on the jury. What matters is that there was a jury, a jury of twelve regular people before whom the prosecution's evidence was presented. The trial lasted a month. The members of the jury listened to the evidence, listened to the defense's cross-examination of the prosecution's witnesses, listened to the defense witnesses and at the end of the trial deliberated and decided, based on the evidence and arguments presented to them, that Beilis was not guilty. Beilis then emigrated to Palestine, later to the United States where he lived the rest of his life.

The title of my address to you today is "The Rule of Law, Fundamental Fairness and History." What is the relationship between and among these three things that

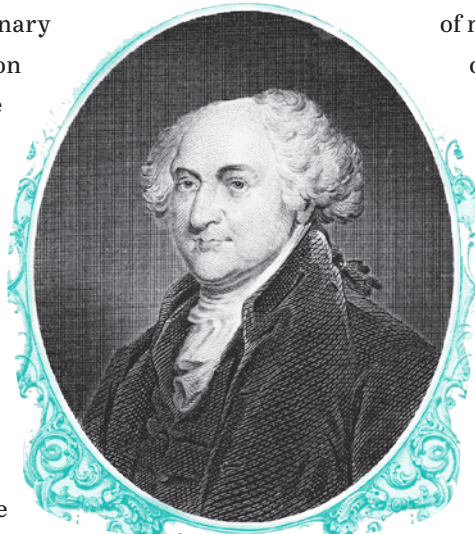
by people who perhaps should know better. For example, a former Ukrainian minister of justice recently stated in an interview that Ukraine is going through a period of wild capitalism, such as one that all Western countries experienced in earlier centuries. He went on to say that, unfortunately, Ukraine is experiencing this type of era today and that is why no president and no government will be interested in honest rules of the game.

I am aware that so-called Western movies about cowboys and Indians, some imported from Hollywood but many filmed in Eastern bloc countries by East German directors, were very popular in the former Soviet Union in the 1960's and 1970's. I am not sure what kind of impressions these films may have created among the Soviet population, or how those impressions may have been passed on to later generations, but I suspect that they





may have contributed to a fundamental mis-impression about at least American history and about the rule of law in that history. So let me provide you with an important historical example of the rule of law in very early American history. Some of you may have heard of John Adams. He was a lawyer in Massachusetts born in 1735 who became one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and one of the leaders of the American Revolution leading up to the creation of the United States. He helped Thomas Jefferson write the Declaration of Independence. He was George Washington's vice president for eight years and then he was elected to be the second president of the United States in 1797. One of the famous events that most historians cite as an event that led up to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War against the British was the Boston Massacre. In 1770, five years before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, five civilian members of the Massachusetts colony were shot and killed by a detachment of British troops in Boston under confusing circumstances. Under the law, the British troops did not have the right to shoot civilians without court authorization, so the captain of the British detachment and the eight British soldiers under his command who had participated in the massacre were

*John Adams*

all charged with murder. A number of Boston lawyers, including some who were loyal to the British, were asked to defend the soldiers, but they all refused. Then John Adams was asked to defend the captain and the eight soldiers. The fee he would receive was modest. But despite his well known opposition to British rule, Adams nonetheless strongly believed that every person deserved a defense and a fair trial, so he agreed to defend the captain and the eight soldiers, who were to be tried separately from the captain. At the trial of the British captain, Adams was able to cast substantial doubt upon whether the captain had ever given the orders to shoot, so the jury of American colonists decided that he should be acquitted. At the separate trial of the eight soldiers accused of murder, Adams represented evidence that the soldiers had fired upon the civilians only after a large and hostile mob of

young men had gathered, had threatened the soldiers and had pelted the soldiers with chunks of ice and other objects. Adams argued to the jury that blame for the tragedy fell upon the threatening mob that had gathered around the soldiers and upon England's provocative practice of stationing troops in a city such as Boston. He asked the jurors to think about what they would have done if ordered to be a soldier stationed in a city surrounded by a large mob of hostile and threatening young men. Adams argued to the jury during his closing argument that whatever political sentiments or passions the jurors might have, "facts are stubborn things" and that sentiments and passions cannot be allowed to change the state of facts and

evidence. The jury found none of the soldiers guilty

of murder. It found two of the soldiers guilty of the lesser offense of manslaughter and completely acquitted the other six.

Initial reaction to Adams's role in the case was hostile. He lost more than half of his law practice. But in the long run, his courageous actions in the defense of those highly unpopular defendants only enhanced his reputation as a great man. And in his old age, Adams wrote in his diary that his defense of the British troops was "one of the best actions of my whole life", and one of the best pieces of service

I ever rendered my country." Ask yourselves, can any of you imagine Lenin or Trotsky doing anything like that? And Lenin, of course, was a lawyer. Speaking of Communists, it is from a historical perspective fascinating and from the perspective of anyone who had to live under a Soviet system profoundly tragic that Karl Marx spent more than 30 years living in England and never noticed that the rule of law had an independent existence from the class conflicts that may have characterized 19<sup>th</sup> Century English life. Perhaps that is what happens when theory becomes more important than facts. But that is a historical footnote to our discussion. There are three things that are important about what happened to the British soldiers after the Boston Massacre. The first is that once again, we see how critically important juries are as a mechanism of the rule of law. Second, it is important to note that a man who in a few years would





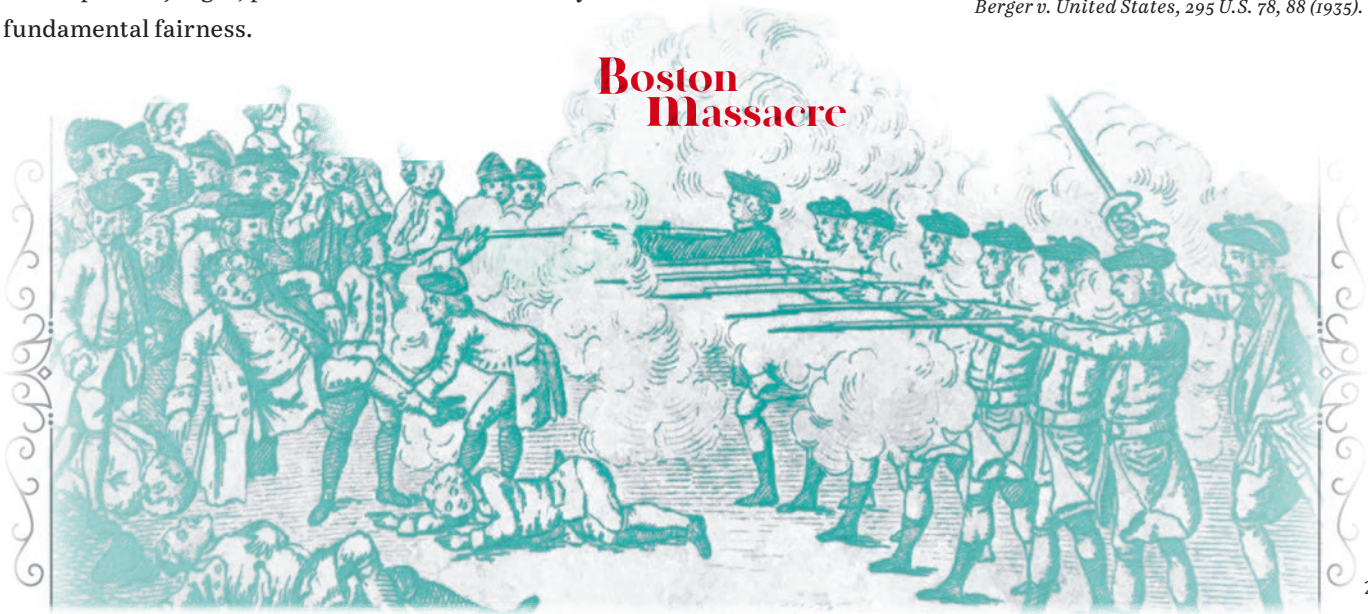
become one of the Founding Fathers of the United States was willing to defend soldiers who represented a power, in this instance the British Empire, that Adams himself strongly opposed because that is what fairness in the law demanded. He defended the British soldiers, and he defended them successfully because he believed that the rule of law should be and had to be understood and seen to be independent of politics. Third, it is important to note that however much the jurors sitting on the two trials may have resented or hated British rule, it was nonetheless possible for Adams to appeal to their respect for facts and evidence so as to lead one jury to completely acquit the captain and a second jury to acquit all eight soldiers of murder and to acquit six of the eight of all charges. I have spoken of “fundamental fairness.” What does fundamental fairness mean in the criminal legal context? It means certain mechanisms, perhaps the most important of which is a jury trial for criminal defendants. It also means a set of rules that governs how legal proceedings should be conducted, so that, for example, if the prosecution has information that the defendant may be innocent, the prosecution is required to share that information with the defense even if the prosecution does not believe that information. It also means a rule that the prosecution cannot mislead the jury with false information. It also means adherence to certain principles of fairness, such as that no criminal law can be so vague that it is unclear to the average citizen to whom that law applies or to what kind of conduct it applies. And, of course, fundamental fairness requires a truly independent and professional judiciary. Last, but not least, it also means a genuine commitment on the part of judges, prosecutors and defense lawyers to fundamental fairness.

In 1934 in New York, a federal prosecutor was prosecuting a group of men accused of participating in a conspiracy to use counterfeit money. The jury decided that the defendants were guilty. But during the trial the prosecutor did a number of things that undermined the fairness of the trial and that were later challenged on appeal. Specifically, the prosecutor had misled the jury in a number of ways during his closing argument. The court of appeals decided that although the prosecutor’s conduct was not proper, it was not so improper as to cause that court to reverse the conviction. The case went up to the Supreme Court in 1935, and the Supreme Court reversed the conviction based on the prosecutor’s misconduct. The case is known as *Berger v. United States*. It became famous because when deciding that case, the Supreme Court stated an admonishment that has been repeated thousands of times. It is an admonishment that every federal prosecutor has heard since then. Here is the Supreme Court’s famous statement:

*The United States Attorney is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereign whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor - indeed, he should do so. But while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one.*

*Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78, 88 (1935).

