

## **Social Movements in Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia in Times of War**

Date: 8-9 June 2023

Venue: Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (Klagenfurter Str. 8, 28359 Bremen)

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### **Day 1 (8 June)**

Welcome coffee **9:00**

Opening remarks by the organizers **9:15**

(Brief introductions of “Comparing Protest Actions,” EU-ITN, Ukrainian Studies Postdoc Network)

**Panel 1: Euromaidan as eventful revolution 9:30-11:00** (chair: Denys Gorbach)

*Mark Beissinger* (Princeton University): “Layers of Eventfulness in the Euromaidan Revolution”

*Tamara Martsenyuk* (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy / Leuphana University of Lüneburg): “Gender and Revolution in Ukraine: Women’s Participation in Euromaidan Protests of 2013–2014”

*Oleg Zhuravlev* (Scuola Normale Superiore / Public Sociology Laboratory): “Euromaidan in post-soviet comparative perspective: revolution and crisis of legitimacy”

Coffee break **11:00-11:30**

**Panel 2: Changing contours of post-Maidan civil society 11:30-13:00**

(chair: Michael Richter)

*Kseniia Gatskova* (Institute for Employment Research): “Third sector in Ukraine before and after the Euromaidan”

*Susann Worschech* (European University Viadrina): “From self-organization to resilience: broadening the path to civic responsibility”

*Eduard Klein* (Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen): “A decade of anti-corruption in Ukraine: What has been achieved and what is (still) to be done?”

*Oksana Chorna* (Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen): “Patterns of cooperation between the state and civil society”

Lunch at the FSO (Sandwiches, wraps + snacks) **13:00-14:00**

**Panel 3: Labor reforms and labor protest in Ukraine 14:00-15:30**

(chair: Seongcheol Kim)

*Oksana Dutchak* (Goethe University Frankfurt): ““You have no money and no one appreciates you’. Labor Power Reproduction and Informality in Ukrainian Public Kindergartens”

*Denys Gorbach* (Sciences Po Paris): “The Post-Soviet Culture of Industrial Conflict: A *Chastnik* Enterprise as a State of Exception”

Coffee break 15:30-16:00

**Panel 4: Social movements as self-help organizations during the war 16:00-17:30**

(chair: Denys Gorbach)

*Alona Liasheva* (Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen): “Behind the unity of Ukrainian resistance: understanding of causes and outcomes of Russian full-scale war against Ukraine”

*Anastasia Riabchuk* (INALCO Paris / University of Oxford): “Invisible networks that catch: Contextualising the situation of Ukrainians fleeing the war into older mobility networks to the EU”

*Yuliya Yurchenko* (University of Greenwich, ONLINE): tba

*Emma Mateo* (Columbia University): “Networks of support and agency in wartime Ukraine”

Break **17:30-18:00**

**Roundtable with activist voices from Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora 18:00-19:00**

*Sergey Movchan*, Kyiv (ONLINE); *Hanna Perekhoda*, Lausanne; *Taras Salamaniuk*, Berlin; *Artem Tidva*, Kyiv; moderation and opening input: *Larissa Meier*, University of Bielefeld

Dinner on campus **19:30**

## **Day 2 (9 June)**

Welcome coffee **9:15**

### **Panel 5: Political economy and civil resistance in the separatist republics 9:30-11:00**

(chair: Svetlana Erpyleva)

*Natalia Savelyeva* (University of Wisconsin-Madison / Public Sociology Laboratory): “Ukrainian unrecognized republics before the Russian invasion: politics, economics, and possible futures”

*Alexandru Leşanu* (independent historian): “The Economic Prospects of the Transnistrian Peace Settlement after the Russian invasion of Ukraine”

Coffee break **11:00-11:30**

### **Panel 6: Trade unions, protest, and civil society under threat in Belarus 11:30-13:00**

(chair: Simon Lewis)

*Olga Dryndova* (Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen): tba

*Stas Gorelik* (George Washington University / Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen): “Pro-government rallies and autocrats’ lack of electoral support. Survey evidence from Belarus and Russia”

*Alesia Rudnik* (Karlstad University): “Was Telegram a key mediator in the Belarusian protest 2020? Perspectives from the inside”

Lunch at the FSO (Sandwiches, wraps + snacks) **13:00-14:00**

### **Panel 7: Prospects for anti-war protests in Russia 14:00-15:30** (chair: Heiko Pleines)

*Jan Matti Dollbaum* (University of Bremen, ONLINE): “The anti-war movement and Russia’s opposition parties: any rhetorical intersections?”

*Svetlana Erpyleva* (Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen / Public Sociology Laboratory): “The 2022 anti-war street protests in Russia: features and prospects”

*Ilya Matveev* (University of California Berkeley / Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen, ONLINE): “Prospects for labour protests in a sanctioned economy”

*Renata Mustafina* (Sciences Po Paris): “Navigating repressive legality in the times of war”

Concluding remarks **15:30-16:00**

Post-conference drinks (for those still around, Haus am Walde) **16:30**