

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

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Venue: Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen, 3rd 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”

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

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