## Boston Massacre





Is the commitment to fairness just a slogan in, for example, the United States? It is not. When it became clear several years ago that Federal prosecutors had not disclosed certain evidence that could have helped the defendant, who happened to be a United States Senator of the opposing party, the Attorney General voluntarily dismissed the charges against that defendant because the Attorney General had concluded that his prosecutors had conducted themselves in a manner that was below the standard of fundamental fairness. The Attorney General then ordered the implementation of a new training program for all new as well as experienced prosecutors so that the same mistakes were not repeated. Does any of this mean that prosecutors in the United States or Canada or Britain do not make mistakes, or that judges there do not make mistakes or that even the Supreme Courts do not make mistakes? Of course not. There are no perfect legal systems and there are no perfect prosecutors, judges or Supreme Courts anywhere. But it is impossible for the rule of law to be established and maintained if there is not a genuine commitment to fundamental fairness by everyone in the legal system, and a demand and expectation by society at large of fundamental fairness from its legal system. As we all know, in 2011, almost 100 years after the famous trial of Mendel Beilis, a government in Kyiv staged a trial against someone whom the government had a strong animus, the trial was highly controversial, it received a lot of international attention, and at the end of the day the defendant, Yulia Tymoshenko, was found guilty and sentenced to a lengthy jail term. From a legal perspective, what is the most important difference between the Beilis trial and the Tymoshenko trial, beside the fact that they happened 100 years apart? The most obvious difference is that the Beilis trial was and is viewed by most people around the world with an interest in the rule of law as having been a fair trial, and the Tymoshenko trial is viewed by most people around the world with an interest in the rule of law as having been unfair. Why?

There are several reason, but perhaps the most obvious reason is the jury. There was a jury to decide guilt or

innocence in the Beilis trial, and there was no jury to decide guilt or innocence in the Tymoshenko trial. Why are juries so important? There are several reasons, but two are of paramount significance. First, juries are important because they serve as a counterbalance to the immense power of any government, as represented by the prosecution and the police. Second, juries are important because they are a neutral arbiter of guilt or innocence, and the requirement of a neutral arbiter is an essential element of fundamental fairness and, thus, the rule of law. As various commentators have pointed out with respect to Ukraine and other post-Soviet countries, it is absurd to suggest that a single young judge - in a judicial system in which his reappointment will be decided upon in part by the same office of the prosecutor general that is prosecuting cases before him - can or will be as fair to the defendant as would be a jury of the defendant's fellow citizens. Although humanity has made many and various mistakes of greater or lesser magnitude, it is fair to say that with respect to most activities in most developed countries, there has been a slow evolution towards improvement. No developed country today considers slavery to be acceptable. Women and minorities have been gaining increased rights. Medicine and technology have made significant strides. How then is it possible to explain why a criminal trial that took place in Kyiv 100 years ago could with respect to rule of law be significantly superior, because fundamentally more fair, than was a trial that took place in 2011? *How is it possible to regress so much legally?*

The answer is not a mystery, but one that has for the most part been ignored due to historical amnesia. The answer is that the Soviet system systematically destroyed the rule of law and substituted for it a system of legal lawlessness. And the legal system that exists in Ukraine today and most other post-Soviet countries is still that same Soviet system of legal lawlessness in which fairness is frequently irrelevant and the factor of importance is power and the capacity to exercise that power as the government and the prosecution wish.

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As a result, Berger will have a new trial.

Berger was convicted of conspiracy to pass counterfeit money but was not accused of having actually taken part in any transaction. The Court noted that the case against him was not "strong."

Singer, the Court said, without mentioning him by name, "overstepped the bounds of propriety and should characterize the conduct of such an officer in the prosecution of a criminal case."



Judge Campbell fairness which

of CONGRESS U.S.A. consisted of witnesses; putting statements into their mouth.





Twenty years ago in 1992 here in Kyiv, a year after Ukraine's independence, lawyers of Ukrainian ancestry from around the world and lawyers in Ukraine held their first convention. I delivered one of the keynote addresses at that convention, and my topic was the rule of law. A year prior to that convention I had left private practice, and I had become a federal prosecutor. In order to provide the audience with a concrete example of what rule of law meant in the context of a prosecutor's life and activities, I told the audience the following hypothetical. I asked the audience to imagine that I, a federal prosecutor, in my private life wanted to remove my neighbor from the scene because I had an eye for his beautiful wife or because I wanted to expand my house so that it would extend onto my neighbor's property. In the anecdote I presented to my audience of Ukrainian lawyers, I explained that I was not a murderous man, so I decided to try to use my position as a prosecutor to try and get rid of my neighbor by having him arrested and jailed. In order to do so, I would, first, have to convince a FBI agent to write an affidavit claiming that my neighbor had committed a crime. To accomplish that, I would have to either fool the FBI agent into thinking that my neighbor had in fact committed the crime or else persuade the agent to participate in my corrupt scheme. In reality, either of those would be very difficult to accomplish. But let's imagine that I somehow succeeded in persuading the FBI agent to write a false affidavit. Then the FBI agent and I would have to go before a magistrate judge, represent her with affidavit, and, and once again, either fool the magistrate judge or corrupt her. Again, either of those would be difficult to accomplish. But let's imagine, I said to my audience back in 1992, that I also succeeded in crossing that hurdle, and that the judge signed an arrest warrant against my neighbor, and that the FBI agent then arrested my neighbor and threw him in jail. What, under our American system, would happen after that? First of all, my neighbor would have to be brought before a District Judge within a day or two after his arrest, and I and my FBI agent would have to appear before that same judge to explain what the basis was for the arrest. Sooner or later, that District Judge would hold an evidentiary hearing and it would become evident to the Judge that the entire scheme to jail my neighbor had no genuine factual or legal basis. What would happen then? At a minimum, I and the FBI agent would immediately be suspended. After an investigation was done, I would be

fired from my job, and I would myself probably be charged with having committed one or more crimes. I concluded my remarks by emphasizing that the existence of all of those procedures to prevent me as a prosecutor from abusing the legal system was very much a part of the rule of law and, obviously, very much a good thing.

Later on that evening on the day I had given my speech, President Krawchuk hosted the convention participants at a banquet in the Mariyanskiy Palace. There were mountains of food and a large supply of champagne and vodka, all of which produced a very festive atmosphere. After several hours of this, four burly men came up to me and one of them put his arm on my shoulder and told me that they had listened to my speech earlier that day at the convention. He went on to say that I seemed like a nice young man - remember that this was 20 years ago - but that I was a very foolish young man. Somewhat curious about this unusual encounter, I pressed them to tell me who they were and what prompted them to say what I had just heard. It turned out that they were four Ukrainian prosecutors from Dnipropetrovsk. To make a long story short, it turned out that they had listened to my anecdote about the rule of law, and they simply could not believe that any prosecutor would say that it was a good thing that there were procedures that limited what the prosecutor could or could not do. They were, therefore, prompted to tell me that I was foolish because I seemed to think that such procedural restrictions on what a prosecutor could do were not only appropriate but laudable.

Let me begin to conclude by summarizing the key points with which I want to leave you. I have done this by formulating five theses to which I would like you to give some thought:

**I**n today's modern world, no large, diverse and complex country can prosper without a high level of rule of law. By "prosperity" I mean not just general economic prosperity but also general societal prosperity that includes real democracy and real human rights. Ukraine is no exception. And anyone who suggests that Ukraine can afford to or will have to wait years or decades for rule of law to take root is speaking nonsense. Every day that Ukraine delays making genuine improvement, and I emphasize genuine because post-Soviet countries are masters at pretending that they are going to do something and then not do it, the longer Ukraine and its citizens will suffer, and more young people will want to leave. Once



again, economic development and the development of democracy are dependent upon the rule of law.

**2** The rule of law in Ukraine cannot be improved without confronting and understanding history, because otherwise the same mistakes will be repeated over and over again. The rule of law cannot be improved without a recognition that today's legal system in Ukraine is the direct descendant of the Soviet system, and that the Soviet system was a system of legal lawlessness in which, for example, juries were abolished and trials were surrealistic theatrical presentations intended to reassert state power instead of being a means of seeking to determine the factual truth by reliance upon evidence and fair legal procedures. In a rule of law legal system, an independent and professional judiciary is the legal arbiter in that system and prosecutors and defense lawyers are both subservient to that judiciary. In a Soviet-style legal system, it is the prosecution that plays the dominant role, and fairness is mostly irrelevant.

**3** For the rule of law to be improved in Ukraine, the Soviet-style prosecution office and its role have to be changed fundamentally. The law applicable to the prosecution has to be changed. The legal training provided to prosecutors has to be changed. Prosecutors have to come to understand that their primary duty is justice, not the exercise of power.

**4** Juries should be required in all criminal matters in which a defendant is facing more than a year of prison. If I am not mistaken, the utilization of juries is already provided for in the Ukrainian constitution, but it is a provision that has been ignored. Reforming the Ukrainian prosecution service may take time to accomplish, even though it should be begun today, but the utilization of juries is something that can be instituted almost immediately and should be implemented without any further hesitation. In this way, what happens in today's Kyiv courtrooms could at least catch up with what happened in the Kyiv courtroom of a century ago. Unfortunately, Ukrainian legal thinking is still a captive of post-Soviet thinking. Instead of introducing a jury system of 12 lay persons, as is the practice in most of the countries in which the rule of law is highly developed and, incidentally, that was the practice for half a century in Czarist Russia before the Bolsheviks completely destroyed the legal system, Ukraine has in the new Criminal Procedural Code implemented this month instead adopted a semi-Soviet system of 3 professional judges and 2 lay

jurors, and only in cases involving the possibility of life imprisonment. Why? Why not get it right? Why not learn something from the rest of the world?

**5** The rule of law is dependent upon a The rule of law is dependent upon a symbiosis between society at large and the legal establishment. Society must expect and demand fundamental fairness. It can do so by rewarding politicians who genuinely promote the rule of law and by electorally punishing those politicians who say one thing but in fact make no improvements to the level of rule of law. The legal establishment, by which I mean the parliament, the judiciary and the lawyers, whether prosecutors or lawyers in private practice, must adopt those principles and mechanisms that ensure procedural fairness. Such legal best practices are well known in the international community. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. What is required is the will and the desire to improve the rule of law. But without societal pressure to insist upon rule of law, and especially to insist upon fundamental fairness in criminal proceedings, genuine reform is not likely to be forthcoming.

