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Established in 1990, CUPP was Canada's First Program of Assistance to Ukraine

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History of CUPP

In July 16th, 1990 the Ukrainian Parliament 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 1st, 1991.

Also in 1991, Canadians celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. To mark the Centennial, organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone in Canada's history.

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to mark the Centennial by establishing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for undergraduate university students from Ukraine. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Canadian Parliament, and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West European students have benefited. On the basis of academic excellence, knowledge of the English or French and Ukrainian languages, and an interest in the parliamentary system of government, undergraduate university students from Ukraine can apply for a CUPP scholarship. It is hoped that CUPP will contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.



Seiran ALIIEV

Born in Andijan, Uzbekistan

Hometown: Simferopol

University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)

Institute of International Relations

1st year student, expect to graduate in 2012

My University was established in 1834

Motto of University of Kyiv:

"Корисність, Честь та Слава"

"Utility, Honour and Glory"

"Utilitas honour et Gloria"

Foreign languages: Crimean Tatar (native), English, German, Russian,



Turkish

Intern to **Sukh Dhaliwal MP**, Newton-North Delta, British Columbia

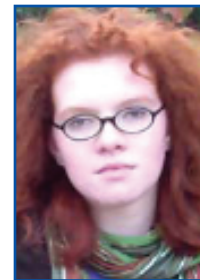
Alexandra & Eugene SUKNIARSKY Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite book:

Oleksa Hayvoronskiy "Sovereigns of two mainlands"

My expectation of CUPP Program:

To get acquainted with Canadian multiculturalism and with the political system of Canada.



Iryna BILONIZHKA

Born in Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv

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CUPP 2009 Interns on Parliament Hill.

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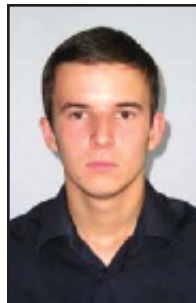
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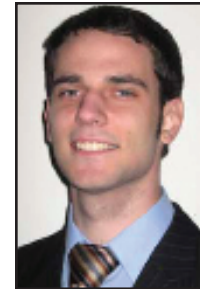
University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)
Faculty of International Relations
3rd year student, expect to graduate with Bachelor's degree in 2010
My University was established in 1661.
Motto of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv:
Patriae decori civibus educandis
Для освіти громадян на славу Батьківщини
For the education of citizens, for the adornment of the homeland
Foreign languages: English, Polish, German, Russian
Intern to **James BEZAN MP**, Selkirk-Interlake Manitoba
Malanchuk Family Scholarship
Favourite Author & Favourite Book: "Tais Afinska" by Efremov I.A.
My expectation of CUPP Program is to obtain new experience in the field of my specialisation, get acquainted with new people and culture, receive useful knowledge and improve my skills.



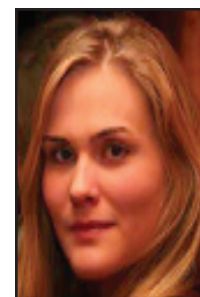
Roman BITS
Born in Lviv, Ukraine
Hometown: Lviv
University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)
Institute of International Relations
4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009
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Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian
Intern to **Peter GOLDRING MP**, Edmonton East, Alberta
Volodymyr HRYNYK Scholarship
Favourite Author & Favourite Book: Ivan Bahryanyi "Sad Hetmanskyi"
CUPP Expectations:
CUPP is a great opportunity to achieve



significant life experience that will help me in the future.



Oleksiy BOHUN
Born in Kyiv, Ukraine
Hometown: Kyiv
University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
Faculty of Economics
4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009
My University was established in 1834.
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"Корисність, Честь та Слава"
"Utility, Honour and Glory"
"Utilitas honour et Gloria"
Foreign languages: English, German, Russian, Polish, French
Intern to **Dean Del Mastro MP**, Peterborough, Ontario
Antin HLYNKA Scholarship
Favourite Author & Favourite Book:
Patrick Suskind "Das Parfum"
My expectation of CUPP Program: The CUPP program is a unique opportunity to better understand a parliamentary democracy and gather experience through working in such parliament.



Maria HRYNEVYCH
Born in Kyiv, Ukraine
Hometown: Kyiv
Borys Hrynenko Kyiv Municipal Pedagogical University
Institute of Pre-School, Primary and Arts Education
5th year student, expect to graduate in 2009
My University was established in 1874.



Motto of Borys Hrynchenko Municipal Pedagogical University of Kyiv

"Education is the essence of the time!
Освіта-це сутність часу!

