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ABBREVIATIONS

CERES – Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
CIUS – Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies
GTA – Greater Toronto Area
HREC – Holodomor Research and Education Consortium
JIGES – the Joint Initiative in German and European Studies
PDF – Post-Doctoral Fellow
PJEF – Petro Jacyk Education Foundation
PJP – Petro Jacyk Program (full name: Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine)
PJRC – Petro Jacyk Resource Centre (full name: Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre)
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2015-2016, the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine (PJP) organized, co-organized, and co-sponsored twenty events on the history, culture, society, politics, economics, and foreign affairs of contemporary Ukraine.

PJP’s speakers continued to cover the most pertinent topics of today’s Ukraine, such as Ukraine-Russia relations and the role of the European partners in shaping these relations; the war in Donbas and its short-term and long-term consequences; the state of Ukraine’s reforms under President Petro Poroshenko; the uncommon perspectives of the Ukraine conflict; and significant events in Ukraine’s history, such as the Holodomor.

The PJP organized and co-sponsored five expert panels (including conferences), eleven lectures, two conferences and symposia, and three book launches. PJP brought to the University of Toronto young and established scholars from Ukraine, the USA, the UK, Poland, Germany, and Canada.

The PJP Post-Doctoral Fellow in 2015-2016 was Dr. Jessica Zychowicz, who received her PhD from the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan. During her tenure at the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES), Dr. Zychowicz prepared several peer-reviewed publications, gave public presentations, and secured a book contract with the University of Toronto Press for her manuscript, Superfluous Women: Gender, Art, and Activism after Ukraine’s Orange Revolution. Dr. Zychowicz also enriched CERES curriculum by teaching a highly popular course “RE1195H1S Topics in Ukraine: Gender and Society in Modern Ukraine,” and organized a day-long workshop “Critical Contexts of the Ukraine Conflict: Uncommon Perspectives” that took place in April.

PJP hosted three visiting scholars: Dr. Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel, an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland; Dr. Jonathan Waterlow, a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Oxford, UK; and Dr. Liudmyla Pidkuimukha, an Assistant Professor at the Ukrainian Language Department, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine. PJP also provided financial support to CERES students and doctoral students from the University of Toronto who study various aspects of Ukrainian history, culture, and contemporary society.

The Program continued to develop public awareness about its activities through regular updates on its website, social media, listserv, and in traditional mass media. PJP maintained strong working relations with its long-term partners in Canada and abroad, collaborated with many departments at the University of Toronto, and expanded its partnerships in Canada and abroad.
MISSION

The Program’s mission is to promote scholarly understanding of the government, economy, and society in contemporary Ukraine, as well as the country’s history and culture, through the encouragement and support of collaborative projects — typically involving workshops, conferences, lectures, seminars, and visiting scholars — and through the support of University of Toronto graduate students studying Ukraine. Housed within CERES at the Munk School of Global Affairs, the Program draws on the participation of Ukrainianists at the University of Toronto and other universities in southern Ontario; collaborates with other institutions engaged in the study of Ukraine; and seeks additional funding from other sources to maximize the effects of Jacyk Program funding.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM

The activities and initiatives of the Program are developed by the Directors (Dr. Ksenya Kiebuzinski and Professor Lucan Way) and implemented by the Program Administrator (Dr. Olga Kesarchuk) and Program Assistants (this year, CERES graduate students Ana Marija Malenica and Samantha Sparing fulfilled this role).

The Coordinating Committee plays an advisory role and determines Program priorities from year to year.

In 2015-2016 the Committee’s members were:

- Dr. Ksenya Kiebuzinski, Head, Petro Jacyk Resource Centre & Slavic Resources Coordinator, University of Toronto Libraries
- Professor Frank Sysyn, History/CIUS, University of Alberta
- Professor Jaroslav Skira, Historical Theology, University of Toronto
- Professor Lucan Way, Political Science, University of Toronto
- Professor Lynne Viola, History, University of Toronto
- Professor Marta Dyczok, History/Political Science, University of Western Ontario
- Professor Maxim Tarnawsky, Literature/Language, Slavic Department, University of Toronto
- Professor Olga Andriewsky, History, Trent University
- Professor Paul R. Magocsi, History/Political Science, the John Yaremko Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto
- Professor Peter H. Solomon, Jr., Political Science/Law/Criminology, University of Toronto
- Professor Tanya Richardson, Anthropology, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Professor Taras Koznarsky, Literature/Language, Slavic Department, University of Toronto
- Professor Victor Ostapchuk, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto

The coordinating committee has subcommittees that are responsible for the selection of visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows and the allocation of student scholarship funds.
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PJP PROFILES

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN UKRAINIAN POLITICS, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

In the fall of 2007, CERES announced a generous gift from the Petro Jacyk Education Foundation (PJEF) to fund the Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Ukrainian Politics, Culture, and Society at the University of Toronto. The objective of the Fellowship is to support the most promising junior scholars studying contemporary Ukraine and thereby advancing academic understanding of Ukrainian politics, culture, and society.

2015-2016 Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow: Jessica Zychowicz

Dr. Jessica Zychowicz brings a diverse portfolio of interests to campus. She maintains a very interdisciplinary research agenda, and has an especially high profile with regard to the study of civil society movements in Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet contexts. During her residency this year as a Petro Jacyk Fellow, she published peer-reviewed chapters in two anthologies, entitled: *Transgressive Women in Modern Russian and East European Cultures: From the Bad to the Blasphemous*. Eds. Beth Holmgren, Yana Hashamova, Mark Lipovetsky (Routledge P); *The Idea of the Avant-Garde, and What It Means Today*. Ed. Marc James Léger (U-Chicago P). She also published a peer-reviewed article in *Krytyka: Journal of Ukrainian Politics and Society*, and a book review of *Democracy Assistance from the Third Wave: Polish Engagement in Belarus and Ukraine*, by Paulina Pospieszna for H-Net Reviews. Dr. Zychowicz’s work was also cited in several journals, conference presentations, and monographs. Proximity to scholars at the University of Toronto working in the fields of history and political science have greatly enriched Dr. Zychowicz’ s revisions on her manuscript. She joined faculty and doctoral candidates to workshop her chapters in the Ukraine Research Group, Russian History Workshop, and the Post-Soviet Group. Access to the University of Toronto’s extensive library holdings in Slavic Studies also proved an essential resource. It is with great pleasure that Dr. Zychowicz reports she has landed a book contract with the University of Toronto Press for her manuscript, *Superfluous Women: Gender, Art, and Activism after Ukraine’s Orange Revolution*.