One does not have to be a lawyer to recognize what is fundamentally fair and what is fundamentally unfair. Fundamental fairness is not perfect fairness. Perfect fairness is for the angels or for the contemplation of professors who never leave their academic surroundings. Fundamental fairness is the avoidance of fundamental unfairness. More than two thousand years ago Aristotle suggested to us that justice or fairness is the principle that equals should be treated equally and unequals unequally. This means that individuals should be treated the same, unless they differ in ways that are relevant to the situation in which they are involved. This is a simple and profound principle and perhaps one of the sources of the fundamental principle of rule of law that all are equal before the law. But however profound and insightful Aristotle's principle may be, it's worth noting that anyone who is a parent knows that even young children appear to have a strong sense of fairness and unfairness, which suggests that one doesn't need to wait to read Aristotle to have a sense of justice. With all that in mind, I'll conclude with the following: I hope to leave you with the conviction that only when lawyers and non-lawyers, by whom I mean everyone from members of the media to each and every last citizen of this country, push for and insist upon fundamental fairness and an improvement in the state of rule of law in Ukraine is that improvement likely to take root. **CUPP**





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International Economic Relations Department,  
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**LAST BOOK READ:** Nelson Mandela "Long Walk for Freedom".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Учітесь, читайте, і чужому научайтесь, й свого не цурайтесь." - Тарас Шевченко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Ludwig van Beethoven - Piano Sonata No. 14.

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

The Carpathian Mountains are clipping the country's southwest corner endowing Ukraine with a crinkled region of forested hills, spectacular mountain lakes, fast-flowing rivers and picturesque waterfalls. The Carpathian region in western Ukraine contrasts hugely with the flatness of the steppes in the South East and of the country as well as urbanized territories of central and eastern Ukraine. Here rises mountain Hoverla - Ukraine's highest peak, 2061m. This is the land of the Hutsuls, whose colourful folk culture laced through villages along wide valley floors. It's also rural Ukraine at its best, where tiered wooden churches dot hillsides. The Carpathian Mountains fascinate with its beauty regardless of the time of year and weather.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to contribute towards the continuous, deep, and trustworthy diplomatic cooperation between our two countries. This is also an opportunity to spotlight where the government - and the community as a whole - needs to redouble its efforts to meet current and future challenges. The work of the Government of Canada will continue to play an important role in the political and economic emancipation of Ukraine. Conversely, promoting and strengthening bilateral ties, and dialogue with our sovereign state can be beneficial for the Government of Canada. Such relations, based on respect and concern for national, political and ethical interests within and across countries, will shape the new stage of Ukraine's democratic development, where diversity exists with strong unity and peace.

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2015-2016 Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) alumna;



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2015-2016 Internship at Ivano-Frankivsk City Council,  
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**LAST BOOK READ:** George Orwell "1984".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Ти ждеш іще народження для себе, а смерть ввійшла у тебе вже давно." - Василь Стус

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

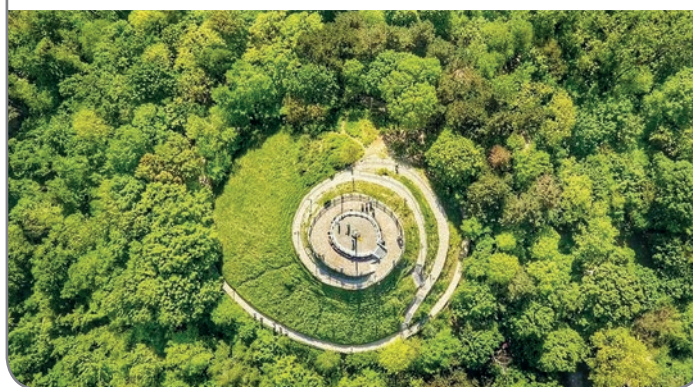
"It's no shame to be born stupid. Only to die stupid." - Erich Maria Remarque

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Lizza "Good as Hell";  
Michael Jackson "Earth Song".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

Lviv High Castle. Vysokiy Zamok is a multipurpose place. Firstly it serves as a motivation, because in order to get to the top one has to spend a good deal of physical resources. Secondly it works as a mediator between nature and human, since it opens a breathtaking panoramic view on the symbiosis of City and wildlife. Thirdly, High Castle takes its visitors a few decades back in the history, which gives an opportunity to take a moment of appreciation for the life given us by ancestors commitment.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to look and see the ways for youth to contribute in Ukrainian prosperity. There are great examples of successful CUPP Alumni, who made their way to political sphere and now are performing for the good of our country. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CUPP is a milestone to check the achieved results and to establish new goals for future generation of alumni. Since there is always room for improvement-there is motivation to move towards set aims.



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Law Faculty Scholarship 2015 recipient.



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**LAST BOOK READ:** Michael Beschloss "Presidents of War".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Молю ридати, пошли, подай душі убогій силу, щоб огненно заговорила, щоб слово пламенем взялось, щоб людям серце розтопило. І на Україні понеслось, і на Україні світилось те слово, Божеє кадило, кадило істини. Амінь." - Тарас Шевченко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Aut viam, inveniam aut faciam." (I shall either find a way or make one) - Hannibal Barca

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Mattia Cupelli "Touch";  
Hans Zimmer "The Battle".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Khortytsia Island** is the place where the Zaporizhian Cossacks found their first shelter in the Ukrainian steppe. Here, the Zaporizhian Cossacks built their stronghold developing Ukrainian military and governance traditions. Centuries have passed since Catherine the Great put the free state of Cossacks to an end, but the symbol of Ukraine's honour and liberty lives here.

Today, Khortytsia is a beautiful national historical and natural reserve, where many types of rare plants can be found. The territory of the reserve includes - along with the main island - numerous islands, some of which bear very unusual names. For example, one of the rocks is called Catherine's Couch. Legend tells it that the Russian Empress Catherine the Great stayed nearby on her way to Kherson.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is an opportunity to show how the dream to prepare the new generation of Ukrainian leaders came true. More than 500 CUPP alumni are shaping Ukraine today receiving highest public offices and becoming opinion leaders in various areas of social life.

It is an opportunity for us as interns to demonstrate the commitment of CUPP alumni, who have already changed Ukraine for the better implementing landmark projects and becoming opinion leaders in various areas of social life.

It is also an opportunity to think about the objectives of CUPP for the future, as even more CUPP alumni are expected to influence the future of our country having regard to Ukraine's further integration into the community of rule of law countries.

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**LAST BOOK READ:** Jordan Peterson "12 rules for life".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Нащо даремні скорботи?  
Назад нема нам воріття!  
Берімось краще до роботи,  
Змагаймось за нове життя!" - Леся Українка

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"A child said What is the grass? fetching it to me with full hands;  
How could I answer the child? I do not know what it is any more than he." - Walt Whitman

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Blackpink "Playing with fire";  
The Beatles "Let it be";  
Ocean Elsy "Не питай".

### FAVORITE BOOKS:

Benjamin Franklin "The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin";  
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn "The Gulag Archipelago";  
George Orwell "1984";  
Ivan Rudchenko and Panas Myrny "Do Oxen Low when Mangers are Full?".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Taras Hill, Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine.** It is the hill where one of the most beloved people in Ukrainian literature and history - Taras Hryhorovych Shevchenko - found his last resting peace. The view from his grave fulfils all his wishes from his famous poem "The Testament":

When I am dead, bury me  
In my beloved Ukraine,  
My tomb upon a grave mound high  
Amid the spreading plain,  
So that the fields, the boundless steppes,  
The Dnieper's plunging shore  
My eyes could see, my ears could hear  
The mighty river roar.



## CUPP at 30

CUPP at 30 is an opportunity to observe Western democracy in action and acquire the necessary experience and knowledge that will help to transform and lead Independent Ukraine to a brighter future.





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**LAST BOOK READ:** Marshall McLuhan "The Gutenberg Galaxy: The Making of Typographic Man".

**LAST BOOK READ BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:** Mykhailo Minakov "History of Experience".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Дехто вмирає, так і не народившись." - Павло Загребельний

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Man cannot be free if he does not know that he is subject to necessity, because his freedom is always won in his never wholly successful attempts to liberate himself from necessity." - Hannah Arendt

### FAVOURITE BOOKS:

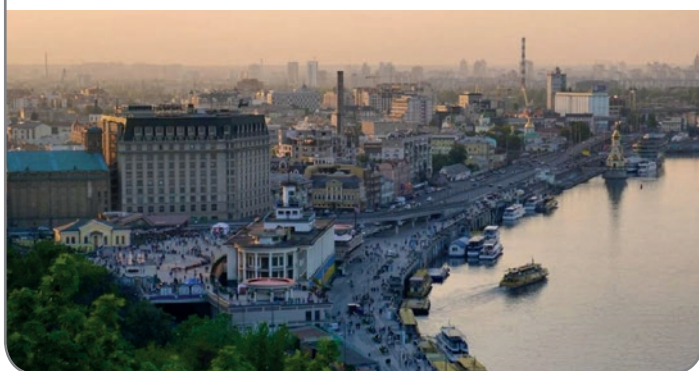
Gary Romain "Promise at Dawn";  
Martin Buber "I and Thou";  
Ingmar Bergman "Private Confessions".

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Philip Glass "Metamorphosis";  
Terry Riley "In C";  
Arnold Schoenberg "Verklärte Nacht";  
Leonard Cohen "Famous Blue Raincoat".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**The view on Podil.** This district's atmosphere combines old exquisite buildings, quiet streets, streetcars, churches and the famous Zhytniy Market. A walk around Podil is a truly unforgettable experience.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to show the immense impact that the Program has made since its establishment. It cultivated the new generation of leaders, that become successful in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, working in different fields. Now the CUPP alumni community brings together outstanding individuals with a strong devotion and loyalty to changing Ukraine for better. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is a chance to share these outstanding results, to discuss new challenges and to make plans for the future.

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**Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University of Oil and Gas** in Law and Political Sciences;

**Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales** in International Relations.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** French, English, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Nicolas Sarkozy "Passions".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Так, держава - це я, а не те, що вони з нею зробили. І якби кожен усвідомив, що держава - це він, то досі у нас вже була б достойна держава." - Ліна Костенко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Rakhmaninov - concerto #2;  
Offenbach "Baccarolle";  
Dalida "Portofino".

### FAVOURITE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Bruce Peninsula National Park.** It is a national park on the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, Canada. Located on a part of the Niagara Escarpment, the park comprises 156 square kilometres and is one of the largest protected areas in southern Ontario, forming the core of UNESCO's Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve.



## CUPP at 30

Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program turns 30, Ukraine turns 29 years old. CUPP has been producing Ukrainian leaders since 1990. Since 1991, Ukraine's path is very challenging, but she succeeded in establishing her independence and defending her sovereignty.