Foreign languages: English, German, Russian

Intern to **Joy Smith MP**, Kildonan-St. Paul, Manitoba

Christina Bardyn Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite book:

Mykhail Bulgakov "Master and Margareta"

My expectation of CUPP Program:

The CUPP is a chance for me to gain essential knowledge and experience to be useful to my country.



Khrystyna HUDYMA

Born in Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Lviv Polytechnic (Lviv Polytechnic National University)

Department of Applied Linguistics
/Institute of Computer Sciences and Information Technologies

5th year student, expect to graduate in 2009

My University was established in 1844.

Motto of Lviv Polytechnic National University:

Litteris et Artibus

Науками й мистецтвом

Through the Sciences and the Arts.

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish

Intern to **Cheryl Gallant MP**, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Ontario

Humeniuk Family Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book: Maria Matios: "The Nation" by Maria Matios and "The Devil's hiding in the cheese" by Yuri Andrukhovych

My expectation of CUPP Program is to get acquainted with the parliamentary system of highly democratic state, to discover more about Canadian society and culture, and to meet many interesting people.



Mariya HUD

Born in Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv

University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)

Faculty of International Relations,
International Finance Department

3rd year student, expect to graduate in 2010 with Bachelor's degree

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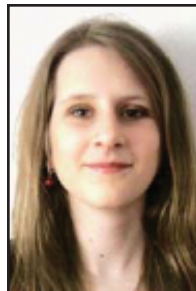
Intern to **Michael Ignatieff MP**, Etobicoke Lakeshore, Ontario

Mazurenko Family Scholarship

Last books read: Margaret Mitchell "Gone with the Wind"

Carlos Ruiz Zafyn "La sombra del viento"

CUPP Expectations: An opportunity to acquire important experience of the internship in a parliamentary system and improving my English, along with meeting new people.



Arina KOSTINA

Hometown: Mykolayiv, Ukraine

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"

Faculty of Jurisprudence

1st year student, expect to graduate in 2012

My University was established in 1615.



Motto of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy:

Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna
Час плинний, Києво-Могилянська академія вічна

Time passes. Kyiv-Mohyla Academy remains eternal

Die Zeit geht vorbei, aber die Kiewer-Mogila Akademie ist für ewige Zeiten

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish, Russian

Intern to **Kelly Block MP**, Sakatoon-Rosetown-Biggan, Saskatchewan

Anne Moroz-Mazurenko Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book: H. Murakami, B. Rainov.

The last books I read – Brian Tamanaha "On the Rule of Law"; T.R.S. Alan "Constitutional Justice".

My expectation of CUPP Program is:

Implementation of prodigious ideas into real life. Getting acquainted with the Ukrainian spirit in the Diaspora abroad.



Yaroslav KOVALCHUK

Born in Dubno, Ukraine

Hometown: Ostroh

CUPP 2009 Coordinator

University of Ostroh (National University of Ostroh Academy)

College of Romance and Germanic Languages

5th year student, Master's program, expect to graduate in 2009

My University was established in 1576.

Motto of University of Ostroh: Сучасна освіта через досвід століть.

Contemporary education through the wisdom of the ages.

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian, German (basics)

Intern to **Tilly O'Neill-Gordon MP**, Miramichi, New Brunswick

Dopomoha Ukraini Foundation Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite book:

Tykhrolovy (Tiger hunters) by Ivan Bahrianyi

My expectation of CUPP Program:

Participation in the CUPP program is

a unique chance for me to experience the work of the Canadian House of Commons from inside and share the acquired knowledge with my friends and colleagues after my return to Ukraine.



Anna KOVALENKO

Born in Starokostyantyniv, Khmel'nytsky region, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"

Faculty of Economics, major in Finance
4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009

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Foreign languages: English, German, Russian

Intern to **Hon. Scott Brison MP**, Kings-Hants, Nova Scotia

Dr. Maria Fischer-Slysh Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Larysa Kopan "For a Close Readers' Circle"

My expectation of CUPP Program:

To experience professional policy making, learn a lot from it by active participation, and obtain a better understanding of the political system in a developed country.



Kateryna KOZACHUK

Born in Debrecen, Hungary

Hometown: Starokostiantyniv, Khmel'nytska Oblast, Ukraine

University of Ostroh (National University of "Ostroh Academy")

Faculty of International Relations, major in Country Studies

3rd year student, expect to graduate in 2010

My University was established in 1576.