During her fellowship Dr. Zychowicz organized and hosted a public conference sponsored by PJP; she also secured outside funding from the Departments of History and Slavic Languages and Literatures. The conference took place on April 1 and was entitled, “Critical Contexts of the Ukraine Conflict: Uncommon Perspectives.” Five scholars were invited to campus to present on the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Topics included: the civic effects of mass displacement; disability activism among internally displaced people; the impacts of domestic violence and NGOs working in this area; student union organizing on the Maidan; the roles of the Orthodox Church and mass media in different portrayals of the conflict; and new developments in Ukraine’s museum infrastructure and cultural sector. The conference also featured a film screening of “This is Gay Propaganda! LGBT Rights and the War in Ukraine,” followed by a Q & A with the Director, Dr. Marusya Bociurkiw (Ryerson U).
Throughout her year as a PJP Fellow, Dr. Zychowicz also benefitted from the many talks and presentations at CERES by faculty and visiting scholars sponsored by PJP. She also traveled to outside conferences focused on Ukraine: in October she attended the Danyliw Seminar in Ottawa, and in March she visited Western Ontario University to meet with two filmmakers from Kyiv’s Visual Culture Research Center and two journalists/researchers from Moscow in an event organized by Dr. Svitlana Matvienko. Dr. Zychowicz also participated in the 47th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies in Philadelphia, PA. On March 11, Dr. Zychowicz was invited by New York University’s Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, to give a guest lecture on “Why Art Now? Kyiv Artists’ Visual Narratives of Identity, Gender, and Conflict in Ukraine.” At the University of Toronto Dr. Zychowicz also widened her circle of colleagues at CERES by giving a guest lecture in Dr. Robert Austin’s Research Methods Course; by attending events in the Hungarian Studies Program; and by attending pedagogy workshops through the U of T Faculty Community of Practice Series.

As a PJP Fellow, Dr. Zychowicz designed and taught a Graduate Seminar to thirteen M.A. students enrolled in CERES program. The title of the course was “ERE1195H1S Topics in Ukraine: Gender and Society in Modern Ukraine,” and it met once per week for two hours, in addition to extra weekly film screenings organized by Dr. Zychowicz at the Munk School. The course introduced students to key readings in Ukrainian history in order to help them better understand the lives of women in Ukraine from 1900 through the present. Secondary sources for the course drew upon readings in anthropology, sociology, and film and media studies. Students kept weekly journals, and wrote two lengthier papers in which they were asked to investigate how societies in Ukraine dealing with extreme economic and political flux have shaped unique cultures of political expression. Extracurricular course activities included attendance at PJP-sponsored lectures, and a field trip to the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) to meet and discuss processes of historical documentation with the archivists.
Over Summer 2016, Dr. Zychowicz will conduct research in Ukraine at the Visual Culture Research Center and the new Maidan Museum. She also plans to survey materials in Ukraine’s state archives that have been made publicly accessible for the first time. On May 31, she will deliver a keynote talk at the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute during the international conference “Historical Sociology of Civilizations: Modernity Between Democracy and Inequality,” sponsored by Kyiv Polytechnic, the Office of Polish Academy of Sciences in Kyiv, Tallinn University, Taras Shevchenko National University, Karazin National University, Institute of Sociology of the NAS of Ukraine, and Corvinus University of Budapest. She will also deliver a lecture at the Kyiv-Mohilya Academy to colleagues and students of Dr. Tamara Martsenyuk, a former PJP Fellow at the University of Toronto and expert on gender and development. Upon returning from Ukraine, Dr. Zychowicz will continue working on her manuscript, with plans to submit it for peer-review in mid-2017. During the 2016-2017 academic year, Dr. Zychowicz will be in residence as a Fellow at the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan.

2016-2017 Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow: Markian Dobczansky

The Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellowship has again been very competitive this year. This opportunity was advertised throughout multiple research networks across North America, Europe, and Australia. PJP is pleased to announce that Markian Dobczansky (Stanford University) will be coming to CERES in 2016-2017 as a Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow.

Markian Dobczansky will receive his Ph.D. in history from Stanford University, where he focused on the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire, and Eastern Europe. His dissertation "From Soviet Heartland to Ukrainian Borderland: Searching for Identity in Kharkiv, 1943-2004" utilizes Soviet archival sources, published materials, and interviews, to examine local identity in Ukraine's second-largest city over the second half of the twentieth century. His academic interests include Russia and Ukraine during the Soviet period, nationalism, the politics of language and culture, and urban history. In 2013-2014, he was the Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Contemporary History at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. He received a B.A. in European History and German Studies from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005.
In 2015-2016, PJP hosted three visiting scholars: Dr. Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel, an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland; Dr. Jonathan Waterlow, a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Oxford, UK; and Dr. Liudmyla Pidkuimukha, an Assistant Professor at the Ukrainian Language Department, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine. During their stay at CERES, the Jacyk scholars were actively engaged in data collection, research, and writing. They took advantage of the opportunity to access the rich collections of the University of Toronto library system, and the services of the Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre (PJRC) at the Robarts Library. The PJP scholars were actively involved in the scholarly life of CERES and the PJP program by attending and participating in events and conferences that were taking place during their stay at CERES, including the Ukraine Research Group (URG). Each PJP scholar has given a presentation on the topic of their research.

