



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, FALL 2022

Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU)

After the successful 2022 Spring Semester, **Central European University** is continuing the **certificate program** (offering ECTS credits) for junior and senior undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA and PhD) students from Ukraine, whether residing in Ukraine or in refuge, whose studies have been affected by the war. The name of this transnational solidarity program evokes the various nineteenth and twentieth-century **underground and exile educational initiatives** (such as the “flying universities”) in Eastern Europe, as well as the tradition of Invisible Colleges formed after 1989 in the region.

The program offers an **intensive learning experience** on the role of Ukraine in changing European and global contexts, placing questions relevant for Ukrainian students into a **transnational comparative perspective**. Our goal is to prepare students for deeper integration into the international academia. The program is **not meant to replace or duplicate the existing education opportunities** in Ukrainian universities, but to support them by filling the lacunae that temporarily emerged due to the Russian invasion. By strengthening the ties of Ukrainian educational institutions, as well as scholars and students, to transnational networks, we hope to **counter** the destructive effects of **brain drain** through creating access to educational infrastructure and academic knowledge for students irrespective of their current location.

The program is implemented by Central European University (Budapest Campus), in cooperation with Ukrainian (**Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and Ukrainian Catholic University**), and EU-based (**University of Jena**) university partners. CEU recently joined the Ukrainian Global University initiative; we also seek to expand partnerships with universities in Kyiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Odesa and other Ukrainian university centers. The program is supported by the **Open Society University Network**, with co-funding from the **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)**, as well as the **MacArthur Foundation**.

The program is designed in a **hybrid format** (online teaching, complemented by a shorter on-site Winter School in Budapest in January 2023). It is comprised of **three components**:

- thematic courses (in the humanities and social sciences, in four thematic tracks),
- mentoring (in English and Ukrainian) to develop and complete ongoing research projects,
- skill-building (academic English, academic writing).

Research scholarships (up to 800 Euro per semester) are available on a competitive basis for those students who wish to implement a special empirical or theoretical project in addition to their course work in IUFU, drawing on their academic background, previous work, and relevant to the current situation (for example, interviewing displaced people, engaging with institutions working on postwar reconstruction projects, studying the theoretical problem of decolonization,

documenting human rights violations, analyzing legal or political questions of the European integration of Ukraine, etc.). The results of these projects will be published on the website of IUFU.

Structure of the program: IUFU offers a trans-disciplinary **core course** that can be taken by students with different backgrounds and further courses in **four thematic tracks** (History, Culture and Heritage Studies, Society, Politics and Law). Each course consists of 12 sessions (100 minutes); equal to 4 ECTS credits. Students are expected to take at least one course and not more than three. It is possible to take only a thematic course or the core course, but it is recommended that students combine the core course with a thematic course. Courses will be taught online in late afternoons (Central European Time) once a week per class. Classes will be recorded and available to watch online for the registered students if their circumstances prevent them from attending the online sessions.

Mentoring and **Academic English** classes are open for those who take at least one thematic course or the core course.

Timeline: The envisioned duration of the Fall semester classes is **20 September – 20 December 2022**. The most motivated and successful participants will have an opportunity to participate in a Winter School on CEU's Budapest campus in the second half of January.

Course offering in Fall 2022:

i) the **core course:** *“Ukraine: Imperial, Soviet, Independent, European”*

and **six thematic courses:**

- ii) *History of Public Sphere in Ukraine and East Central Europe* (History track)
- iii) *War, Memory and the City. Shaping Collective Remembrance and Re-Articulation of Past in Ukraine in European Contexts* (Culture/Heritage track)
- iv) *Ideologies on the Move: Transnational Ideas in Local Intellectual Cultures* (Politics/Law track)
- v) *Migration, Displacement and (Trans)National Solidarities in Ukraine in the Global Contexts* (Society track)
- vi) *Heritage-Based Post-War Urban Reconstruction in Ukraine* (Culture/Heritage track)
- vii) *Ukraine in/and Europe: Frameworks of European Integration* (Politics/Law track).

Courses ii) to v) are co-funded by the German **DAAD** action, **“Ukraine digital: Ensuring academic success in times of crisis,”** and implemented in partnership with the **University of Jena**.

Brief descriptions with preliminary lists of co-instructors are available at <https://www.ceu.edu/non-degree/Invisible-University>

Mentoring: In person and small-group instruction, helping the students to develop their research projects and reflecting on the thematic lectures. The small thematic groups of PhD students will also be open to their Ukrainian supervisors if they wish to participate.

Skill-building: English for social sciences / humanities (offered on basic/advanced levels); academic writing in English.

Prospective team of teachers: The program is taught by prominent scholars linked to the Central European University (including members of its faculty, as well as researchers of CEU Democracy

Institute and the Open Society Archives), Ukrainian and German partner institutions, and internationally renowned specialists of the topics from East Central Europe, Western Europe, and North America. The mentoring is offered by advanced doctoral candidates from these institutions.

Organizers: **Ostap Sereda**, Associate Professor in History at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and recurrent visiting professor at CEU (program director); **Vladimir Petrović**, Research Professor, Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade, and CEU Democracy Institute Budapest (academic vice-director); **Balázs Trencsényi**, Professor, CEU History Department, and lead researcher of CEU Democracy Institute; **Renáta Uitz**, Professor, CEU Legal Studies, and Co-Director of CEU Democracy Institute; **László Kontler**, Professor, CEU History, and Pro-Rector for CEU Budapest; **Joachim von Puttkamer**, Professor in History at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena and Director of the Imre Kertész Kolleg; **Nazar Stetsyk**, Associate Professor, Department of Theory and Philosophy of Law, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

Who is eligible? Any student who has been pursuing a BA, MA, or doctoral degree program in a Ukrainian university in the academic year 2021-22, or who starts her/his university studies in 2022. Participation in the program is **free of charge**.

How to apply? Applications should contain a short (up to 1 page) **motivation letter** including:

- a description of the applicant's thematic interests (e.g., research topic or thesis topic if applicable)
- choice of preferred courses an applicant would like to take;

and **a short CV** with information on

- name in Ukrainian and in the version used in international passport
- e-mail address
- current location
- previous education
- current university and program of study
- involvement in civil activities/volunteering
- level of English language competence.

Those who wish to apply for a **research scholarship** should include a **concise project proposal** (between 400 and 800 words), describing the main lines of the envisioned research project and its desired outcome, including references to the relevant sources and secondary literature on the topic.

The applications can be submitted in English or Ukrainian.

With questions about the application please turn to the IUFU **student coordinators**: **Yevhen Yashchuk**, CEU MA student in History, Yashchuk_Yevhen@student.ceu.edu
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For **further information** on the program, see <https://www.ceu.edu/non-degree/Invisible-University>

Deadline for applications: 12 September 2022, 12 pm.
Applications should be submitted to iufu@ceu.edu