Motto of Ostroh Academy:

Сучасна освіта через досвід століть.
Contemporary education through the wisdom of the ages

Foreign languages: English, Polish, German, Russian

Intern to **Ed Komarnicki MP**, Souris-Moose Mountain Saskatchewan

Yarema Kelebay Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Oksana Pachlovska *Ave, Europa!*

My expectation of CUPP Program: CUPP is an excellent opportunity to experience a political system sustained by the rule of law. Getting more knowledge through active involvement in the program should provide me with a possibility in future to add not just to the wealth of my country, but also to its character and governance.



Iryna KRASNOSHTAN

Born in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine

Hometown: Khmelnytskyi

National Technical University of Ukraine (Kyiv Polytechnic)

Faculty of Linguistics

4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009



My University was established in 1898.

Foreign languages: French, English, Russian, basic Spanish

Intern to **Pierre Lemieux MP**, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Ontario

Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book: Jean-Dominique Bauby "Le scaphandre et le Papillon"; poems of Lesya Ukrainka

My expectation of CUPP Program: is to get new experience, to learn more about Canada, its politics, its culture, its life and to meet interesting people.



Yuriy LUBKOVYCH

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine

Hometown: Ternopil

Ternopil National Economic University

My University was established in 1971
Ukrainian-Dutch Faculty of Economics and Management

4th year student, expect to graduate in 2010

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Albany, NY, USA) - The Lally School of Management & Technology;
British Columbia Institute of Technology (Vancouver, Canada) - School of Business.

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish, Russian

Intern to **Gerard Kennedy**, MP High Park-Parkdale, Ontario

Josef & Maria Siecinsky Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Richard Bach "Jonathan Livingston Seagull"

Last book read: Anatoliy Zlenko (Ukrainian ex-minister of Foreign Affairs) "Politics and Diplomacy".

CUPP Expectations:

I consider the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) to be unique opportunity to observe a well-established political system of one of the world's leading democratic country. Also, an Internship in Canadian Parliament is a most beneficial and informative program, for my professional development, as a

potential future leader of the Ukrainian Government, business or public organization. CUPP will allow me to discover Canada from its core political and cultural perspectives, as well as to share mutual experiences. It is a key program for acquiring and enriching oneself with needed knowledge, skills and experience in order to properly structure a country's government, and its public and diplomatic services. I will do my best in practicing, studying and sharing my knowledge during CUPP. And will take back home new precious and valuable ideas, experience and information needed for building, developing and enriching Ukraine.



Ievgen SHAPKA

Born in Zaporizhia, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv

Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University

Department of International Business
5th year student, graduate in 2009

My University was established in 1906.

Foreign languages: English, German, Russian

Intern to **Mike Wallace MP**, Burlington, Ontario

Yuriy & Oksana Fedyna Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book: Iain Banks – "Song of Stone"

My expectation of the CUPP Program:

To obtain experience and knowledge about democratic procedures in a highly developed country and meet new interesting people.



Foreign languages: English, German, Spanish

Intern to **Hon. Diane Finlay MP**, Haldimand-Norfolk, Ontario

Michael Starr Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Books:

Mariia Matios "Solodka Darysia", Niccolo Machiavelli "The Prince"

My expectation of CUPP Program:

I hope to gain knowledge of professional governing the country, which I later wish to contribute for the benefit of our dear Ukraine.



Petro MARETS

Born in Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv

Lviv Polytechnic (Lviv Polytechnic National University)

Department of Computer Science and Information Technology

5th year student, expect to graduate in 2009

My University was established in 1844.

Motto of Lviv Polytechnic: Litteris et Artibus.

Науками й Мистецтвом

Through the Sciences and the Arts

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian

Intern to **Larry Miller MP**, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Ontario

Cathy Obal Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

James Patterson - Sundays at Tiffany's

My expectation of CUPP Program:

I expect CUPP Program to be a perfect chance to gain important knowledge about the Canadian government and society that I will implement for the good of Ukraine.



Sofiia SHPAK

Born in Lviv

Hometown: Lviv

University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University)

Faculty of International Relations

2nd year student, expect to graduate in 2012

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Valeriia SHVEDIUK

Born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Hometown: Chernivtsi

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Faculty of Economics

3rd year student, expect to graduate in 2010

My University was established in 1615.

Motto of University:

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Foreign languages: English, German, French, Russian

Intern to **Brian Masse MP**, Windsor-West, Ontario

Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship

Favourite Author & Favourite book: Pavlo Zahrebelnyi "Wonder"

My expectation of CUPP Program:

I expect to explore the Canadian parliamentary culture and observe the performance of a free market economy.

