INVISIBLE UNIVERSITY FOR UKRAINE (IUFU)

Central European University is launching a certificate program (offering ECTS credits) for junior and senior undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA and PhD) students from Ukraine, whose studies have been affected by the war, whether still residing in Ukraine or in refuge. The name of this transnational solidarity program evokes the various nineteenth and twentieth-century underground and exile educational initiatives in Eastern Europe, as well as the tradition of Invisible Colleges formed after 1989 in the region. This hybrid non-degree academic program is an emergency response to the consequences of the war in Ukraine, and is meant also as a pilot project for a more inclusive transnational concept focusing on students and scholars at risk.

The program offers an intensive learning experience, placing questions relevant for Ukrainian students into a transnational comparative perspective. It aims at familiarizing the students with various cutting-edge interpretative paradigms and methodological traditions in the humanities and social sciences. Our goal is to prepare students for deeper integration into the international academia and broad ongoing discussion on the role of Ukraine in changing European and global contexts. The program is not meant to replace or duplicate the existing online education in Ukrainian universities, but to support them and provide help for filling the lacunae that temporarily emerged due to the Russian military invasion. The project is financially supported by the Open Society University Network.

The program is designed in a hybrid format (online teaching with a possibility of shorter on-site visit to Budapest in the form of a summer school). It is administered by the Budapest Campus of CEU, and implemented in cooperation with Ukrainian (Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Lviv), and EU-based (Warsaw) university partners.

The courses can be pursued on site at CEU’s Budapest Campus, or online.

The program is comprised of three components:

- thematic courses (in the humanities and social sciences),
- mentoring (in English and Ukrainian)
- skill-building (academic English, academic writing) and career support for future education.

Eligibility: Any student who has been pursuing a BA, MA, or doctoral degree program in a Ukrainian university in the academic year 2021-22. Participation in the program is free of charge.
**Language of instruction:** The language of instruction is English and Ukrainian. Lectures will be mostly in English, but for students with weaker language skills mentoring will be also available in Ukrainian.

**Structure of the program:** Each course consists of 12 sessions (100 minutes of contact); equal to 4 ECTS credits; participation in less than the full duration of the program earns proportionately fewer credits. For the mentoring and the summer school additional credits are given.

i, **Course-work:**
Instruction consists of hybrid courses, in English and in Ukrainian as working languages, using digital resources.

*Symbolic Geography, Contested Identities and Mass Violence: Ukrainian History in European Contexts* – focusing on questions of reshaping of the symbolic geography of Europe, studying communist and post-communist Central and Eastern Europe comparatively, political violence, memory politics

*Culture and Heritage Studies* – on memory cultures and urban heritage management, narratives, journalism and new media, cultural diplomacy and art, audiovisual studies and new media documenting resistance

*Between Norms and Realities: Challenges to Europeanization, Democratization and the Rule of Law in a Transnational Context* – on the ambiguities of European integration, studying post-communist authoritarianism, varieties of democracy and constitutionalism, human rights

*Transformation, Conflict, and Migration: Study of Exceptions from Rules, Vulnerability to Risks and Unacceptable Conditions* – on social integration and national minorities, socio-economic approaches to inclusion and exclusion, gender, transnational networks and diasporas, corruption and transparency

ii, **Mentoring:**
It is in a format of small-group instruction, helping the students to develop their existing research projects and also reflecting on the thematic lectures. The small thematic groups of PhD students are open also to their Ukrainian supervisors if they wish to participate. The mentoring is offered by advanced doctoral candidates from the participating institutions.

iii, **Skill-building:**
English for social sciences / humanities (offered on basic / advanced levels). Academic writing in English. Instructors should be very advanced or native speaker doctoral students or possibly instructors affiliated with CEU.

**The curriculum:** In their motivation letters students indicate what main topic they are interested in, so they would be assigned accordingly; but in some cases, they might also be offered an alternative course. Each course consists of 12 classes (100 contact minutes each). Classes are taught in English, and will have an element of lecture and follow-up debate. Further discussion on the issues raised by the lecture are offered in small group seminars under the mentoring component. The groups are mentored by professors, PhD students, and Threatened
Scholars Initiative emergency fellows. Students are assigned to them according to their study level (BA separately from MA and PhD) and language proficiency. Some small group discussions will be held in English, some in Ukrainian. Separately, thematic small groups for PhD students focused on their research projects are also planned.

