

# ODNODNIVKA - DAY 2

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On the second day participants and guests of the conference had the privilege of hearing highly distinguished speakers touch upon a variety of topics: judicial independence, humanities, rule of law, role of media, commercial law reform, women's rights and search for national identity to name but a few. The highly distinguished speakers ranged from CUPP interns, to CUPP alumni to already established and notorious professionals in their respective fields. Coming from Ukraine, Europe and North America, with Ukrainian heritage or without, their enlightening speeches provided not food but feast for thought.

## Speakers

**Zenon Zawada**, Kyiv based journalist: "Day Two was simply exciting, particularly thanks to people like Ambassador Fraser. The speakers are people with incredible experiences offering valuable insights. I am impressed that CUPP speakers don't tiptoe around problems or try to downplay them. We're a group of serious people looking for serious answers!"

**Maryana Drach**, CUPP 1991 Alumna, Radio Liberty: "The most interesting quote of the Day 2 for me was an observation of Amb. Fraser on his meeting with ex-PM Lazarenko shortly before he fled Ukraine in 1990s. Mr. Lazarenko complained how corrupt Ukraine is. Disregarding the irony of this statement, as many speakers con-



Education and knowledge will ensure a future for an independent Ukraine. —CUPP Director Ihor W. Bardyn.

cluded, corruption is a deep problem in the country today. I also was stimulated by professor Magocsi speech on technology threat to human intellect and interactions. I ended the Day 2, reading Magocsi book on Ukrainian history, hard copy, not an electronic book".

**Patience Huntwork**, Attorney, public servant in the judiciary of the State of Arizona: "I was enthralled by the messages of today. For me, the high points were Leshchenko's report on the reality of life as a free press activist and his findings on Lazarenko, the presentation on women's rights, the presentation on police brutality and corruption, and Artem Shaipov's thoughtful and objective analysis of judicial policy."

**Dr. Roman Petryshyn**, Kule Chair of Ukrainian Community and International Development

Director: "I was really impressed by the students presentations at yesterday's session. They all had a very clear understanding of the situation in Ukraine and made a number of concrete suggestions. In the future you may want to have panel sessions on specific economic sectors, such as medicine, innovation, agriculture. Of course this will mean inviting different types of people to give talks and additional categories of CUPP students. Perhaps the Alumni can help to diversify the CUPP program in the future."

**Taras Kuzio**, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta: "I prefer today because today was in some ways more concrete, in particular about the issues of corruption, judicial system, Rule of Law. We had a very good Panel after lunch with leading journalists, such as Mr. Leshchenko, dealing with media problems and how the media even in not democracy like Ukraine can investigate cases of corruptions, for example Mr. Leshchenko's investigation in the book about Pavlo Lazarenko's case". Pay your attention to Mr. Kuzio statement "[Tymoshenko's deal sets stage for EU-Ukraine Association Agreement](#)".

## CUPP Interns

**Kateryna Melykh**: "One of the most interesting statements for me was James Huntwork's question whether agreement with

EU is real or they use it just in play against Russia. It makes us think about the visible and hidden purposes of signing the association so fast. What reasons, economical or political, prevail?"

**Artem Shaipov**, Cambridge University: "Ukraine has a huge asset of being multicultural. For instance in Germany they have been striving to absorb the Turkish minority. In France they have issues with the Arab community. But Ukraine has experience on how to tackle multiculturalism".



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Mr Bardyn and speakers of the Panel with their freshly presented Certificates of appreciation

**Ljudmyla Melnyk**: "The next conference should be held in Germany (Berlin) because this country is one of the most important countries in the EU and shapes the European policy. The conference in Berlin must be open for all who are interested to know more about Ukraine. This way the conference would give an opportunity for not only CUPP students but also Germans to learn more about Ukraine, provide new ideas for cooperation and stable relations between Germany and Ukraine".



Professor Magocsi giving a speech on the threat of technology to human intellect and interactions

**Maryna Rabinovych**: "I think, it will be great to make the conference more "legal-style" and discuss laws and practices in terms of particular branches and Canada-Ukraine comparative perspective".

**Oleh Lehkyi**: "Of particular interest to me were the investigations, presented by S. Leschenko (e.g. Media domination by Firtash) - it gave me the incentive to learn more facts about the current status of media-control."

**Oleksandr Zheka**: "I really enjoyed the day 2 of the conference, there was a number of very well prepared and informative presentations".



Brain, heart and soul of CUPP, Mr. Ihor Bardyn