**Artem SOKOLSKYI**Born in KharkivHometown: Kharkiv**University of Kharkiv (Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv)**

Institute of Economics, Department of Economic Cybernetics

4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009

My University was established in 1804.

Motto of University of Kharkiv:

Cognoscere, Docere, Erudire

Пізнання, Навчання, Просвіта

To Learn, To Educate, To Enlighten

Foreign languages: English, German, Spanish, RussianIntern to **Borys Wrzesnewskyj MP**, Toronto, Ontario and **Senator Stephen Greene****Senator Paul Yuzyk Scholarship**Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Nicholo Machiavelli "Il Principe"

My expectation of CUPP Program: With the help of CUPP, I expect to gain a deeper knowledge of democratic society in action and to establish lasting ties and advance cooperation with Canada.

of Foreign languages)

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Батьківщини

For the education of citizens, for the

adornment of the homeland

Foreign languages: French, English,

Spanish, Polish, Russian

Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Antoine de Saint-Exupery "Volt de nuit",

Ernest Hemingway "A Farewell to Arms"

Intern to **Justin Trudeau MP**, Papineau, Quebec**John & Myroslava Yaremko Scholarship**My expectation of CUPP Program:

CUPP is a great opportunity to observe how democracy and rule of law work in Canada and to discover this multicultural country.

**Yuriy SOSHENKO**Born in Kharkiv, UkraineHometown: Kharkiv**Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine**

Faculty of Jurisprudence

5th year student, expect to graduate in 2010

The Academy was established in 1804.

Motto of the Academy:

Vivat Lex!

Слава закону!

Foreign languages: English, German, RussianIntern to **Rick Dykstra MP**, St. Catharines, Ontario**Walter Surma Tarnopolsky Scholarship**Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Ernest Hemingway, "The Old Man and the Sea"

My expectation of CUPP Program: is that I will acquire valuable experience from observing the functioning of parliamentary institution and observe how the principles of the rule of law and democratic society are implemented in practice.**Khrystyna SOROKIVSKA**Born in Lviv, UkraineHometown: Lviv**University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)**

Faculty of International Relations. Faculty of Foreign languages

3rd year student, expect to graduate with Master's Degree in 2011 (Faculty of International Relations) and 2012 (Faculty**Evhenia VIATCHANINOVA**Born in Solikamsk, Russian FederationHometown: Ternopil, Ukraine**University of Kyiv (NTSU of Kyiv)**

Institute of Journalism

3rd year student, expect to graduate in 2010

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Motto of University of Kyiv:

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"Utility, Honour and Glory"

"Utilitas honour et Gloria"

Foreign languages: English, German, Russian, SpanishIntern to **Hon. Jason Kenney MP**, Calgary Southeast, Alberta**William & Antonina Bazylewych Scholarship**Favourite Author & Favourite Book:

Mykhail Bulgakov "The Master and Margarita"

My expectation of CUPP Program is that I will gain something practically and spiritually gratifying, which will tremendously broaden my outlook.**Anna YABLONSKA**Born in: LuhanskGraduated from **Volodymyr Dahl Eastern Ukraine National University**, Luhansk in 2007 with Bachelor's Degree in Journalism.Awarded **Hryhorii Skovoroda****Scholarship** by Katedra Foundation to pursue Master of Arts program in Communication at the **University of Ottawa** in 2009.Motto of the University of Ottawa: "God is the Lord of Knowledge"

Foreign languages: English
 CUPP 2006 Intern to **Mario Silva**, MP for Toronto-Davenport, Ontario
Mazurenko Family Scholarship
 CUPP 2009 Intern to **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, MP Toronto, Ontario
Emil Telizyn Scholarship
CUPP 2009 Coordinator
 Favourite Author and Book: I do not have a favourite author, but enjoy reading literature by Ukrainian authors. My favourite books are "Roxolana" by Pavlo Zahrebelny and Lesya Ukrayinka's poetry. As well I read literature related to the field of Communications and Information Sciences.
 CUPP Program: I have had the privilege to be a part of CUPP in 2006 and found it an invaluable, productive and influential experience for personal and professional growth. I am looking forward to obtaining a degree from the Ottawa University and, to the best of my ability, use the knowledge gained during the CUPP Program and during my university education in the future. I very much appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the program in 2009 as well.