Dr. Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel

Dr. Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel, PhD, is a cultural anthropologist at the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Jagiellonian University (Kraków, Poland). She is interested in anthropology of memory, the connections between anthropology and theories of literature (narrative, documentary literature), methodological problems of contemporary anthropology, and anthropology of ethnicity. Her ethnographical field research in Poland and Ukraine focuses on cultural self-presentation of the minorities, folklorism, cultural expressions, regionalism, and the constructions of regions’ images. She published a book The Lemko Land Remembered: the Stories about the Past and Space (Jagiellonian University Press, 2013, in Polish), and several articles on the question of collective memory and self-presentation strategies of the Lemkos, mythologization of space, and folklorism.

Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel holds a Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education scholarship, and is currently engaged in fieldwork on the collective memory of Ukrainian Canadians born in Poland. Since 2014 she has conducted research in Canada among the Ukrainians and Lemkos born in Poland, who immigrated to Canada in the 1980s. Her research also focuses on the question of cultural memory of the Ukrainian diaspora in Canada. Dr. Trzeszczyńska-Demel was a Petro Jacyk Visiting Professor in September-October 2015.

While at CERES, Dr. Trzeszczyńska-Demel worked on the project “Ukrainian Canadians: Memory, Identity, Homeland.” Between September and mid-November of 2015, she carried out anthropological fieldwork research in Toronto. Dr. Trzeszczyńska-Demel’s work aims to recognize the
Here is what Dr. Trzeszczyńska-Demel said about her experience as a Petro Jacyk Visiting Professor: “Thanks to the position of visiting scholar at the Petro Jacyk Program, and dedicated scholarship, I was able to conduct 21 semi-structured or narrative ethnographic interviews and participatory observations. I gathered rich and fruitful data which I plan to use as a basis of my future monograph concerning the Ukrainian Canadians born in Poland. My stay in Toronto also gave me a chance to participate in the scholarly life of CERES, and to present my research during the meeting of the Ukraine Research Group. The feedback and comments I got from the scholars, and especially from my tutor, Professor Frank Sysyn, were very important and inspiring for me, and will influence the third part of my research which I will conduct in 2017 as a holder of a grant from the Stasiuk Family Endowment Fund at CIUS.”
Dr. Jonathan Waterlow

Dr. Jonathan Waterlow is a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Oxford, UK, where he completed his PhD in History in 2012. He is also, with Jacques Schuhmacher, co-director of Oxford University’s interdisciplinary War Crimes Research Network (warcrimesresearch.net).

His new research project, titled ‘The Soviet Nuremberg: Shaping the Past and Forging the Postwar World Beyond the Iron Curtain, 1945-53’, examines the Soviet Union’s prosecution and portrayal of German war crimes in the post-Second World War period. He is particularly interested in how the narratives generated by these war crimes prosecutions were developed and propagated to the affected societies, and thereafter how those narratives were received, interpreted, and altered by ordinary citizens. Ukraine is the central focus of this research because it was there that the Moscow narrative was most starkly confronted by popular knowledge and experiences of the war crimes and atrocities themselves.

Jonathan Waterlow was a Petro Jacyk Visiting Post-Doctoral Fellow in September–October 2015. Here is what Dr. Waterlow said about his visit to CERES:

“During the period of my Jacyk postdoctoral fellowship at CERES, I had the truly invaluable opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with numerous members of the Munk School and the University of Toronto more widely. I took part in Professor Lynne Viola’s reading group, where I both gave feedback on others’ work and was grateful to receive detailed feedback on my own work in progress, which will play a significant part in my future publications. I was also able to attend the Midwest Russian History Workshop, hosted at the University, and to network with both established scholars and many graduate students working in related areas. I presented a public paper at the Munk School on my research which I am pleased to say was very well received. It was a privilege to be able to share my work with the Ukrainian community both within the University and in the local community. The rich holdings of the University’s library and the Ukrainian Canadian Documentation Centre and Archive at the St. Vladimir Institute were also important resources for me to take advantage of during my time in Toronto. I very much enjoyed my time at Toronto and would like to express my sincere thanks to the Jacyk Program for this unique opportunity.”
Dr. Liudmyla Pidkuimukha

Dr. Liudmyla Pidkuimukha is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Ukrainian Language at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” (Kyiv, Ukraine). Liudmyla completed her PhD thesis on *Lexical Characteristics of Western Region Variety of Standard Ukrainian Language (Based on L’viv Writers’ Texts 1-st Half of XXth Century)*, which focuses on the language situation in L’viv during the interwar period, and is rooted in both social sciences and humanities. Interwar L’viv is the central focus of this research because Liudmyla finds it very interesting to compare the ethnic situation with the language situation during this period, and to study the state and status of the Ukrainian language at that time in L’viv. Liudmyla is particularly interested in the literary production of the interwar period and in modern Ukrainian prose. In addition to linguistics, Dr. Pidkuimukha is interested in cultural, historical, and urban studies. Liudmyla was at CERES in March-April 2016.

Here is what Dr. Pidkuimukha said about her visit to CERES: “I have deepened my theoretical background in the linguistic landscape and the text of the city. I had opportunities to meet with professors of University of Toronto. Professor of Slavic and Balkan Languages Christina E. Kramer recommended great resources concerning linguistic landscapes. Now I am working on a syllabus for a course on *Language of the City*. Dr. Kramer offered advice and shared her materials to work out this course. I am very thankful to Professor Taras Koznarsky who devoted much time to helping me understand the phenomenon of the city and the text of the city. During meetings with Professor Koznarsky we discussed a lot of complicated questions. This information will be very useful while I am writing my book. Professor Maxim Tarnawsky told me a lot about the literary group “Twelve” (the texts written by these writers were chosen for my PhD thesis), and gave me advice on how and where to find their texts that were published in Canada and the USA. Professor Maxim Tarnawsky and Professor Frank Sysyn gave me a great idea to compare the language of interwar L’viv with the Diaspora language in Canada. It is a really great project and I hope to work on it in the nearest future... The meetings and discussions with professors gave me a push for two future interesting projects, and I felt that I need more time to work on them in Canada. ... I think that the Petro Jacyk Program is a great gift for everyone who does research on Ukraine.”
The selection process for the 2016-2017 PJP Visiting Scholars program has been highly competitive. We are pleased to welcome the following successful applicants as PJP visiting scholars next year.