One should remark that Ukraine has always had a very close cooperation with Canada. It is the country that always supported Ukraine, its sovereignty and integrity. Ukraine perceives humanitarian and financial assistance, military cooperation by monitoring Peace and Stabilization Operations Programs. Strategic advices provided by Canadian Police officers made Canadian role in the Police reform indispensable. Those examples are a small part of boundless partnership between two countries.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to enhance the cooperation and to share Canadian "savoir-faire" in all governmental fields. Learning the specificities of Canadian governance can inspire to improve Ukrainian funds management and transparency.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to develop cultural and educational exchanges between two countries. Educational programs in different fields, exchanging programs between Canadian and Ukrainian universities can make Ukrainian youth progress and create a real international community based on cultural bonds.



## Maksym DZHYHUN



**BORN IN:** Popilnia, Zhytomyr oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Irpin, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

2019 - **Mykhaylo Drahomanov National Pedagogical University of Kyiv**, Master's degree in Political Science, Master's degree in Public Governance and Administration;

2019 - **University of South-Eastern Norway**, Human Rights And Multiculturalism.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, Polish.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Moyses Naim: «The end of Power».

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

“Життя людського строки стислі, Немає часу на поразку.”  
- Ліна Костенко.

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

“Man can be destroyed but not defeated.” - Ernest Hemingway.

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

The Hardkiss “Журавлі”, “Rain”;  
Three Days Grace “Never Too Late”.

**FAVOURITE BOOKS:**

Coldplay “Yellow”;  
С.К.А.Й «Давай втечемо».

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Khotyn Castle Fortress.** One version of the origin of the name of the city Khotyn from the Slavic word “wanting” which in today’s language corresponds to the adjective “welcome”. Place for construction of the castle was very well chosen - it was high (up to 20 meter) rocky promontory formed the bed of Dniester river and canyon creek. The castle guarded by one of the ferries across the Dniester. Khotyn fortress was founded approximately in the thirteenth century and then rebuilt several times until year 1544. Since then the castle remained intact and is one of the wonders of the ancient heritage of fortification architecture.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is a great opportunity for interns, alumnus and founders of CUPP to celebrate the program’s outcomes over the past 30 years and to lay the groundwork for its functioning for 30 years ahead. CUPP is a unique instrument of diplomatic, political and cultural rapprochement between two democratic countries – Canada and Ukraine. The mission of each of the interns and alumni of the program is to develop and deepen the endeavors started by Mr. Bardyn in distant 1991.

## Olga GOLOVAKINA



**BORN IN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**, French Linguistics;

**College of Europe**, European Interdisciplinary Studies;

**Graduate School for Social Research**, Lancaster University, Politics and Society.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, French, German, Polish, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Simone de Beauvoir “Le deuxième sexe”.

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

“І все на світі треба пережити,  
І кожен фініш - це, по суті, старт,  
І наперед не треба ворожити,  
І за минулим плакати не варт.” - Ліна Костенко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

“In the politics of eternity, the seduction by a mythicised past prevents us from thinking about possible futures. The habit of swelling on victimhood dulls the impulse of self-correction. Since the nation is defined by its inherent virtue rather than by its future potential, politics becomes a discussion of good and evil rather than a discussion of possible solutions to real problems. Since the crisis is permanent, the sense of emergency is always present; planning for the future seems impossible or even disloyal. How can we even think of reform when the enemy is always at the gate?” - “On Tyranny.”  
- Timothy Snyder

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Frederic Chopin - Nocturne E-flat major.

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**The Swallow’s Nest castle** is a decorative castle located in Gaspra, a small town near Yalta in the Crimean Peninsula. It was built between 1911 and 1912, on top of the 40-metre (130 ft) high Aurora Cliff, in a Neo-Gothic design. I am very fond of the art that dates back to 1910’s-1930’s. This is a beautiful castle surrounded by the sea and looks absolutely stunning at sunset. Being a very romantic scene, it also represents how life can be perilous, even when such a beauty is on the cliff and one is afraid it might just fall and perish. It re-minds us that we should enjoy every moment of our lives.



### CUPP at 30

Is an opportunity to rediscover Ukraine from a new point of view. Look at Ukraine from abroad and promote Ukraine together with a group of young leaders from Ukraine.

Contribute to the Ukrainian cultural diplomacy initiative while participating in the CUPP program and enriching it. As an organizer and volunteer at the European Youth Parliament, I look forward to the opportunity to celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.





## Yevhenii HANZHA



### BORN IN:

Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

2016 **Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**  
Faculty of International Law,  
Bachelor in International Law, Diploma cum laude;

2018 **Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics**,  
Faculty of International Trade and Law,  
Master of International Law.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Spanish, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Ivan Bahrianyi "Tyhrolovy".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Немає нічого страшнішого за необмежену владу в руках обмеженої людини." - Василь Симоненко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford

### FAVORITE BOOK:

Lee Kuan Yew "From Third World to First".

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Guns N' Roses "Paradise City";  
Toto "Africa".

### FAVOURITE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Château Frontenac.** This magnificent hotel opened its doors in 1893. The directors of the railway society wanted to encourage luxury tourism, and hoped this would induce wealthy tourists aboard their trains. It hosted the two Québec Conference at which the Allies discussed Second World War strategies. It was in Château Frontenac that Mackenzie King met British prime minister Winston Churchill and American president Franklin D. Roosevelt to finalize Italy's surrender. They met again in 1944 to work out the end of the war. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was founded there in 1945. Considered as the world's most photographed hotel, the Château Frontenac is a cultural monument associated with Québec's history and a historical jewel designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



## CUPP at 30

Ukraine-Canada relations have a long and fruitful story of cooperation and taking part in the 30<sup>th</sup> Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is of significant importance to me as it will allow me to establish a new landmark in these relations. I already have some understanding of governmental process in the field of youth and sports, its strengths and weaknesses, and being a Canadian Parliament trainee will provide me with a deeper knowledge of good parliamentarism to further apply it in my future legislative service for the benefit of Ukrainian youth and sport.

## Yuliia HRABENKO



**BORN IN:** Shyshaky, Poltava oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Poltava, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**,  
Faculty of Economics, International Economics;

2014-2015 **Future Leaders Exchange**, Alumna, NH, USA.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, French, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Dan Brown "Origin".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Подався доганяти без надії догнати. Але - сміливі завжди мають щастя." - Іван Багряний

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

The Hardkiss "Журавлі", "Rain";  
Three Days Grace "Never Too Late".

### FAVOURITE BOOKS:

Charlotte Brontë "Jane Eyre";  
Gregory David Roberts "Shantaram";  
Kate Ferrazzi "Never eat alone".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Sobornosti Street in Poltava.** Sobornosti street is among most visited places in Poltava. It is the coziest and the nicest route to go for a walk with friends or on your own. You walk this long street, pass the main park with the monument of the Golden eagle as a symbol of the victory in Poltava Battle in 1709. You walk past cozy cafes, theatre, parks, big church, and Halushka monument. From the right, you see an old house of Ukrainian writer Ivan Kotlyarevskyi. Then you come to hill with the White Rotonda. This is my favourite place in Poltava with incredible views.

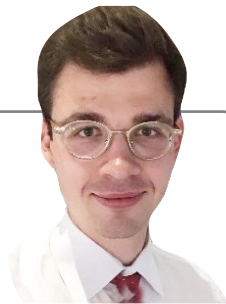


## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to one more time emphasize on the importance of this program, to cherish the memories and achievements of the CUPP alumni during 30 years and of course – to meet with new CUPP finalists to unite and create common goals and plans to make positive changes in our country. It is also an opportunity to share our unique experience, which each of us has managed to obtain, among ourselves that will allow us to learn from each other. I believe, this is a special anniversary of the program that exists through the history of Independent Ukraine and keeps educating young talented Ukrainians about parliamentary democracy, transparent governmental system, and opportunities that we can get or create in the future. The more interns there are, the more changemakers we will have in the future.



## Danyyl IPPOLITOV



### BORN IN:

Yenakiieve, Donetsk oblast, Ukraine.

### HOMETOWN:

Kharkiv, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

**Kharkiv National Medical University,**  
Doctor of Medicine;

### University of Ottawa,

Mitacs Globalink Scholarship Recipient, Cancer Research.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, German, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Joseph Heller "Catch-22"

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Терпи, терпи, терпи - терпець тебе шліфує,  
Ставить твій дух - тож і терпи, терпи." - Василь Стус

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Who controls the past controls the future.  
Who controls the present controls the past." - George Orwell

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Leonard Cohen "Famous Blue Raincoat";  
Sting "Englishman in New York";  
George Gershwin "Porgy and Bess".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Synevir** is the largest and one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in the Carpathian Mountains. It is also called "Sea Eye" or "Pearl of the Carpathians". Looking at the lake from bird's eye view, picturesque view opens before your eyes - mirror-like water surface among green forests, with a small island in the middle.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to rethink and evaluate almost 30 years of Ukrainian Independence. It's a good time to talk about CUPP contribution to appearance of new faces in Ukrainian politics. It's a chance to mention a progress in Canada-Ukraine relations and develop some plans for the future. And finally, it's an occasion to celebrate our victories and remember our National Heroes.

## Veronika KALYTA



**BORN IN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:** **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,**  
Faculty of Law, Master of Law;



**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,**  
Institute of International Relations, International Relations  
Department, Specialization: Foreign Politics, MA.



**2020 Senator Denise Black Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Jennifer Black MP for Toronto Centre, Ontario.**

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Polish, German, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Francis Fukuyama "Political Order and  
Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalization  
of Democracy".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Смиліві завжди мають щастя." - Іван Багряний

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Our mind is enriched by what we receive, our heart by what we  
give." - Victor Hugo

### FAVOURITE BOOKS:

Ivan Bahrianyi "Tiger Trappers" ("Tyhrolovy");  
Charles Dickens "Christmas Carol".

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Scorpions "Wind of Change".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Khotyn Fortress** is a fortification complex located on the right bank of the Dniester River in Khotyn, in western Ukraine. With walls up to 40m high and 6m thick, today's stone fortress was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, replacing an earlier wooden structure. Its location safeguarded river trade routes, making it a sought-after prize. Today, the Khotyn fortress serves not only as popular tourist destination, but as a setting for numerous historic movies. The fortress also became an attractive place for history buffs, who organize each year a spectacular military-historical reenactment performance - "The Battle of Nations".