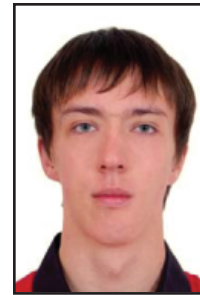


Sofiya YEVCHUK
 Born in Lutsk, Ukraine
 Hometown: Lutsk, Volyn region, Ukraine
Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University
 Romance-Germanic Philology
 Department
 4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009
 My University was established in 1940
Motto of Volyn National University:
"Scientia vincet"
Foreign languages: English, French, German, Russian, Polish
 Intern to **Hon. Maria Minna MP**, Beaches-East York, Ontario

John & Julia Stashuk Scholarship
Favourite Author & Favourite Book:
 Gabriel Garcia Mórquez "One Hundred Years of Solitude"
My expectation of CUPP Program
 is to get valuable experience observing the work of the truly democratic parliament and to try my best to be useful participating in this internship.



Svitlana ZAKRYNYTSKA
 Born in Zhytomyr, Ukraine
 Hometown: Zhytomyr
National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"
 Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies, Department of Political Science
 4th year student, expect to graduate in 2009
My university was established in 1615.
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Foreign languages: Russian, Polish, English, German (beginner)
 Intern to **Bev Shipley MP**, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, Ontario
John Sopinka Scholarship
Favourite Author & Favourite Book
Ukrainian: О. Забужко "Notre Dame d'Ukraine: Українка в конфлікті міфологій"
Foreign: Erich Fromm "Haben oder Sein"
My expectation of CUPP Program:
 to experience established traditions of parliamentary practice rule of law, democratic governance, and high standards of political culture and pluralism of thoughts in Canadian parliament.



Andriy ZINCHUK
 Born in Lutsk, Ukraine
Education: Ternopil National Economic University
 - Ukrainian-Dutch Faculty of Economics and Management; British Columbia Institute of Technology (Vancouver, Canada) – School of Business, Business Administration Program.
 Intern to **Patrick Brown, MP** for Barrie, Ontario
Vasyl Kyryluk Scholarship
Hobbies: Self-improvement, business and economy, foreign affairs, foreign languages, philosophy, art, travel and sports.
Last book read: "Beyond the Known" by Tri Thong Dang.
 This book talks about the martial-arts quest, and a mediation on the art of discipleship. It calls to question our motives and goals, to go beyond the superficial dazzle of prizes and awards, beyond repetition of techniques, ultimately, to go beyond the known - the ultimate goal of martial arts.
Lifelong dream: "If you wish to change the World, start with yourself"
CUPP Expectations: I found the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program as a perfect option to answer some of my questions that have arisen from my professional and social activities. This program can enrich my knowledge and give me inside view about the Canadian Parliamentary system.

CUPPERS' Favourite Quotes

"A goal is a dream with a deadline."
 - Napoleon Hill

"Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve." - George Bernard Shaw

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much." - Mother Teresa

COMPARISON of Offices of Auditor-General and Office of Ethics Commissioner – Major Focus Assignment of CUPP 2009 Program