Dr. Myroslava Antonovych

Dr. Myroslava Antonovych is the Director of the Centre for International Human Rights, and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Law, University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, Kyiv, Ukraine. In 2010-2014 she was a Judge ad Hoc at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She graduated from the Faculty of Law, L’viv National University (1995) and from the English Department, Dnipropetrovsk National University in Ukraine (1981) with honors. She has LL.M. degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada (1999). Her Doctor of Law degree is from the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, Germany (2008) and Candidate of Philology degree is from Kyiv Linguistic University in Ukraine (1988). As a Fulbright scholar she conducted research on International Human Rights at the Urban and Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA (1996). She is the author of about 100 books and articles in Ukraine and abroad. Her research focuses on international human rights and Genocide studies. At CERES, Dr. Antonovych will work on the project ““The Specificity and Communality of the Holodomor in the World Context of Genocides.” Dr. Antonovych’s visit to CERES as a Petro Jacyk Visiting Professor is generously supported by the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium and the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (University of Alberta). She will be at CERES in April-May 2017.

Dr. Simone Attilio Bellezza

Dr. Simone Attilio Bellezza completed two PhDs: the first one at the University Ca’ Foscari of Venice, where he defended a dissertation on the German civil administration of the Dnipropetrovs’k region during World War II, and the second at the University of the Republic of San Marino, where he wrote a dissertation on dissent in Ukraine during the 1950s and 1960s. He specializes in Soviet, and particularly Ukrainian, history, and the fil rouge of his work is the study of national identity and its relationship with other kinds of loyalty (social, political, cultural, and religious). He is now working on a new research project, whose aim is to verify to what extent the human rights activism of the 1970s and 1980s constituted the basis for the new-born foreign policy of post-Soviet Ukraine, by creating numerous networks of international relationships. His first objective will be to investigate the relationship between Ukrainian diaspora communities and their original homeland in the emergence of
the human rights movement. Dr. Bellezza will be at CERES in January-March 2017. He will work on the project “Ukrainian Transnational Activism: Human Rights, the End of the Cold War, and the Rise of Post-Bipolar Diplomacy (1970s-1990s).”

Olga Zelinska

Olga Zelinska is a PhD student in Sociology at the Graduate School for Social Research, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland. The topic of her thesis is “Local Maidan across Ukraine: History, Conditions and Impact.” Previously, she graduated in Public Policy from Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (M.A.) and in Political Science from Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine (M.A.). In her research, Olga empirically examines the social and political conditions of Ukrainian Maidan as they occurred in localities throughout the period 2013-2014, and their impact on local and national governance thereafter. During her stay at CERES she will focus on conceptual issues, connecting Ukrainian studies, political science and sociology. Olga will work on the project “Local Maidan across Ukraine: Conditions and Impact of Protest.” She will be coming to CERES as an international visiting graduate student in January-April, 2017.
EVENTS BY PJP

In 2015-2016, PJP organized, co-organized, and co-sponsored twenty events that covered the history, culture, society, politics, economics, and foreign affairs of contemporary Ukraine. This academic year some of the key events organized by the PJP continued to focus on Ukraine-Russia relations, the situation in the Donbas, and domestic politics in Ukraine.

Throughout the academic year, the PJP organized and co-sponsored five expert panels/conferences/workshops, eleven lectures, and three book presentations. PJP brought to U of T young and established scholars from Ukraine, North America, and Europe to give presentations on Ukraine at CERES.

All seminars were well-attended by the CERES, Munk, and broader University of Toronto academic communities and the general public.
EXPERT PANELS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

An Expert Panel “War in Ukraine” (September 24, 2015)

Participants: Yuri Zhukov (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan); Marta Dyczok (Associate Professor of History and Political Science, Western University); Taras Kuzio (Senior Fellow, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies)

Chair: Lucan Way (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto)

The prominent panelists addressed some of the pertinent issues related to the on-going war in Ukraine, such as the status of Ukraine’s war with Russia in the Donbas; the prospects for resolution; what is the likely outcome of the war; and the challenge of internally displaced people.

PJP co-sponsored this event together with the Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies and the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.

Conference “Starvation as a Political Tool from the Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Century: the Irish Famine, the Armenian Genocide, the Ukrainian Holodomor, and Genocide by Attrition in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan” (October 22, 2015)

Participants: Mark McGowan (University of Toronto); George Shirinian (Zoryan Institute); Andrea Graziosi (Università di Napoli Federico II); Samuel Totten (University of Arkansas); Natalia Khanenko-Friesen (University of Saskatchewan); Joyce Apsel (New York University)
States have many tools at their disposal to suppress their subjects: the military, police, taxes, and laws, to name a few. The extent to which starvation has been used, or became a way to discriminate against, punish or eliminate national, ethnic, racial or religious groups (as described in the UN Genocide Convention) has not always been appreciated. The symposium focused on four case studies to shed light on the politics of starvation, examining methods, their effectiveness as instruments of government policy, and the devastating effects on target populations.

Photo: participants of the conference Doris Bergen, Joyce Apsel, George Shirinian, and Mark McGowan.
Photo provided by Marta Baziuk.

Photo: Professor Frank Sysyn (CIUS, University of Alberta) and conference participants.
Photo provided by Marta Baziuk.

PJP co-sponsored the event together with the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (main sponsor), Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta; International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies; Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies; Canadian Foundation for Ukrainian Studies; Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, University of Toronto.
Workshop “Germany and the Ukrainian-Russian Conflict” (October 29, 2015)

In the wake of Euromaidan, Germany has played a leading role in shaping Western policies toward the long and perhaps frozen conflict between Moscow and Kyiv. With its leading position in the EU, economic relations with Eastern Europe, and close historical ties with Russia and Ukraine, Germany was fated to play a major role in dealing with the crisis in the East. But this has not proven a simple task. Russia’s disregard for the Budapest Memorandum and its annexation of the Crimea have undermined the German policy of promoting secure, stable, and predictable relations between Russia and the EU. Decades of a German Ostpolitik, based on constructive engagement with the Soviet Union/Russia, have been threatened, as Berlin has found less and less common ground with Moscow. At the same time, Germany’s relative neglect of Ukraine in the past has been replaced by new attention to Kyiv and the Ukrainian internal politics.