## CUPP at 30

- Is an opportunity to get new contacts with proactive and aspiring Ukrainian youth, which is ready to act and to take responsibility for its' country;
- Is an opportunity to build a strong network and get new ideas;
- Is an opportunity to build contacts with members of Canadian Parliament, prominent Canadian politics and social activists, state officers;
- Is an opportunity to see and experience the work at the Canadian Parliament inside;
- Is an opportunity to make a step to future successful career;
- Is an opportunity to get useful knowledge how to organize the work of members of Parliament effectively, how members of Parliament and citizens communicate, how the rule of law works in one of the most successful democracies in the world. I am sure that this experience can be successfully applied in Ukraine;
- Is an opportunity to develop personal skills and knowledge.





## Olena KHOVOSTYK



**BORN IN:** Chervonohrad, Lviv roblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Lviv, Ukraine

### EDUCATION:

**Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University**,  
Faculty of Foreign Philology,  
Language and Literature (French), Bachelor (2014-2018);  
Faculty of International Relations, Master (2018-2020).



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, French, Russian.

### LAST BOOK READ:

Ліна Костенко "Записки українського сумашедшого".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"А ви думали, що Україна так просто. Україна - це супер. Україна - це ексклюзив. По ній пройшли всі катки історії. На ній відпрацьовані всі види випробувань. Вона загартована найвищим гарттом. В умовах сучасного світу їй немає ціни." - Ліна Костенко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Tell me and I will forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand." - Confucius

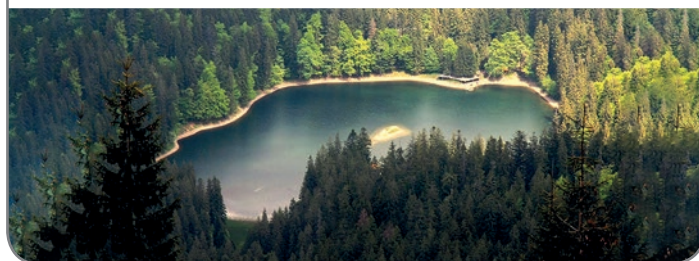
**FAVOURITE BOOKS:** Chris Kyle "American Sniper".

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Queen "Bohemian Rhapsody";  
Phil Collins "Another Day in Paradise";  
Eric Clapton "Autumn Leaves".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Synevir** is the largest and one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in the Carpathian Mountains. It is also called "Sea Eye" or "Pearl of the Carpathians". Looking at the lake from bird's eye view, picturesque view opens before your eyes - mirror-like water surface among green forests, with a small island in the middle. The lake attracts tourists with crystal clear waters and unique landscapes. There is beautiful legend that the picturesque blue lake was formed from the tears of the count's daughter Syn, on the place where her father had killed her beloved - a shepherd Vir. Now only two wooden statues of lovers remind about that story. As for me, the city where I truly grew up and where I belong. There I find inspiration, motivation and strength to move on.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity, which will benefit Ukrainian leaders' future studies and help them in their prospective careers. Furthermore, I consider CUPP as a marvelous opportunity to get in touch with Canadian culture and the principles of democratic government and parliamentary procedures. Interns get to experience the workings of Parliament at first hand and to see how MPs interact - not only with one another but also with the external environment: constituency, government and interest groups.

As MPs are extraordinarily busy, having to deal with challenges of their parliamentary business and lobbying by external organizations, interns will have an opportunity to develop such vital leadership skills as management, communication and problem-solving.

Furthermore, participants will learn how to cope in a demanding environment. The more they do so successfully, the more confident they become.

In conclusion, CUPP program enables them to feel a sense of belonging to the broader education community and how to make decisions that they believe are best for furthering the advancement of the knowledge, their local community, and society.

## Anna KIKESHEVA



**BORN IN:** Vasylivka, Odesa oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

**Friedrich-Alexander University**, School of Business and Economics, Master of Science in International Business Studies;

**University of Groningen**, School of Business and Economics, Exchange semester;



**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**,  
Institute of International Relations, Bachelor of Arts  
with honours in International Business;



**Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences**,  
Faculty of Economics and Business, Exchange Semester.

**2020 Senator Denise Black Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Jennifer Black MP for Toronto Centre, Ontario**.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, German, Dutch, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Rupri Kaur "Milk and Honey".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Наша дума, наша пісня / Не вміре, не загине... / От де, люде, наша слава, / Слава України!" - Тарас Шевченко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Adults keep saying: 'We owe it to the young people to give them hope.' But I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act." - Greta Thunberg

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Johann Strauss "The Blue Danube";  
Квітка Цісик "Я піду в далекі гори";  
Один в каное "Вулиця".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Black Sea shore in Odesa** is my place of peace and internal strength. Visiting Odesa every summer to enjoy vibrant city beaches as well as hidden coastal areas has been an indispensable part of me growing up. Given my father's occupation as a chief boatswain, I have always fancied watching ships sailing into the Port of Odesa and guessing if my dad has been on one of them. Black Sea with its shores and industrial elements is thus my personal favorite among Ukrainian landscapes.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is marking the beginning of a new promising 2020's decade. The decade when actions are to be taken and changes are to be driven. It is the time for Ukraine to start a new page in its development and growth. This year even more interns from all over Ukraine will be able to exercise their potentials at the Parliamentary Hill in Ottawa.

For almost 30 years now, proud CUPP alumni have been contributing to the development of their motherland while CUPP institutors have been working to make this program happen. Now, with more than 500 program alumni proactively engaged in all spheres, one can state that the fruits have been borne.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a perfect chance for CUPP to look back at what this program has already achieved for Ukraine as well as Canada and open a new chapter for further accomplishments. And the next batch of motivated and talented CUPP interns will eagerly embark on these.



## Tania KONDAKOVA



### BORN IN:

Makiivka, Donetsk oblast, Ukraine.

### HOMETOWN:

Makiivka, Donetsk oblast, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

2017 **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**,  
Law Faculty (Administrative Law), LL.B;

2019 **Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**,  
Law Faculty (Business Law), LL.B.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** Russian, English, Polish.

### LAST BOOK READ BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

Angie Thomas "The Hate U Give".

### LAST BOOK READ BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

Serhii Zhadan "Anarchy in the UKR".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"У кожної нації свої хвороби. У Росії - невиліковна." - Ліна Костенко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"The question isn't who is going to let me, it's who is going to stop me." - Ayn Rand

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Alt-J "Matilda";

Один в каное "Демони";

Ludwig Goransson "The Mandalorian".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Dzharylhach Island** (Kherson Oblast) is the biggest island in Ukraine and Black Sea. The amazing views and transparent blue water earned the name of Ukrainian Maldives for the island. There are numerous legends regarding appearance and history of Dzharylhach. It is said that Achilles was born here and that Odysseus came to the island after the Trojan War. Nowadays the island is uninhabited but hosts camping tourists. This place is amazingly peaceful and livening, and is a perfect retreat for the urban soul.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to see the results of long and persistent work. For years past lots of young Ukrainians gained something priceless during their internship in Canada: life-long friends, exemplars, working and problem-solving experience, general understanding of democratic principles and personal responsibility. They came back to Ukraine wiser and more prepared to make changes and to contribute to the development of our own democracy. They have strengthened their values, and these values are essential for ongoing confrontation with the unscrupulousness of those who have not yet realized that there is no turning back. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is also a great opportunity to demonstrate that all the investments made to Ukrainian future leaders were worth making. A great number of CUPP alumni have become government and business representatives who are a cut above the previous generation of professionals and leaders. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is the reason to be proud and the motivation to keep going.

## Mykhaylo KORCHYNSKYI



**BORN IN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:** **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**,  
Faculty of Law, Master of Laws (with honours).



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, Polish, German.

### LAST BOOK READ:

Yuval Noah Harari "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Ми мусимо навчитися чути себе українцями - не галицькими, не буковинськими українцями, а українцями без офіційних кордонів." - Іван Франко

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"To improve is to change: to be perfect is to change often." - Winston Churchill

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Thirty Seconds to Mars "Walk on Water";

Billie Eilish "When the Party's Over".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Mount Hoverla** is the highest peak of the Ukrainian Carpathians and the highest point of Ukraine, the height of which is 2061 m above sea level. It is located in the Chornohora mountain range, on the border of Yaremche district of Ivano-Frankivsk region and Rakhiv district of Zakarpattia region. It is my favourite place in Ukraine and I have been there multiple times. When you are at the top of Hoverla you feel exhausted but happy that you are in one of the highest peaks in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. With good visibility to the north, you can see the cities of Ivano-Frankivsk region: Ivano-Frankivsk, Kolomyia and Snyatyn, and to the south - the Romanian city of Sighetu Marmatiei. Zakarpattia Mount Petros (2020 m) is clearly visible from the top of Hoverla. A chain of peaks of the Montenegrin ridge stretches to the southeast. In clear weather, the White Elephant Observatory on Mount Pip Ivan is visible. In the south-west of the mountain stands the Marmorosh Range, along which the border of Romania and Ukraine meet.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to discover how Parliament of one of the most powerful and great countries works. CUPP interns have an opportunity to get acquaintance with work of Canadian MPs and to compare that knowledge with Ukrainian parliamentary realities. It is the perfect start for people who want to work in the state or municipal bodies and/or to build a politician career. Moreover, it is an opportunity for networking and collaboration between young future leaders (CUPP interns) and Canadian politicians. Canada is a strong and reliable friend of Ukraine with big Ukrainian diaspora and that is remarkable that we have such program. That is also the opportunity to meet Ukrainian diaspora. I believe that Canadians can teach us how to be more tolerant as well as equality.

It worth to be noted that CUPP invests not only in the country but in first place in people and that people then will build and develop the country. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CUPP states that it is a very productive and popular program and I am confident that each person who participated in it have never regret. All participants received the necessary skills to use it in their career. I am more than confident that CUPP will have the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, etc.





## Khrystyna KORETSKA



### BORN IN:

Novyi Rozdil, Lviv oblast, Ukraine.

### HOMETOWN:

Lviv, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION: Ukrainian Catholic University,

Humanities Faculty, Bachelor of arts in History.



### FOREIGN LANGUAGES: English, Russian, Polish.

### LAST BOOK READ: Ayn Rand "Atlas Shrugged".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Сміливі завжди мають щастя." - Іван Багряний

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." - St. Luke

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Плач Єремії "Ти втретє цього літа зацвієш";  
Скрябін "Старі фотографії", "Мам";  
Без обмежень "Бо без неї ніяк", "Наш шалений листопад".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Ukrainian Carpathians** are my place of strength and inspiration. The mountains teach me to be careful and responsible for yourself and others. At the same time, the mountains help to relax and give me the strength to climb further along the road of life.