Name	Office of the Auditor General	Accounting Chamber	Office of the Conflict of Interest & Ethics Commissioner	Committee on Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Ethics and Support to Work of The Verkhovna Rada
Country	Canada	Ukraine	Canada	Ukraine
Established on	1878	1997	July 9, 2007 (preceded by Ethics Commissioner established on May 17, 2004)	December 4, 2007
Functions	<p>The Office of the Auditor General of Canada audits federal government operations and provides Parliament with independent information, advice, and assurance regarding the federal government's stewardship of public funds. While the Office may comment on policy implementation in an audit, it does not comment on policy itself. The Office conducts performance audits of federal departments and agencies, annual financial audits of the government's financial statements, and special examinations and annual financial audits of Crown corporations. They also audit the governments of Nunavut, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. Since 1995, the Office has also had a specific environmental and sustainable development mandate, established through amendments to the Auditor General Act. The Office of the Auditor General of Canada also participates in a number of international activities.</p>	<p>The tasks of the Accounting Chamber are as follows: To organize and execute control over timely execution of the expenditure part of the State Budget of Ukraine, spending of budget funds including from national targeted funds, their amounts, structure and targeted allocation; To execute control over internal and external national debt of Ukraine, judge on appropriateness and efficiency of spending public money; foreign currency and credit and financial recourses; To execute control over financing national programs of economic, research and technical, social and cultural development and environmental protection; To execute control over legality of lending money and rendering economic assistance as envisaged by the State Budget of Ukraine to foreign countries and international organizations; To execute control over legality and timeliness of the State Budget and over-the budget funds flows at the National Bank of Ukraine and other authorized banks; To analyze detected deviations from the State Budget indicators and draft proposals on their corrections as well as on improvement of general budgeting process.</p>	<p>The Commissioner is an Officer of Parliament with the following mandate set out in the Parliament of Canada Act: To support the House of Commons in governing the conduct of its Members. Under the direction of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, the Commissioner is responsible for administering the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons (the MP Code); To administer the Conflict of Interest Act for public office holders. Note: Public office holders are ministers, parliamentary secretaries, and full and part-time ministerial staff and advisors, Governor in Council and ministerial appointees (deputy ministers, heads of agencies and Crown corporations, members of federal boards and tribunals). Confidential Advice: The Commissioner provides confidential advice to public office holders and Members of Parliament about how to comply with the Act and the MP Code respectively. The Commissioner is also mandated to provide confidential advice to the Prime Minister about conflict of interest and ethics issues. Inquiries/examinations: The Commissioner may conduct an inquiry into whether a Member of the House of Commons has contravened the MP Code on the request of another Member or on her own initiative where there is reason to believe that a contravention has occurred. She may also be directed to conduct an inquiry by resolution of the House. The Commissioner may examine whether a present or former public office holder has breached the Conflict of Interest Act on the request of a Senator or Member of the House of Commons, or on her initiative, where there is reason to believe that a breach has occurred. Public Registry: The Commissioner maintains a Public Registry of compliance documents required of Members of the House of Commons and public office holders. For Members of the House of Commons, each summary is on file at the Office of the Commissioner and available for public inspection during normal business hours. It is also available to the public on request, by fax or mail. For public office holders, members of the public may access this information through the Public Registry on the Internet.</p>	<p>The goal of the Committee is to carry out law-making activities which concern the Committee's sphere of work, to prepare and preview documents on issues that regard to Verkhovna Rada's functions, and carry out control functions. The issues that concern the Committee's sphere of operation are: Verkhovna Rada's standing orders and Parliamentary procedures; Legal status of people's deputies of Ukraine; Agree or disagree to call people's deputies to criminal account, arrest or detain them; Long-term ban of people's deputy's functions; Incompatibility of deputy's mandate with other types of activity; Legal status of deputy factions, coalitions of deputy factions, Parliamentary opposition; Legal status of committees and commissions of Verkhovna Rada; Discipline and adhering to the ethical norms by the people's deputies; Inventory supplies of the activities of people's deputies; Organizing the operation of Verkhovna Rada and control over its personnel regarding supply functions; Structure of Verkhovna Rada's staff; Budgeting the expenses, connected with providing for the functions of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.</p>

Reports to	House of Commons	Verkhovna Rada	House of Commons	Verkhovna Rada
Reports issued to public	The Office of the Auditor General of Canada produces a variety of reports and publications on behalf of the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. It presents the findings of its performance audits in various reports to Parliament, to the legislative assemblies of Canada's territories, and, in some instances, to individual Ministers of the Crown. It submits reports detailing the findings of its special examinations of Crown corporations to the corporations' boards of directors. The Office also produces a variety of other publications, including discussion papers, studies, tools and international publications on a range of subject areas. These reports are open to public and mass media.	Yes, the report is provided for the Verkhovna Rada annually and is also disclosed to public and mass media.	The Conflict of Interest Act permits any parliamentarian to request, in writing, that the Commissioner investigate if the parliamentarian reasonably believes that a minister of the Crown, a minister of state or a parliamentary secretary has contravened the Act. The Commissioner may also conduct such an examination on his or her own initiative. Reports on such investigations must be made public, although some of the information obtained from the investigations must be kept confidential. The Parliament of Canada Act also requires the Commissioner to report annually on his or her activities under the Members' Code to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and to the speakers of both houses on his or her activities under the CIA. The Commissioner is required to submit three annual reports to Parliament: One annual report on administration of the MP Code, and one annual report on administration of the Conflict of Interest Act, by June 30 each year; and a list of sponsored travel by Members of the House of Commons, by January 31 each year.	The Committee reports to Verkhovna Rada on its findings every session (twice a year). The reports are made available to public, including the press.
Currently headed by	Sheila Fraser	Valentyn Symonenko	Mary Dawson	Oleksandr Yefremov

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First of all, let me note that it is hard to find analogs in two different countries when it comes to laws and legal institutions. For the countries given in the assignment, part of the problem is that in Canada and Ukraine, the political and governmental systems are very different – just the fact that Canada has a bi-cameral Parliament and Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is unicameral automatically means that a huge batch of laws is different in Canada and Ukraine, even though these two countries are based on similar principles and are both democracies.