In its two panel sessions, the workshop explored both (1) historical relations between Germany and the states and societies located on the territories of contemporary Russia and Ukraine and (2) the sources and evolution of contemporary German policy on the confrontation in the East. The historical panel considered, inter alia, why most German historians and intellectuals have concentrated on Russia to the neglect of Ukraine. In Germany’s memory culture, one of the most developed and self-critical in the world, Ukraine plays a relatively small role, despite the important impact of Germany on Ukrainian affairs during World War I and the fact that a significant part of Germany’s war of extermination and the Holocaust during World War II took place on the territory of Ukraine. The contemporary panel addressed Germany’s cautious response to the Orange Revolution and Euromaidan, notwithstanding their similarities to the 1989 demonstrations in Leipzig and East Berlin. Arguably, the United States and Canada have been more ready to accept Ukraine as a sovereign state and autonomous society than has Germany. In short, the workshop discussed both the complex history of Ukrainian-German relations and the ‘German factor’ in today’s crisis and asked what has changed in Germany as a result of nearly two years of Ukrainian-Russian conflict.

Participants of the workshop: Yaroslav Hrytsak (Ukrainian Catholic University); James Casteel (Carleton University); Klaus Segbers (Free University of Berlin); Constanze Stelzenmueller (Brookings); Alexander Motyl (Rutgers University); Frank Sysyn (University of Alberta)

Chairs of the panels: Paul Robert Magocsi (University of Toronto); Volodymyr Kravchenko (University of Alberta).

Introductory remarks by Randall Hansen and Peter Solomon (University of Toronto).

This event was webcast live.

PJP co-sponsored this event together with the Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (main sponsor), the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, and the Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies.
Workshop “Critical Contexts of the Ukraine Conflict: Uncommon Perspectives” (April 1, 2016)

Theses abound with regard to the events that took place on Kyiv’s Maidan over the winter of 2013-14 and its many outcomes, including Ukraine’s ongoing conflict with Russia. This workshop brought together several experts on the region to discuss the impact of these events on local people’s everyday lives. Speakers presented in-depth analyses based on interviews with the internally displaced, studies of shifting priorities in media coverage, and emerging initiatives among several groups of activists, NGOs, and others committed to addressing civic issues of increasing concern. This event was organized by Jessica Zychowicz, the 2015-2016 Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow. The notable feature of this workshop was that it gave an opportunity for emerging scholars in Ukrainian Studies to present their work (the majority of participants were advanced graduate students). The event was very well-attended by graduate students from CERES and the University of Toronto.

Participants: Diana Dukhanova (Brown University); Emily Channell-Justice (The Graduate Center, CUNY); Jessica Zychowicz (Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow); Marta Dyczok (Western University); Sarah Phillips (Indiana University, Bloomington); Iryna Balabukha (Syracuse University).

Chairs of the panels: Serhiy Kovalchuk (OISE, University of Toronto); Katarzyna Korycki (Political Science, University of Toronto).

The event featured a movie screening of “This is Gay Propaganda: LGBT Rights and the War in Ukraine” directed by Marusya Bociurkiw. The screening was followed by a discussion with the participation of the movie director.

Photo: Jessica Zychowicz presenting at the workshop. Photo by Olga Kesarchuk.
Conference: "Strengthening NATO - the Warsaw Summit and Beyond" (April 27, 2016)

This conference brought together prominent experts on NATO, European security, and NATO relations with its eastern neighbors, including Ukraine.

Among the participants were: Brian Lee Crowley (Managing Director, Macdonald-Laurier Institute (Canada)); John. E. Herbst (Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center at the Atlantic Council, former US Ambassador to Ukraine (USA)); Sławomir Dębski (Director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs (Poland)); James Sherr (Associate Fellow of the Chatham House (United Kingdom)); Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Guiney (former Commander of Canada’s Joint Task Force Ukraine (Canada); Michał Miarka (Deputy Director, Security Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (Poland)); Kerry Buck (Canada’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council (Canada)); Markus Kaim (Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (Germany)).
Photo: participants of the panel “What are we facing? Unstable East – Ukraine and Russia” Sławomir Dębski; James Sherr; Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Guiney; Commander Pascal Belhumeur. The panel was chaired by Professor Lucan Way (PJP co-director).

Photo by the Embassy of Poland in Ottawa.

PJP co-sponsored this event together with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Ottawa (main sponsor); the Nato Association of Canada; CERES; and the Chair in Polish History at the University of Toronto.
LECTURES

“A Time for Action: the Way Forward for Ukraine” by Sir Suma Chakrabarti (President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)) (June 9, 2015)

The event was chaired by Chrystia Freeland (Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre)

“The Economics of Rebellion in Eastern Ukraine” by Yuri Zhukov (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan) (September 25, 2015)

In his talk, Yuri Zhukov evaluated the relative merits of ‘identity-based’ and ‘economic’ explanations of civil conflict using new micro-level data on violence in Eastern Ukraine. He argued that a municipality’s prewar employment mix was a more robust predictor of rebel activity than local ethnolinguistic composition and that municipalities more exposed to trade shocks with Russia experienced a higher intensity of rebel violence throughout the conflict. According to Professor Zhukov, such localities also fell under rebel control earlier — and took longer for the government to liberate — than municipalities where the labor force was less dependent on exports to Russia.

PIP sponsored this event together with the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto and CERES.

In his talk, Dr. Waterlow argued that traditional historiography of everyday life under Stalin in the 1930s long portrayed ordinary citizens as either brainwashed or terrified into silence; more recently, we have come to speak of ‘grey zones’ and blurred lines. Drawing on extensive archival research in Kyiv, Moscow and St. Petersburg, Dr. Waterlow argued that we can add some colour and definition to those ‘grey zones’ by turning to the political humour people shared in these years and what it reveals about their perceptions, struggles, frames of reference, their values, and even perhaps a mental resistance to a regime which promised much and a reality which rarely delivered. In this time of strict censorship and arbitrary arrests, the exchange of jokes, *anekdoty* and humorous poems was a vital means by which ordinary people could express their critical opinions about the Soviet regime and its policies (the appalling effects of collectivisation and the Five-Year Plans in Ukraine were a particular focus in this paper). Moreover, when they shared this humour, they were taking a considerable risk, giving us insight into the making and breaking of trust bonds in this still-molten society. Dr. Lynne Viola (Professor at History Department, University of Toronto and PJP Coordinating Committee Member) chaired the event.