## Mariia KOTSIURBA



### BORN IN: Lutsk, Ukraine.

### HOMETOWN: Lutsk, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION: Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations, Department of International Law;



2014-2015 **Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program** alumna,  
Ohio, United States.



### FOREIGN LANGUAGES: English, German, Russian.

### LAST BOOK READ: Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson "Why Nations Fail".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Сміливі завжди мають щастя." - Іван Багряний

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Life's about making an impact, not an income." - Kevin Kruse

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

John Lennon "Imagine";  
Один в каное "Човен";  
Jamala "Шлях додому", "Крила".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

There is no other place like home, that is why the **historic center of my native city Lutsk with its Lubart's castle** will always hold a special place in my heart. Some people say it is too quiet, but I think it is exactly the city's coziness that makes me want to come back here every time I am away. Lutsk is quite an old city with a very rich and complicated history. The historic center is the soul of it. Once one of the most powerful fortresses of Volyn region, now the Lubart's castle is the main symbol of Lutsk and a home to countless festivals and fairs, which yearly attract many tourists and locals. It has been chosen as one of the "Seven wonders of Ukraine" and even appears on the 200-hryvnia bill. Nowadays Lutsk successfully manages to combine modern buildings with such historical sites, so I recommend everyone to visit my ancient and charming city at least once in a lifetime - you will not regret it!



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to summarize achievements and results. To understand CUPP's starting point; where we stand today; and where we are heading. CUPP emerged at the time when Ukraine was leaving the Soviet Union and Ukrainians voted for independence.

At that time, we lacked qualified government officials. CUPP took on the job of cultivating a new generation of leaders. The seed has sprouted. CUPP's Alumni aspired to and are beginning to assume leadership in the highest state institutions. They have founded numerous NGOs and Civil Society projects. They are transforming Ukraine from a corrupt soviet backward entity into a European country.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUPP is an opportunity to assess our progress, share our achievements and make plans for the future. The job is not finished. We are proud of our efforts and must continue to work to complete the job of building a prosperous and rule of law country.

## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to showcase the visible impact CUPP has had on its interns, their communities, and Ukraine in general, with many alumni now becoming opinion leaders and working as high-level government officials. Having seen and directly experienced great Canadian example of real democracy, they have been changing Ukraine for the better and ensuring Ukraine's further independent and democratic development.

CUPP community unites people who are actually willing and able to take responsibility for Ukraine's present and future, and at this time it is our duty to make this community stay more bonded than ever. On the occasion of the Program's Anniversary, it would be our honour to express gratitude to every single person who has been making the Program possible and to emphasize the importance of its continuation.



## Iryna KUKHTA



**BORN IN:** Zhydachiv, Lviv oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy,**  
Faculty of Law.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Svetlana Alexievich "Voices from Chernobyl".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Несвобода не пахне, вона - стерильна, як тюремна камера."  
- Сергій Жадан

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it." - J. K. Rowling

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Dakh Daughters "Inshe misto".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Dzharylhach island** is the least populated island in Ukraine. In the past it was a spit that Greeks called "Achilles Run". The island has clean sandy beaches and mineral springs. The unique flora and fauna of Dzharylhach have been very well preserved, which makes it a truly remarkable and a unique place in Ukraine.



### CUPP at 30

Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity for Ukrainian young professionals to work alongside decision-makers in one of the most effective democratic system of government.

As Ukraine gained its independence from the USSR, it was crucial to break the old habits and Soviet mindset of people in power and invest in a new generation of leaders, who would see the Western world as partners, and not as a threat. And CUPP was a program to build these bridges.

Over the last 30 years CUPP proved that the most effective way to straighten cooperation and gain democratic world's support to Ukraine is to have pro-European well-educated Ukrainians working as Ukraine's ambassadors in the programs like this one.

## Borys LESYK



**BORN IN:** Kherson, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kherson, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:** **FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange)** Alumni,  
ASSE, Cass City, Michigan, USA;



**National University "Lviv Polytechnic",**  
Faculty of International Relations.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, German (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:** Francis Fukuyama "The End of History and Last Man".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Нам потрібні сьогодні реформи, а не революції; сила закону, а не закон сили; добробут народу, а не всенародні злидні; суспільна злагода, а не затаята ворожнеча; демократія, а не диктатура."  
- Вячеслав Чорновіл

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

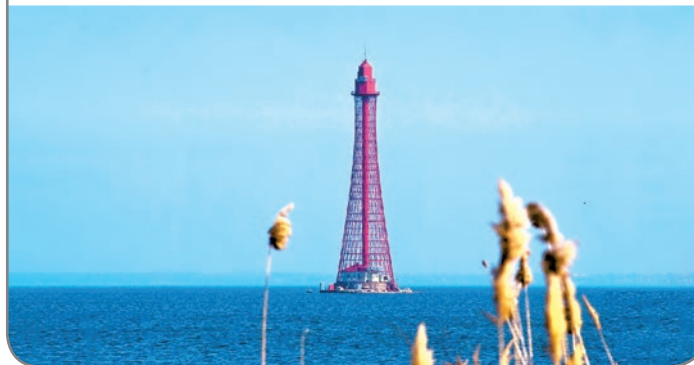
"The busier we are, the more acutely we feel that we live, the more conscious we are of life." - Immanuel Kant

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Ray Charles "Let the Good Times Roll";  
Edith Piaf "La foule";  
Frank Sinatra "My Way".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**The Adziogol Lighthouse** is an active lighthouse in Dnipro Estuary, Ukraine. It is located about 30 kilometres west of the city of Kherson. The lighthouse was designed in 1910 and built in 1911. At a height of 64 m, it is the sixteenth-tallest "traditional lighthouse" in the world as well as the tallest in Ukraine. Since my childhood every time I saw that lighthouse, I thought who I will become in the future and how I can improve myself to become a better person. Even when the river was storming, the lighthouse stayed calm maintaining its main function - to guide and safeguard the passing ships to port. For me the Adziogol Lighthouse will always remain a symbol of dignity, loyalty and prosperity.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to meet more interesting and wonderful people who are sharing a lot of common interests and the main one is the interest to improve our country starting by improving ourselves. Also, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUPP is a wonderful opportunity to meet CUPP Alumni and hear not only about their internship experiences, but also about their life and professional experiences and achievements after CUPP. Moreover, Anniversary of Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is a valuable chance for organizers of the Program to review the results of CUPP both for Ukrainian community in Canada and Ukrainians back in Ukraine.





## Olha LUCHKA



**BORN IN:** Ternopil, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Ternopil, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

**Ivan Franko Lviv National University,**  
Law Faculty - Master of Law,  
Journalism Faculty - Bachelor in Journalism.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Polish, German, Swedish.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Adam Grant "Give and Take".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Віра у високе призначення життя і віра в людину - єдиний шлях до світла, що є в нас і чекає дня свого сходу." - д-р Юліян Вассиян

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes."  
- C.G. Jung

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Mandry "Ne spy, moja ridna zemlia";  
Bohdan Vesolovskyi "Lety, tuzhlyva pisnia";  
Oleksandr Oles, V. Bezkorovainyi "Chary nochi";  
S.Huminilovych, Y.Forys "I am here, you are there".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Ternopil lake** Beauty of calm and relaxed natural attraction is erving as source for inspiration and insightful reflections. It is a large artificial pond, a reservoir set in the center of Ternopil created in the place of swamps on the river Seret. Today Ternopil pond is surrounded by a park. It is a favorite walking place of residents and visitors of the city.



## CUPP at 30

Anniversary is motivating to think about huge-scale experience of interns all around the world. The process of organizing and running CUPP each year has enormous efforts, enthusiasm and resources behind. That's why serving as intern for the 30<sup>th</sup> year of program functioning is a huge responsibility and honour to respect former experiences together with contributing own perspective and ideas. The main thing which is driving program each year is more and more diversified and vibrant cases of participants community. I would like to wish the smooth and joyful program operation with growing quantity of alumni and their achievements horizon.

## Anton MORGUN



### BORN IN:

Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, Ukraine.

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### EDUCATION:

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,**  
Law Faculty, Master of Law;

**National University "Odessa Law Academy",**  
Law Faculty, Bachelor of Law;

**Kryvyi Rih National University,**  
Faculty of Management, Bachelor of Management.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Spanish, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Yuval Noah Harari "21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Ніяка в світі сила нас не зламає, бо нас коріння наше в землі тримає." - Григорій Дудка

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts." - Charles Dickens

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Celine Dion "All by myself";  
Freddie Mercury and Montserrat Caballe "Barcelona";  
Louis Armstrong "What a wonderful world".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Svitiaz** is the largest and deepest lake in Ukraine. Lake Svitiaz is located in the northwest of Ukraine. In the west, it borders on Poland, and in the north - on Belarus. When you first see it, you might think you were on the seashore. The lake has a charming beauty and its crystal clear water has healing properties. Thick coniferous forests are spread around the lake. It is this natural combination that creates a wonderful atmosphere.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to unite alumni of the Program of various years and program participants of this year.

Over the years, the program has made it possible for young professionals to learn about the principles of democratic government and the functioning of the Canadian Parliament. Practical knowledge and skills acquired in the framework of the Program are necessary for the development of Ukraine and its institutions. Internship at the Canadian Parliament, work with its members and the House administration has allowed to understand the decision-making process, how political differences are negotiated in order to reach the final decision-making and how the work process is organized. No less important is building networks and relationships with Canadian counterparts.

Thus, CUPP is a platform for exchanging thoughts and ideas, experience and knowledge among the program participants and foreign colleagues because working together we erase borders and unite around the original purpose of peace, goodness and justice.



