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Ukraine as Game-Changer: Domestic Transformation, Europe, and the World

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Thursday, September 6th, 2018 19:15pm –20:30 pm



259 Jiashan Lu, Jiashan Market, Block A, No 37, near Jianguo Xi Lu 嘉善路 259 弄 37 号嘉善老市 A 栋, 近建国西路, 地铁九号线嘉善路站

Admission: 100MB for one drink

19:00 – Doors Open 19:15 – Lecture 20:00 – Q&A 20:30 – Mixer/Dinner

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This talk will discuss Ukraine's domestic situation and its future impact on the world. After briefly introducing the political situation in Ukraine today, the speaker will first discuss the social transformation of Ukraine before and after the Maidan Revolution, including Ukraine's traumatic experience in the 20th Century, how it forged Ukrainian social values, and how culture how affects modern institution-building, as Ukraine builds its identity, develops, and integrates with the West. One key point is that international security is needed for this process of transformation to continue, and that Russia is well-aware of this. This is an open-ended process as EU membership is not guaranteed, so in search of a permanent security solution, Ukraine may need to look at a number of security options. Second, the speaker will discuss why the transformation in Ukraine is important from a global perspective. Ukraine can play an important role in setting a precedent as a large, free, open, and successful post-Soviet country, with huge strategic implications for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. This of course involves the question of whether Russia can transform itself into a non-threatening state, and what would Ukraine's role be in that transformation. On the other hand, Ukraine can also contribute to the conceptual discussion of how the EU should evolve. Ukraine has the potential to bring a new flow of energy and ideas on Europe, which would refresh the post-WWII liberal values laid in the foundation of the EU.

<u>Yevhen Hlibovytsky</u> is an expert on social transformation in Ukraine and other countries of the former USSR. He researches the change in values in societies and communities and follows how cultural factors contribute to institution-building. He teaches at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. He is also a founder of pro.mova, a think tank and a consultancy based in Kyiv, Ukraine and a founding member of Nestor Group, an interdisciplinary group of Ukrainian experts working on strategic and long-term issues in the region. Yevhen Hlibovytsky has worked as an expert for OSCE in the former USSR with focus on Central Asia. In his previous career, Yevhen Hlibovytsky worked as a political correspondent and an editor for the leading Ukrainian media. He has been part of the founding teams of game-changing media in Ukraine (Channel 5, 2003; Hromadske.tv, 2013). Yevhen Hlibovytsky is currently a supervisory board member of the Ukrainian Public Service Broadcast.

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