Photo: Petro Jacyk Visiting Post-Doctoral Fellow Dr. Jonathan Waterlow delivering a public lecture at CERES in October 2015. Photo by Olga Kesarchuk.

PJP sponsored this event together with CERES.

The Toronto Annual Ukraine Famine Lecture: “The Ukrainian Famine as World History” by Timothy Snyder, Housum Professor of History at Yale University (November 4, 2015)

Timothy Snyder is the Housum Professor of History at Yale University. His book *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin* received the literature award of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Hannah Arendt Prize, and the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding. *Bloodlands* was named a book of the year by some dozen publications, has been translated into
more than twenty languages, and was a bestseller in four countries. Professor Snyder is a frequent
ccontributor to The New York Review of Books and The Times Literary Supplement. His most recent
book is Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning.

Photo: Timothy Snyder delivering the lecture “The Ukrainian Famine as World History” at the Innis
Town Hall. Photo provided by Marta Baziuk.

Upon the initiative of CERES students, Professor Snyder held an informal meeting with a group of ten
graduate students from CERES at St. Vladimir Institute on November 5, 2015. The notes from the
meeting, during which students asked Professor Snyder questions, were published in Eurasiatique, a
journal that is edited and run by CERES students.

Photo: Timothy Snyder meeting with students. Photo provided by Marta Baziuk

PIP co-sponsored this event together with HREC and CIUS (main sponsors); Canadian Foundation for
Ukrainian Studies, and CERES.

PJP was proud to bring Sofiia Andrukhovych, a Ukrainian writer, whose book *Felix Austria* was the winner of the BBC 2014 Ukrainian Book of the Year Award, to the University of Toronto. Dr. Maxim Tarnawsky, Professor at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and PJP Coordinating Committee member, chaired this event.

*PJP co-sponsored this event together with the Danylo Husar Struk Programme in Ukrainian Literature, CIUS, and CERES.*

“Reforms and Security in Ukraine Two Years after the Euromaidan/Revolution of Dignity” by Andriy Parubiy, First Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Ukraine (February 22, 2016)

This event was chaired by Lucan Way, Chair (Professor of Political Science, PJP co-director)

*Photo: Mr. Parubiy at CERES. Photo provided by Marta Dyczok.*

*PJP sponsored this event together with CERES and CIUS.*

A conversation with Yuri Butusov, a Ukrainian journalist and editor in-chief of the censor.net.ua website (February 26, 2016)

Victor Ostapchuk, Professor at the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and member of the PJP Coordinating Committee, chaired and interpreted the event.

*Photo: Yuri Butusov and Victor Ostapchuk at the event.*
“Maturing of the Ukrainian Political Nation” by Vitaly Portnikov, a journalist, author, and political commentator in Ukraine (March 23, 2016)

Regrettably, Air Canada unilaterally changed Mr. Portnikov’s itinerary and PJP had to cancel this lecture. The registration for the event was full.

*PJP sponsored this event together with CERES.*

“The Language Situation in L’viv during the Interwar Period” by Liudmyla Pidkuimukha, Petro Jacyk Visiting Professor (April 18, 2016)

In her lecture, Dr. Pidkuimukha pointed out that since its foundation L’viv has been situated on a border of different cultures and languages, largely because throughout its existence, the city belonged to different states. The dominant national structure changed in accordance to it. Dr. Pidkuimukha’s lecture traced how the ethnic situation in L’viv influenced the formation of the city’s Ukrainian language. Professor Taras Koznarsky (Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures) chaired the event.

*Photo: Dr. Liudmyla Pidkuimukha during the presentation. Photo provided by Dr. Pidkuimukha.*

*PJP co-sponsored this event together with CERES.*
“Farewell to a "Wonderful Slavonic People": Ethnic Othering and Stereotyping During the Russo-Ukrainian War” by Mykola Riabchuk, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Political and Nationalities’ Studies in Kyiv (May 12, 2016).

As Mykola Ribchuk argued, the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war, euphemistically called “the Ukraine crisis”, has revealed a dramatic gap between the imaginary Ukraine (“a wonderful Slavonic people”, in Aleksandr Dugin’s terms) created by three centuries of Russian imperial mythmaking, and the real Ukraine that evolved as an alternative and ultimately a bold denial of those efforts. In his lecture at CERES, Dr. Riabchuk examined Russian stereotypes of Ukrainians as an important element of that mythmaking and deconstructed them as the instruments of imperial manipulation, discursive dominance and, nowadays, unscrupulous propagandistic war. He contended that the popular view of Ukrainians and Russians as “almost the same people” becomes increasingly obsolete since it refers primarily to common soil and blood, culture and history, contrary to Ukrainians’ attempts to develop civic identity and establish a value-based rather than ethnic proximity to democratic nations of Europe. Professor Lucan Way, PJP co-director, chaired the event.

Photo: Mykola Riabchuk delivering the lecture at CERES. Photo by Olga Kesarchuk

PIP sponsored this event together with CERES.
BOOK LAUNCHES AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS

“Literature, Exile, Alterity: The New York Group of Ukrainian Writers” by Maria Rewakowicz, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, University of Washington (January 15, 2016). This pioneering book is the first to present the postwar phenomenon of the New York Group of Ukrainian émigré poets as a case study for exploring cultural and aesthetic ramifications of exile. It focuses on the poets' diasporic and transnational connections both with their country of origin and their adopted homelands, underscoring the group's role in the shaping of the cultural and literary image of Ukraine abroad. Displacements, forced or voluntary, engender states of alterity, states of living in-between, living in the interstices of different cultures and different linguistic realities. The poetry of the founding members of the New York Group reflects these states admirably. The poets accepted their exilic condition with no grudges and nurtured the link with their homeland via texts written in the mother tongue. This account of the group's output and legacy will appeal to all those eager to explore the poetry of East European nations and those interested in larger cultural contexts for the development of European modernisms.