## Dmytro NESTOR



**BORN IN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University**, Medical Faculty, General Medicine.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, Polish (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Tracy Kidder "Mountains beyond mountains".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Ключ до перетворення України знаходиться у ній самій. Нам важко змінити зовнішні обставини, проте в нашої волі змінити себе."  
- Митрополит Андрей Шептицький

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."  
- Napoleon Hill

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Lauren Daigle "Trust in You";  
Passion Ft Kristian Stanfill "Even So Come".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**The Carpathian Mountains** form one of the most impressive landscapes of Ukraine. Forested hills, mountain lakes, spectacular waterfalls, and rapidly flowing rivers make you fall in love with this region. This is the land of the Hutsuls, Boykos, Lemkos and other native groups whose colorful folk culture is nurtured throughout the small villages stretching peacefully along wide valley floors. These are the highest and most picturesque mountain peaks of Ukraine. The Carpathian Mountains are the epicenter of Ukraine's rural folk culture as well as the number one holiday destination for many Ukrainians and international travelers. The local peaks are very popular with hikers and skiers.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUPP is an opportunity to look backward and to see how one initiative creates a community of people who love their country and do as much as they can for its prospering. This is an opportunity to convince others that among Ukrainian young people there are talented personalities who are ready to work on themselves, are ready to become better ones, not just for their mercantile purposes, but to serve others with respectfulness using gained knowledge and skills. This is an opportunity to estimate once again how CUPP changed the lives and captured memories in the mind of every one among 800 alumni, and to see how CUPP alumni become successful government authorities, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and their activities bring the values for other people. This is an opportunity to see people how had left their country, moved abroad, and keep being the true patriots supporting their countrypeople in Motherland.

This is an opportunity to look at how a rich high-developed state helps the weaker one to progress realizing that you need to share with others what you own. Thus, you gained more and more, because your investments deliver the outcomes for others. This is an opportunity to see new opportunities for program development, to analyze the way you passed, evaluate the wins and losses, to learn lessons and improve the activity. Therefore, while celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUPP do not lose those opportunities, but use it for the future.

## Viktoriia ONYKIIENKO



**BORN IN:**

Poliske, Kyiv oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:**

Brovary, Kyiv oblast, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Kyiv National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla academy"**,  
Faculty of Humanities, Philology;



**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**,

Institute of Journalism Journalism and Media Communications.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, French (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Andriy Yurov "Human rights in the modern world".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Лупайте сю скалу." - Іван Франко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"If this isn't nice, I don't know what is." - Kurt Vonnegut JR

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Queen "Bohemian Rhapsody".

**FAVOURITE BOOK:**

Sergiy Zhadan "Voroshylivgrad".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Mygia** village is located in Mykolaiv region. This is not discovered place so far but it is very lovely and charming. Mygia should be perfect for camping, outdoor activities, kayaking and rafting. Beautiful landscape and nature, I recommend to visit it for restoration place.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine is an opportunity to evaluate the scale of the project and its contribution to the development of Ukrainian society which is quite significant. To celebrate our common aspirations to support Ukrainian culture and youth all over the world and engage them to social participation. It is also a chance to remember the best highlights of the project and program's victories and accomplishments over the years.





## Solomiya PASLAVSKA



**BORN IN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**College of Europe in Natolin, Master of Arts,**  
2019 - Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies;

**Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, LL.M.,**  
2016 - Bachelor of Law,  
2017 - Masters of Law.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Polish, Russian, French (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:** Eleonora Roosevelt "This I remember".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Шукай краси, добра шукай! Вони є все, вони є всюди. Не йди в чужий за ними край. Найперш знайди їх в своїй груді."  
- Іван Франко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is courage what counts."  
- Winston Churchill

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Nickelback "When we stand together".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Pidhirtsi Castle.** I had the possibility to visit a lot of castles and fortresses around Europe, and I believe that Pidhirtsi Castle is a hidden masterpiece. The castle was built during 1635–1640 under the direction of architect Andrea del Aqua on the orders of the crown hetman Stanislav Koniecpolski. Pidhirtsi Castle is one of the best in Europe examples of the combination of the Renaissance palace with bastion fortifications. It was used as a hospital during the USSR, and all inside beauty was destroyed. My dream is to the rebuilding of this cultural heritage and organize the museum of which Ukrainians would be proud of. me the strength to climb further along the road of life.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukrainian Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is an indicator of success of long-lasting program, which contributed to the personal growth of its participants and resulted in gradual development of Ukraine. During 30 years, the program has been contributing to the gradual change of style and approach of the state governance. It was achieved by the network between Ukrainian Students and Canadian Professionals, between Ukrainians and Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada, between current participants and program's Alumni. The program facilitated communication and cooperation, at the end of which multiple new projects and initiatives took place. CUPP at 30 celebrates the result of contribution to the Ukraine's wellbeing and development on the state, business and NGO level.

## Hanna RUTKOVSKA



**BORN IN:** Berezhany, Ternopil oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Ternopil, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:** Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,  
Faculty of History;

**University of Tartu,** Faculty of Social Sciences;

**International Relations and Regional Studies KU Leuven,**  
Faculty of Social Sciences.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, German, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Nassim Nicholas Taleb "Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"У кожного свої міражі та пустелі." - Ліна Костенко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Thinking can never quite catch up with reality: Reality is always richer than our comprehension. Reality has the power to surprise thinking, and thinking has the power to create reality. The reality that thinking creates is not the reality that it seeks to create - it's full of unintended consequences." - Kevin Kruse

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Radiohead "No Surprises";  
The National "Rylan".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Gorgany.** It is a mountain range in Western Ukraine in Outer Eastern Carpathians, adjacent to Chornohora range. The mountains of this region are of rock, sandstone, what makes them rather interesting to trek. Simultaneously, Gorgany is the least accessible part of the Ukrainian Carpathians. It is hard to reach because of its very steep slopes and stony mountains strewn with boulders, called "gorgany" by local people. That is why this unique area forms the Gorgany Natural Reserve.



### CUPP at 30

It is an opportunity to discover an open society which is governed by Parliament Hill with respect to democracy and human rights. First of all, for me, this is a great chance to be connected with high-level professionals who make their country better every day as well as with young and ambitious Ukrainians who will make my homeland better place with their skills, experience and enthusiasm. I do believe that a wide range of activities and tasks during the CUPP will make a significant impact afterwards on my professional development and help to find fresh ideas on how to make Ukraine better place. Being entitled to the CUPP at 30<sup>th</sup> is two months of discovering new sides of ourselves, expand worldview by exchanging experience with young prospective people and to feel the Canadian spirit of transparency and freedom.



## Antonina RYBKA

### BORN IN:

Tomakivka, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Münster, Germany.

### EDUCATION:

**National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy",**  
B.A. in Philology;

Erasmus Student at **Friedrich Schiller University of Jena;**

**University of Münster,**

M.A. in National and Transnational Studies.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, German.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Kamila Shamsie "Home Fire".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Сміливі завжди мають щастя." - Іван Багряний

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing admiration and awe, the more often and steadily we reflect upon them: the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me." - Immanuel Kant

### FAVOURITE BOOKS:

Oksana Zabuzhko "The Museum of Abandoned Secrets";  
Milan Kundera "The Unbearable Lightness of Being".

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

Hauschka "Hike";  
Woodkid "Iron".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

**Kyiv Pechersk Lavra** is a place of power for me. It is located in the centre of the city, but as soon as you get to the area that belongs to the monasteries, you merge with nature and feel the energy of those old places. It does not matter whether you are religious or not, everyone would be fascinated by the beauty and history of its place. There I feel the might of the city that is so important to me, the city where I truly grew up and where I belong. There I find inspiration, motivation and strength to move on.



## CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> CUPP Anniversary is a unique opportunity to develop a retrospective view on the program (not a prospective one as the pressure of eternal progress demands) in order to comprehend how fruitful was the cooperation between Ukraine and Canada during the last 30 years (just think about it, it is older than the independent Ukrainian state). The program's outcomes can be analysed on the individual and collective levels. On the personal level, this anniversary will vocalise the stories of personal development and career success of motivated and talented program participants. However, the program has granted even more - a strong cooperation between Ukraine and Canada, a chance for participants to dive into the political culture of progressive liberal state and apply this experience at home.

Canada has always supported Ukraine on its uneasy way to build strong parliamentary democracy. Due to the powerful and influential Ukrainian diaspora in Canada, Ukrainian culture is respected overseas. People know about Ukraine and reflect on it. That is why it is of particular importance to talk about the program in Ukraine and to talk about Canada by organising a number of informative events devoted to the CUPP 30 in Ukrainian cities.

## Anna SALTYKOVA

**BORN IN:** Kropyvnytsky, Ukraine.

### EDUCATION:

**Babson College,**

BS in Business Administration and Management.

Global Scholarship recipient.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

English, Polish, German, Spanish, Russian.

### LAST BOOK READ:

Anthony Robbins "Awaken the Giant Within".

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:

"Щастя - це трикутник, а в нім три боки: віра, надія, любов."  
- Богдан-Ігор Антонич

### FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:

"Not all those who wander are lost." - J.R.R Tolkien

### FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:

John Lenon "Imagine".

### FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:

It is the simple things that we love with all of our heart - a peaceful bright sky over the Ukraine's most precious gems: Kyiv and Dnipro.



## CUPP at 30

To increase awareness of students about international opportunities and value of intercultural exchanges; to popularize Ukrainian brand abroad and to strengthen Ukrainian positive image in the international community through extensive and diverse media exposure. For interns, it is a tremendous opportunity to develop as professionals and to realize their aspirations of bettering Ukraine through outstanding work experience.





## Valeriia SHULIAK



**BORN IN:** Starokostiantyniv, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,**  
Bachelor & Master's degree in Law.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, German (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Yuval Noah Harari "Homo Deus".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Ми мусимо навчитися чути себе українцями - не галицькими, не буковинськими українцями, а українцями без офіційних кордонів." - Іван Франко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Live and act within the limit of your knowledge and keep expanding it to the limit of your life." - Ayn Rand

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Jamala "1944";  
Rag'n'Bone Man "Human".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**The Monument to the Founders of Kyiv.** I like the view of the Dnipro river which has opened from the button of the sculpture. Moreover, the monument emits the power and strong energy. This is the place that honestly be called a true symbol of Kyiv, which embodied an old legend. It features a boat with the figures of three brothers - Kyi, Schek and Khoryv and their sister Lybid, who are believed to be the founders of the city of Kyiv. This monument was built in 1982 for 1500-year anniversary of the Ukrainian capital at the river-side of Navodnytsky Park.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to celebrate the establishment of the program which unites young Ukrainian leaders with common values empowering to contribute to society. CUPP is the right place to address achievements of Ukraine and make a valuable contribution to the democratic transformations in Ukraine together with bright leaders. This program inspires and empowers you to make an impact and striving for democratic transformations in Ukraine.

## Nadiia SYNYTSIA



**BORN IN:** Ivankiv, Kyiv oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

2020 **Humboldt University of Berlin,**  
Master's degree in Social Sciences, Master's degree  
in Culture and Literature of Middle and Eastern Europe;

2019 **National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy",**  
Master's degree in Political Science;

2009-2010 **FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange)** Alumna,  
South Dakota, USA.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, German, Polish, Italian, Russian.