Each course has a syllabus, available at https://ceulearning.ceu.edu/course/index.php?categoryid=1612. It contains a basic reading in English, around 25 pages long, but also recommended readings both in English and Ukrainian.

As for the basic structure of each course, the list of instructors consists of CEU-related colleagues, prominent Ukrainian scholars, and prominent international experts on topics related to the courses. Each course takes up 3-4 key topics, with some of them closely linked to the Ukrainian situation, while others seeking to put the Ukrainian discussions into a transnational context. In addition, some classes focus on the state of the art of a subfield, linking international methodological discussions and the Ukrainian debates.

Classes are offered in a synchronic mode, with students being able to ask questions after the talks, but given the unpredictable access to internet for many of the participants, they will be uploaded to the e-learning site afterwards and it will be possible to watch them any time.

**TIMELINE:**

- application deadline: April 14, 2022
- admissions decision: April 17, 2022
- courses to start: April 20, 2022
- courses to end: June 24, 2022 [10 weeks, normally once a week, but in two weeks two classes to have 12 sessions]
- summer course: July 4 - 15, 2022 tbc

**PERSONNEL**

**Program director:** Ostap Sereda, Associate Professor in History at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and recurrent guest professor at CEU.

**Main organizers:**
László Kontler, CEU Professor, History, Rector of Közép-európai Egyetem
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Balazs Trencsényi, CEU, Professor, History Department, lead researcher of History WG, CEU Democracy Institute
Renáta Uitz, CEU Professor, Legal Studies, Co-Director of CEU Democracy Institute

**Prospective team of course 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), international partners, as well as Ukrainian and Polish partner institutions. The additional smaller group meetings will be conducted by an international team of CEU PhD students who volunteered to take part in the program as a sign of academic solidarity with Ukrainian students. The program categorically excludes any cooperation with scholars having current affiliation with any Russian state institutions or anyone supporting the Russian aggression. Some prominent Russian colleagues...
who protested against the Russian invasion in Ukraine, gave up their position, and emigrated, after being targeted by the authorities for their critical stance, will also contribute to co-teaching some of the classes. In addition, some current CEU PhD students of Russian background who publicly condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine will take part in the small group seminars.

The list of instructors includes:

- Edit András, CEU Visiting Professor at the Department of History
- Volodymyr Artiukh, Postdoctoral Researcher at COMPAS, University of Oxford, co-director of the Society track
- Adam Bodnar, Professor, Department of Law, SWPS University Warsaw
- Olena Boryslavska, Professor at the Constitutional Law Department of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, editor-in-chief of the Ukrainian Journal of Constitutional Law
- András Bozóki, CEU Professor, Department of Political Science
- László Bruszt, Professor, CEU Department of Political Science, Co-Director of CEU DI
- Kateryna Busol, Senior Lecturer, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- Lenka Bystikova, Associate Professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University
- Juraj Buzalka, Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, Comenius University in Bratislava
- Dániel Dózsa, PhD Candidate, Leiden Law School
- Alexander Dmitriev, Threatened Scholars Initiative Fellow, CEU
- Kateryna Dysa, Associate Professor, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Department of History
- Natalia Dziadyk, CEU doctoral student in Public Policy
- Zsolt Enyedi, CEU Professor, Department of Political Science
- Borbála Faragó, CEU Lecturer, Center for Academic Writing
- Olena Feduk, MSCA IF fellow in the project “RightsLab: Towards Transnational Labor Rights? Temporary Work Agencies and Third Country National Workers in the EU” at the University of Padua
- Alberto Fierro, anthropologist, MTST – Movimento dos Trabalhadores sem Teto (Homeless Workers’ Movement), Brazil
- Monika Florczak-Wątor, Professor at the Constitutional Law Department of the Jagiellonian University, Head of the Center for Interdisciplinary Constitutional Studies
- Lizaveta German, curator of the national pavilion of Ukraine at the 59th Venice Biennale / National Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture, Kyiv
- Mykola Gnatovsky, Professor of International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2015-2021)
- Karl Hall, CEU Associate Professor, Department of History
- Yaroslav Hrytsak, Professor, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
- Caroline Humphrey, Professor of Anthropology, University of Cambridge
- Maciej Janowski, Director of the Polish Historical Institute, Warsaw, guest professor at CEU
• Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Professor, University of Alberta, Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies, Director of Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies
• Oksana Kis, Head of Department of Social Anthropology, Institute of Ethnology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
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• Igor Lyubashenko, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw
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• Irina Matkovska, English language teacher
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