PJP co-sponsored this event together with the Danylo Husar Struk Programme in Ukrainian Literature, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies; the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures; and CERES.

“Pluralism by Default: Weak Autocrats and the Rise of Competitive Politics” by Lucan Way (Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto and PJP co-director) published by John Hopkins University Press (February 26, 2016)

"Pluralism by Default" explores sources of political contestation in the former Soviet Union and beyond. Lucan Way proposes that pluralism in "new democracies" is often grounded less in democratic leadership or emerging civil society and more in the failure of authoritarianism. Dynamic competition frequently emerges because autocrats lack the state capacity to steal elections, impose censorship, or repress opposition. In fact, the same institutional failures that facilitate political competition may also thwart the development of stable democracy.

PJP sponsored this event together with CERES and the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.
“Stories of Khmelnytsky: Competing Literary Legacies of the 1648 Ukrainian Cossack Uprising” (April 20, 2016)

Participants: Frank Sysyn (Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Historical Research, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies); Taras Koznarsky (Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures); Adam Teller (Brown University); Amelia Glaser (UC San Diego); Paul Robert Paul Magocsi, Chair (Professor of History/Political Science, University of Toronto)

In the middle of the seventeenth century, Bohdan Khmelnytsky was the legendary Cossack general who organized a rebellion that liberated the Eastern Ukraine from Polish rule. Consequently, he has been memorialized in the Ukraine as a God-given nation builder, cut in the model of George Washington. But in this campaign, the massacre of thousands of Jews perceived as Polish intermediaries was the collateral damage, and in order to secure tentative independence, Khmelnytsky signed a treaty with Moscow, ultimately ceding the territory to the Russian tsar. So was he a liberator or a villain? This volume examines drastically different narratives, from Ukrainian, Jewish, Russian, and Polish literature, that have sought to animate, deify, and vilify the seventeenth-century Cossack. Khmelnytsky’s legacy, either as nation builder or as antagonist, has inhibited inter-ethnic and political rapprochement at key moments throughout history and, as we see in recent conflicts, continues to affect Ukrainian, Jewish, Polish, and Russian national identity.

PJP co-sponsored this event together with Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Historical Research, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta; Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto; The Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto; The Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter; Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures; and CERES.
UKRAINE RESEARCH GROUP (URG)

URG was launched in 2012 and proved to be very successful. The URG is open to faculty, post-doctoral fellows, PhD and masters’ students at U of T and other institutions in and around Toronto who study Ukraine, or whose work touches on Ukraine comparatively. The group’s goal is to help scholars stay informed about each other’s research, promote interdisciplinary approaches to Ukrainian studies, and foster academic community in the field. The group meets at the Munk School, North House, Room 108, at 4 PM, on every third or fourth Monday of the month. URG meetings are informal colloquia where work-in-progress is discussed. Papers are pre-circulated a week prior to each meeting. During meetings, authors briefly summarize their work and outline their major questions and concerns, discussants offer their own critique of the papers for five to ten minutes, and group discussion follows.

In 2015-2016, URG was organized and chaired by Dr. Ksenya Kiebuzinski, University of Toronto Libraries and Petro Jacyk Program co-director. The following papers were discussed:

September 21, 2015
“Ukrainians from Poland in Canada: Memory, Identity, Homeland. Fieldwork.”
Patrycja Trzeszczyńska-Demel (2015/2016 Jacyk Visiting Scholar, CERES, University of Toronto; and Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Jagiellonian University)

Discussant: Frank Sysyn (Director of the Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Historical Research at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), University of Alberta, Edmonton, and head of the CIUS office at the University of Toronto)

October 26, 2015
“From Disillusioned Dissidents to Opportunistic Organizations: Initial Reactions to the Soviet-Afghan War” (including a discussion on the current status of Ukrainian veterans in the war in the Donbas)
Ben McVicker (PhD candidate, History Department, University of Toronto)

Discussant: Robert Johnson (Professor Emeritus, History Department, University of Toronto)

November 16, 2015 (cancelled)

December 14, 2015
“Socio-Economic Causes of the Russia-Ukraine War: War-Producing Domestic Mechanism.”
Leon Kosals (Professor at Higher School of Economics; Sessional Lecturer at the University of Toronto)

Discussant: Lucan Way (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto)

January 18, 2016
“A Revolving Square: Art, Protest, and War in The School of Kyiv.”
Jessica Zychowicz (Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellow in Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto)

Discussant: Marusya Bociurkiw (Associate Professor of Media Theory and Co-Director of The Studio for Media Activism and Critical Thought, Ryerson University)
February 22, 2016
“The Polish Legend of Byron’s Mazeppa.”
Thomas Prymak (Research Associate of the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto)

Discussant: Serhiy Bilenky (Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto)

March 21, 2016
“Faces of Displacement in Ukraine.”
Marta Dyczok (Associate Professor, Departments of History and Political Science, Western University)

Discussant: Matthew Light (Associate Professor, Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto)

Publications crediting URG (presenters from previous years):


THE PETRO JACYK GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN UKRAINIAN STUDIES

During May 2015-April 2016, the PJP provided financial support to the following students towards their studies, research, and conference trips.

**Doctoral Students:**
Olga Kesarchuk
Vojin Majstorovic
Adrian Mitter

**CERES MA Students**
Griffin Cotton Cornwall
Stephen Gellner
Siobhan Kirkland
Anastasia Leschyshyn
Olga Pleshko
Victoria Sztanek
Peter Nicholas Tanchak
DEVELOPING AWARENESS

PJP events are advertised through PJP’s own, CERES’s, and Munk School of Global Affairs’ websites and listservs. The broader Ukrainian community at the University of Toronto can also learn about PJP activities through the CIUS listserv, University of Toronto’s E-Bulletin, and the University’s main events website. The Program also kept in touch with its supporters and promoted its activities and related materials on its own Facebook page www.facebook.com/JacykMunk, and through the CERES Facebook account. As of June 10, 2016, 345 people have “liked” PJP’s Facebook page and are getting regular updates about the program (an addition of 84 “likes” since last year). PJP’s listserv has a total of 221 subscribers as of June 10, 2016.