**LAST BOOK READ:** Yuval Noah Harari "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Краса - і тільки, трішечки краси, душі нічого більше не потрібно." - Ліна Костенко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

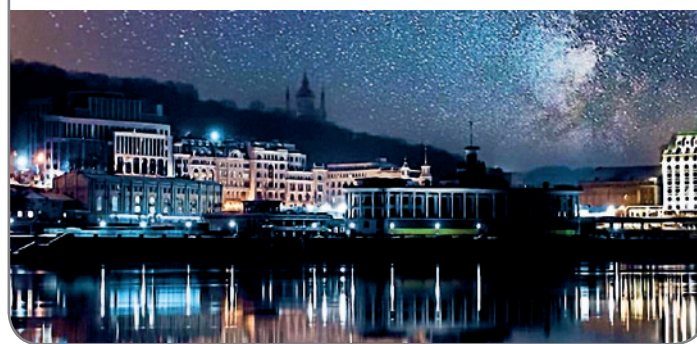
"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Sleeping At Last "Saturn";  
Квітка Цісик "Я піду в далекі гори".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

I have seen many beautiful places in the world, but there is nothing such heartwarming as **the night Podil**. It is a place of history and creativity, which inspires and hides sacred stories behind the walls. Exactly here one may find two ancient squares (Kontraktova and Poshtova), the Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Andrew's Descent, the Gostiny Dvir, the Samson fountain and the famous Kyiv funicular, as well as plenty of restaurants, galleries, creative hubs and clubs of interest. I like to sit in a cafeteria and watch people passing by. Everyone comes here for own reasons, for everyone Podil keeps a memory of something. For many - Podil is a meeting point for late walks and deep talks, hellos and goodbyes, finishing and starting over. For everyone - Podil is a heart of Kyiv.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to: celebrate the strong ties between Canada and Ukraine nowadays and in the future. It marks a historic milestone of the Canadian-Ukrainian friendship, support and collaboration.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUPP is a great look back at the effective work, exchanges and dialog, as well as a look into future - at new ideas, opportunities and developments. It is an honour to celebrate this date with CUPP community, who strive for excellence, high performance and leadership.



## Riana TEIFUKOVA

**BORN IN:** Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey,** PhD degree in International Relations Turkish Government scholarship holder;

**Università degli Studi di Foggia, Italy,** Erasmus Exchange Programme, International Law;

**Uniwersytet Warszawski, Poland,** International Business Programme.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:**

English, Turkish, Russian, French (basic), Polish (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:** Yuval Noah Harari "21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Так, держава - це я, а не те, що вони з нею зробили. І якби кожен усвідомив, що держава - це він, то досі у нас вже була б достойна держава." - Ліна Костенко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." - Benjamin Franklin

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Antonio Vivaldi "The Four Seasons".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**The Swallow's Nest** is an amazing building, both in its design and its location. This tiny mock castle sits precariously on the top of a cliff in the one of the most picturesque places of Ukraine, the Crimean peninsula, overlooking the panoramic views of the Black Sea coast. It was built by Baron Von Steingel in 1911. This place is a synthesis of western architectural tradition and eastern world which compliment each other. There exists a fantastic harmony in it all. Monolithic mountains, vast forests, vineyards and cliffs rising defiantly above the sea, quaint coastal communities hiding world history immerse me in the mysterious ambience of Crimea.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to gain the professional experience in the field of public management and diplomacy and to study legislative and administrative procedures in the Canadian parliament. This internship is a great way to gain a professional understanding of the political system and to see the inner workings of a national government. Learning from Canadian MPs definitely enhance my communication skills and sharpen my information synthesis abilities. I strongly believe that joining the CUPP Community will give me the strength and commitment to make my contribution to the development of Ukraine.



## Roman TYMOTSKO

**BORN IN:** Lviv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv,** Institute of Journalism;

**Ukrainian Catholic University,** Institute of Leadership and Management.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, German (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Yuval Noah Harari "21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Все, що я зробив у житті, я починав із мрії. Я переконаний, надзвичайне - можливе, якщо ви лише відчуєте цей стан." - Богдан Гаврилишин

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

The Wombats "Turn";

Foals "Mountain At My Gates";

Florence and the Machine "How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful".

**FAVOURITE BOOK:**

Bohdan Hawrylyshyn "Zalyshaius ukraintsem".

**FAVOURITE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE:**

Baffin Island in Nunavut is the largest in Canada and fifth largest in the world with a population of only 11,000 people approximately. The majority of its residents are Inuit living in small coastal communities. The island is home to two national parks, Sirmilik and Auyuittuq, and an exciting array of marine and land critters including polar bears, Arctic foxes, narwhals, belugas, seals, bowhead whales and walrus. A journey to this island is only for the truly adventurous souls. Explorers seeking uninhabited lands filled with Arctic mountain ranges, crystalline lakes, countless glaciers and steep-sided fjords should plan a trip to Baffin Island in Nunavut.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CUPP program is an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous impact that Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program made on the development of Ukraine's democracy, raising the level of political culture and strengthening the ties between our two countries. During those three decades, hundreds of young people had widened their worldview and brought new knowledge and skills back to their home. With all of this experience, they were and are developing Ukraine into a better society. Thirty years is even more than the age of our young country. During this time, there were formed a lot of traditions that are keeping us all together. CUPP is making Ukrainian voice stronger both at the Parliam





## Yuliia VAVRYSHCHUK



**BORN IN:** Kovel, Volyn oblast, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kovel, Volyn oblast, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

**National University, Odesa Law Academy,**  
Faculty of Civil and Economic Justice, Masters of Law.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** English, Russian, German (basic).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Ashlee Vance "Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"І жах не в тому, що щось зміниться, - жах у тому, що все може залишитися так само." - Ліна Костенко

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."  
- Malala Yousafzai

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Jamala "1944";  
Ben E King "Stand By Me";  
Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper "Shallow".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

Odesa with its fascinating landscapes and beautiful architecture is called the "Pearl of the Black Sea". It is a home to one of the largest seaports in the Black Sea basin.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program is an opportunity to look back at the CUPP experience and the huge impact of the Program on people, community and our country. CUPP has developed a network of critical thinkers and leaders who have been at the forefront of democratic changes in Ukraine. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is an opportunity to see how CUPP alumni by working in the government and non-governmental sector have been developing projects and initiatives that fight an outdated and corrupt system.

It is also an opportunity for interns to see and gain motivation and new aspirations as future alumni. We are striving to contribute to Ukraine's transformations and looking forward to giving back the experience to our communities with the support of the CUPP alumni network.

## Vsevolod VERESHCHAHIN



**BORN IN:** Sevastopol, Ukraine.

**HOMETOWN:** Kyiv, Ukraine.

**EDUCATION:**

2018 **Matej Bel University,**  
Faculty of Political Science and International Relations,  
Bachelor's degree in International Relations;



**Complutense University of Madrid,**

Faculty of Political Science and Sociology,  
2017 Erasmus + Scholarship recipient.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:**

English, Slovak, Russian, Spanish (pre-intermediate).

**LAST BOOK READ:**

Peter Rosputinsky "Introduction to the study of international organizations".  
Aleksy Herashchenko "Economy XXI".

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY UKRAINIAN AUTHOR:**

"Без честі немає людини." - Юліан Вассиян

**FAVOURITE QUOTE BY FOREIGN AUTHOR:**

"He serves me most, who serves his country best." - Homer

**FAVOURITE MUSICAL RECORDING:**

Charles Dutoit "Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre, op.40";  
Sam Kužel "William Alone".

**FAVOURITE UKRAINIAN LANDSCAPE:**

**Crimean Mountains** have always impressed me with their diversity. The combination of rocky mountains, sharply turning into the sea, perfectly reflects the quirkiness of local nature. The mountains always carry calm and inspiration, while they are also a very symbolic place for me.



### CUPP at 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is an opportunity to both enforce the cooperation between the countries' parliaments and assist Ukraine with the training of new professionals who will reinforce and accelerate the reform process in the country. This is also an opportunity to both take stock of past years and make plans for the further program development. At the same time, participants have an opportunity to obtain a valuable practical experience in a Western state institution, which later may and should be transferred to Ukraine.

# FINAL SELECTION MEETING

of CUPP 2020

 **Anna Mazurenko**  
Children's Health Centre



**1<sup>st</sup> day**

Final selection  
meeting

**Front row:** Lucy Hicks,  
Ihor Bardyn, Antin Kushnir;

**Back row:** Nadiia Synytsia,  
Yuliia Hrabenko, Olha  
Spytsia, Roman Tymoshko,  
Solomiya Paslavska, Veronika  
Kalyta, Riana Teifukova, Max  
Dzhyhun, Viktoriia Onykienko,  
Mariia Ksiurba, Olha Luchka,  
Vladyslava Aleksenko, Diana  
Babii, Borys Lesyk.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> day

### Final selection meeting

**Front row:** Yuriy Kushnir (President of CUPP Alumni Association), Lucy Hicks, Anna Kushnir (CUPP 2035 Candidate!), Ihor Bardyn, Vitalina Kushnir, Antin Kushnir (CUPP 2003, Head of Anna MAZURENKO Children's Health Centre);

**Back row:** Olga Spytisia (CUPP 2015 & CUPP 2016 Alumna), Khrystyna Koretska, Yuliia VAVRYSHCHUK, Valeria Shuliak Pavlo Bryliak (CUPP 2019 Alumna), Anton Morgun, Mykhailo Korchymskyi Nadiia CHERVINSKA, Artem Barabash, Max Dzhyhun, Dmytro Nestor, Olha Louise Boleyn, Vsevolod Vereshchahin, Iryna Kuhta, Hanna Rutkovska.







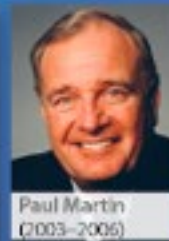
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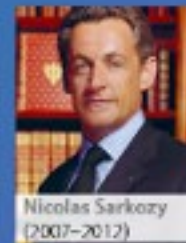
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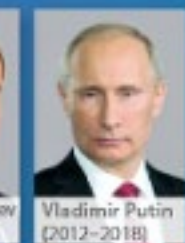
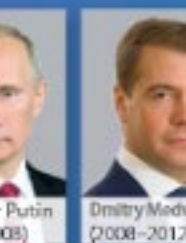
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