



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, SPRING 2023

### Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU)

After the successful 2022 Spring and Fall Semesters, **Central European University** is continuing its **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 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 **Imre Kertész Kolleg, University of Jena**, as well as other Ukrainian (**Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and Ukrainian Catholic University**) and global university partners. The program is supported by the **Open Society University Network**, with co-funding from the **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)**, as well as the **Porticus Foundation** and **Institute of International Education (US)**.

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

- thematic courses (in the humanities and social sciences),
- 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 and/or related to the themes of the courses. Students receiving research funding will be required to submit a paper of 10-12 double-spaced pages based on their research at the end of the semester. The results of these projects will be published on the website of IUFU and the site

Visible Ukraine (visibleukraine.org). Those who receive the grant are required to participate also in the mentoring sessions.

**Structure of the program:** IUFU offers a trans-disciplinary **core course** that can be taken by students with different backgrounds and further thematic courses. 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 once a week per class. Classes will be recorded and available to watch online for 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 Spring semester classes is **13 February – 26 May 2023**. The most motivated and successful participants will have an opportunity to participate in a Summer School on CEU's Budapest campus in June.

### **Course offering in Spring 2023:**

the **core course**:

*Rethinking Ukrainian Studies in a Global Context* (Ostap Sereda, Vladimir Petrović, Balázs Trencsényi), supported by DAAD, implemented in cooperation with the University of Jena

and **six thematic courses**:

- i. *Public History* (Viktoriya Sereda and Bohdan Shumylovych) supported by DAAD, implemented in cooperation with the University of Jena
- ii. *Re-interpreting European Security in the aftermath of Russia's war in Ukraine* (Thomas Fetzer, Xymena Kurowska, Maksym Yakovlyev, Kateryna Zarembo)
- iii. *Rule of Law and Human Rights: Old Challenges and New Opportunities in Times of War and Uncertainty* (Nazarii Stetsyk and Dmytro Vovk, supported by the IIE Centennial Fellowship; the class is open only for students with legal education)
- iv. *Social Entrepreneurship: Emergence, Models, and Impact* (Volodymyr Kulikov, Tetiana Vodotyka, and Dóra Mérai)
- v. *War and Media* (Taras Fedirko and Oksana Sarkisova)
- vi. *(Post)conflict Transformations in the Western Balkans: Drawing Insights for Ukraine?* (Vladimir Petrović)

In addition, we offer a *Graduate Masterclass on Entering Global Academia* (Alexandra Vacroux, Davis Center at Harvard University).

Brief descriptions 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. It will start in early March and will be conducted by doctoral students from CEU and other partner institutions. Participation in mentoring sessions is obligatory for students taking research stipends.

**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 from East Central and Western Europe, and North America.

**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; **Nazarii 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 started 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:

- reason for applying to IUFU and expectations from the course(s)
- a description of the applicant's thematic interests (e.g., research topic or thesis topic if applicable)
- choice of preferred course(s) 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**:

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For **further information**, see <https://www.ceu.edu/non-degree/Invisible-University>

**Deadline for applications: 5 February 2023, 12 pm.**

**Deadline for research projects is 19 February**, but those who submit it by 5 February will also get a feedback from the organizers and might also resubmit an updated version.

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO [iufu@ceu.edu](mailto:iufu@ceu.edu)**