As you can see from the chart provided above, Office of the Auditor General of Canada carries out more functions than the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine. Accounting Chamber mostly controls the spending of the State Budget by the highest state institutions whereas Office of the Auditor General of Canada audits all operations with federal money, whoever carries out these operations. In this sense, Office of the Auditor General of Canada is similar to Main Control and Revision Office of Ukraine, which audits all institutions that deal with state money, even commercial ones, but not Verkhovna Rada, the President etc. Thus, I can say that there is no sole analog of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada in Ukraine, and its functions are carried out by Accounting Chamber of Ukraine and Main Control and Revision Office of Ukraine together.

All the three institutions report to the Parliaments. However, if we take a closer look at the structures of the institutions, we may notice that the Office of the Auditor General of Canada carries out work for Parliament and is responsible to Parliament whereas corresponding institutions in Ukraine, the Accounting and the Main Control and Revision Office, are independent from Verkhovna Rada, even though they report to it on a regular basis.

As for the Office of the Conflict of Interest & Ethics Commissioner of Canada, the only corresponding institute that exists in Ukraine is Committee on Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Ethics and Support to Work of the Verkhovna Rada, which, unlike the Canadian analog, fully consists of people's deputies (members of Verkhovna Rada) and is much more dependent on Verkhovna Rada than the Office of the Conflict of Interest & Ethics Commissioner is dependent on the House of Commons. When it comes to the differences in the functions of these institutions, one may notice that Office of the Conflict of Interest & Ethics Commissioner of Canada focuses mostly on the conflict of interest and ethics, whereas Ukrainian analog mostly supports the work of the Verkhovna Rada and doesn't even mention preventing the conflict of interest as one of its functions. Unfortunately, at the moment, conflict of interest isn't a problem that many people and politicians pay much attention to in Ukraine, even though this might be one of the biggest challenges that Ukraine has to overcome in the nearest future.

Before beginning the research, I thought that openness to public would be something that Ukrainian institutions (the Accounting and the Main Control and Revision Office, and Committee on Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Ethics and Support to Work of The Verkhovna Rada) lack as opposed to the Canadian analogs. I was glad to find out that I had been wrong – all Ukrainian institutions mentioned above, as well as the Canadian ones, issue many reports every year, and make these reports available to public by many means, including the Internet, so getting a report on the findings of a Ukrainian or Canadian institution is a matter of seconds. Of course, reports of Ukrainian institutions in English are not available online, but this is mostly due to the fact that the level of technology and internationalization is pretty low in Ukrainian government.

As the conclusion of this summary, I would like to express my hope that the operation of Ukrainian analogs of Office of the Auditor General and Conflict of Interest & Ethics Commissioner of Canada is as effective in reality as it is in the documents. As for the work of the Canadian institutions, I am sure that they carry out their functions very well, if not perfectly.

Commentary on article by Timothy Garton Ash, "Europe Means Shared History"

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Let me begin by saying that Mr. Timothy Garton Ash has a very clear vision on Europe, its members and its prospective members, including Ukraine and its role in the European integration process. I completely agree with the ideas he is putting forth.

The position of Ukraine isn't an ordinary one. In order to answer whether Ukraine can consider itself a European country, we have to define Europe. And the term "Europe" can have at least three completely different meanings.

If by Europe one means **the European culture**, Ukraine is certainly closer culture-wise to such countries as, for example, Germany and France, which stand at the foundation of Europe itself, than to

such states as the US or Brazil, or China. So in this sense, Ukraine is a European country. Even if the standards of living aren't quite there yet, we can see that Poland, which has been mentioned in the article, also had pretty low standards of living some 25 years ago, and now it's almost on the same line as the leading countries of Europe. If Europe stands for **the European Union (EU)**, then Ukraine isn't a member yet, but, again, it's close. Ukraine has already signed a number of documents with the EU on making the visa process less harsh. EU citizens don't even need visas for short travel to Ukraine. Also, our country has recently joined the World Trade Organization, which made it even closer to the EU membership.

Thus, you can say that, at the moment, Ukraine is one of those most potential candidates for EU membership, and the Ukraine-EU ties are becoming stronger every day. If Europe means **the European part of the Eurasian continent**, then Ukraine is certainly situated on it. And I doubt that anyone may argue this fact. Traditionally Ukraine has been considered Eastern Europe, and Timothy Garton Ash certainly agrees with this by naming Russia and Turkey the countries where the geographical Europe ends. Thus, we can see that by any of the three criteria, Ukraine is either considered a European country or is very close to this category.