The Program’s major events were videotaped and webcasts are available on PJP and CERES websites:

www.utoronto.ca/jacyk/audio_archive.html
munkschool.utoronto.ca/cheres/videos/

The PJP program, and specifically its Visiting Scholars Program and the Post-Doctoral Fellowship, is well-known around the world among scholars working in Ukrainian Studies. Its announcement, together with the announcement of the PJP Visiting Scholars opportunity, was widely shared on social media by a number of prominent and young scholars in the field. The list of these scholars who may have an interest in applying, or could have access to those who may be interested in applying, is expanded and updated regularly. The announcements were also e-mailed widely to major universities in Ukraine (both Kyiv and the regions), and to centres for the study of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. These two opportunities were also promoted widely by the administrator of the PJEF.

All PJP annual reports are available on the About the Program section of our website:

www.utoronto.ca/jacyk
CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

PJP works closely with leading institutions in Ukrainian Studies across Canada and abroad through co-invitations of guest speakers, organization of conferences and lectures, and other collaborative initiatives.

In 2015-2016, PJP continued to work closely with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), based at the University of Alberta and represented in Ontario by its Toronto branch. In particular, PJP, CIUS, and the JIGES program at CERES jointly organized and co-sponsored the workshop “Germany and the Ukrainian-Russian Conflict” that took place in October.

PJP also closely collaborated with the Holodomor Research and Educational Consortium (HREC) at CIUS in organizing events on the Holodomor and with the Danylo Husar Struk Programme in Ukrainian Literature at CIUS. PJP also continuously co-operates with CIUS to publicize its activities and maintain public relations with Ukrainian communities in Canada.

Other close partners included the Department of Political Science and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto. PJP has also co-operated with the Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Centre (PJRC) at the Robarts Library, University of Toronto, in granting PJP visitors access to the rich collections of the University of Toronto Libraries. It has also worked closely with the Petro Jacyk Education Foundation (PJEF) in publicizing and administering the Petro Jacyk Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

PJP also co-operates with a number of departments, centres, and programs at the University of Toronto. More specifically, it works closely with the Centre for International Experience, School of Graduate Studies, Hart House, the Faculty of Arts and Science, Offices of Alumni Relations and Advancement Communications, the School of Graduate Studies, and most closely with CERES and the Munk School of Global Affairs, to improve the experiences of PJP’s visitors, support and promote the program’s activities, increase the program’s visibility, and develop new initiatives.

As during the previous years, PJP facilitated and co-funded the visit of CERES students to Ottawa to attend the Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine at the invitation of Dominique Arel the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Professor at the University of Ottawa. Six CERES students (Griffin Cotton Cornwall, Stephen Gellner, Siobhan Kirkland, Anastasia Leshchyshyn, Victoria Sztanek, Peter Nicholas Tanchak) and one PhD student (Adrian Mitter) attended the seminar on October 22-24 with the support of PJP and the Chair of the Ukrainian Studies. The students had an opportunity to listen to presentations by young and established scholars in Ukrainian Studies on topics such as the effect of Maidan, the Crimea before and after its annexation by Russia, the role of social media, and the challenge of conducting economic reforms in Ukraine. Attendance of the seminar also allowed U of T students to engage in the discussion and begin establishing professional networks with scholars working in the field of Ukrainian Studies.
2016-2017 promises to be a busy year for the PJP program. In addition to welcoming three visiting scholars and a post-doctoral fellow to CERES and U of T, PJP has begun planning several important events that promise to be of great interest to the university and broader community interested in Ukrainian Studies.

More specifically, in September, PJP will host the launch of a new book *Ukraine’s Euromaidan: Broadcasting through Information Wars with Hromadske Radio* (2016) by Marta Dyczok (Associate Professor at Western University and member of the PJP Coordinating Committee), and a lecture by Oleh Wolowina, Director of the Centre for Demographic and Socio-Economic Research of Ukrainians in the US at the Shevchenko Scientific Society in New York City. Together with the John Yaremko Chair of Ukrainian Studies and the Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, in October PJP will co-sponsor two events about the Ukrainians and the Jews that will also commemorate the Babyn Yar anniversary. In October and early November, PJP will co-sponsor and co-organize a symposium on the Holodomor and the annual Holodomor lecture by Serhii Plokhy, Mykhailo S. Hrushevs’kyi Professor of Ukrainian History and Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard. In November, PJP will host a seminar to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster initiated and organized by Tanya Richardson (Associate Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University and member of the PJP Coordinating Committee). Myroslav Shkandrij, Professor of Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba, will do a launch of his latest book *Ukrainian Nationalism: Politics, Ideology and Literature, 1929-1956* (Yale University Press, 2015) in December.

Dr. Ksenya Kiebuzinski will again organize monthly URG meetings to give the floor to presenters whose research on Ukraine is currently a “work-in-progress.” The call for presenters was issued broadly in April 2016 and the schedule of presentations is now being finalized.

The incoming PJP PDF Markian Dobczansky will teach a course entitled “Sibling Rivalry: Ukraine and Russia in the Twentieth Century and Beyond” in winter 2017.

PJP remains committed to financially enabling graduate students to attend the Danyliw seminar at the University of Ottawa on 3-5 November 2016. We will be working out the details of deepening the engagement of CERES and U of T students in the activities of the seminar, as proposed by the host, the Chair of the Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa. PJP will also continue to support student-led initiatives regarding informal meetings between students and key speakers in Ukrainian Studies whose visits to Toronto PJP supports, similar to the one that took place between Professor Timothy Snyder and CERES students in November 2015. In particular, PJP and HREC have already begun arranging a meeting with Professor Serhii Plokhy, who will be coming to Toronto in November 2016.

Once finalized, all PJP events and initiatives will be announced on its website and broadly advertised through the publicity means PJP has traditionally relied upon.