Slovak Language Law Debate

It is always interesting to hear both sides of an argument. In the case of the Slovak Language Act it was especially interesting. The first article painted the new Slovak Language Act as an extreme violation of the rights of minorities. However, the letter of rebuttal by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovak Republic explained that such was not the case. I would draw a parallel between the Slovak Republic and Ukraine. It is often claimed, especially by Russians or some Russian speakers in Ukraine, that the fact that the Ukrainian language is the only official language in Ukraine, this is a violation of the rights of the "Russian minority". However, if you are the average Ukrainian you will know that this is a hoax and a blatant provocation, since Russian is not suppressed, and in reality the status of the Ukrainian language is a matter of concern, especially in the South and East of Ukraine.

Russian newspapers, media and halls of Parliament often dominate that space. We can therefore conclude that when a journalist writes an article that describes the oppressed state of Russian in Ukraine, the world community will likely accept this as true when in fact it is not so. The average reader does not carry out her own research to verify the journalist's assertion.

Thus, it is quite possible that this is the situation with the Slovak Language Act.

Journalists have agendas and it may be in this journalist's interest to misinform the public about the Slovak Law, in order to tarnish Slovakia's reputation or generate conflict and friction in the country. If we accept the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovak Republic as factual, then the journalists assertion about restrictions of all languages save and except the Czech language are fiction and provocative. The

Slovak Minister's position is more believable that declaring Slovak to be the official law of Slovakia in all government publications, communications and language of Parliament and does not in any way prevent citizens from communicating in whatever language they choose to in their homes and in personal interaction with others. One official language is more than adequate for any country. The use of different languages in daily life is open to everyone.

By and large, I would not accept as sacred truth any standpoint or declaration before I familiarize myself with the Language Act as it truly is – without proper scrutiny of interpretations and opinions of others. In the case of the Slovak Language Law, it is unwise to cling to one or another opinion, without reviewing facts and reading the Slovak Law.

By Anna Kovalenko

CUPPers' Favourite Quotes

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." - Edmund Burke

"The best career advice given to the young is: 'Find out what you like doing best and get someone to pay you for doing it.'" - Katherine Dunham

"Eighty percent of success is showing up." - Woody Allen

"They cannot take away our self-respect if we do not give it to them." - Mahatma Gandhi

"If you're not a liberal when you're 25, you have no heart. If you're not a conservative by the time you're 35, you have no brain." - Winston Churchill

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." - Alexander Graham Bell

"I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you." - Roy Croft

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Like all great travelers, I have seen more than I remember and remember more than I have seen." - Benjamin Disraeli

"Coffee isn't my cup of tea." - Samuel Goldwyn

"I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to to dance better than myself." - Mykhail Baryshnikov

"The most important result of human's efforts is one's own personality." - Erich Fromm

"I believe in luck; how else can you explain the success of those you dislike?" - Jean Cocteau

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive, it can achieve." - Element Stone

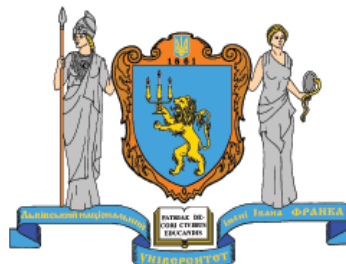
Participating Universities



University of Kyiv
(Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
"Utility, Honour and Glory"
Founded in 1834
Seiran ALIIEV
Oleksiy BOHUN
Ievgeniia VIATCHANINOVA



National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"
"Time passes, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy remains eternal"
Founded in 1615
Arina KOSTINA
Anna KOVALENKO
Valeriia SHVEDIUK
Svitlana ZAKRYNYTSKA



University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)
"For the education of citizens, for the adornment of the homeland"
Founded in 1661
Iryna BILONIZHKA
Roman BITS
Mariya HUD
Sofia SHPAK
Khrystyna SOROKIVSKA



Lviv Polytechnic
Lviv Polytechnic National University
"Through the Sciences and the Arts"
Founded in 1844
Khrystyna HUDYMA
Petro MARETS



University of Ostroh
(National University of Ostroh Academy)
"Contemporary education through the wisdom of the ages"
Founded in 1576
Yaroslav KOVALCHUK
Kateryna KOZACHUK



Borys Hrynchenko Pedagogical University of Kyiv
"Education is the essence of time!"
Founded in 1874
Maria HRYNEVYCH



Kyiv Polytechnic
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Founded in 1898
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Hetman University
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Founded in 1906
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