THE TENACITY OF UKRAINE’S DEMOCRACY:  
OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND AGGRESSION  
Conference Program*

Thursday, October 31, 2019

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  Meet & Greet Reception (Business Casual) at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel

Friday, November 1, 2019

8:15 a.m.  Enter the Building/ Registration/Coffee.

9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks, UABA President/Treasurer Oksana Pelekh, Esq.

9:05 a.m.  Andrii Yanevskyi, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. of Embassy of Ukraine in the United States.

“Current Political Developments in Ukraine”

9:30 a.m.  Panel Discussion: “Ukraine- Subject or Serious Player in International Politics?”

Moderator: Myroslava Gongadze, Award-Winning Journalist;  
Chief, Ukrainian Service, Voice of America.

Panelists:  
Melinda Haring, Editor Ukraine Alert, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council  
Amb. John E. Herbst, Director of the Atlantic Council’s Eurasia Center  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine  
Glen E. Howard, President, the Jamestown Foundation

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  Paul A. Goble, Adjunct Professor at the Institute of World Politics  
“Can Ukraine Recover from Steinmeyer?”
11:30 a.m.  

*Hon. Bohdan Futey*, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims  
“Legal Challenges for the Government of Ukraine”

12:00 p.m.  

**Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m.  

Panel Discussion:  
“Russia’s Aggression Against Ukraine: Are There Paths Toward A Solution?”  
Panelists:  
*Dr. Steven Blank*, Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council  
*Dr. Olena Nikolayenko*, Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Fordham University.  
*Dr. Mariya Snegovaya*, Fellow, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies; Adjunct Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis.

2:00 p.m.  

Panel Discussion: **“Assessing Freedoms in Ukraine”**  
Panelists:  
*Ayla Bakkalli*, Representative of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People at UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; US Representative to the World Congress of Crimean Tatars.  
*Adrian Karmazyn*, Special Advisor, Strategic Communications and Development; U.S.-Ukraine Foundation.

3:00 p.m.  

Panel Discussion:  
“US and European Perspectives on Ukraine’s Economic Situation”  
Panelists:  
*Ivan Bilaniuk, Esq.*, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.  
*John Didiuk*, Director, International Project Finance Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).  
*Alexander Gordin*, Managing Director Broad Street Capital Group, New York.  
*Michele Small*, Director, Head of Representative Office- North America, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (EBRD)

4:00  

Adjournment

4:30-  

**Networking Reception for Attendees and Invited Guests**

6:30 p.m.  

Location: The Gold Room (Rayburn Building)

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

9:00 a.m.  

Enter Building/Registration/Coffee.

9:30 a.m.  

Hon. Timothy Tymkovich, Chief Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, “Welcoming Remarks”

9:45 a.m.  

Andrew Futey, President, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)  
“The Role of the Organized Ukrainian American Community in Supporting Ukraine”

10:15 a.m.  

**Break**
10:30 a.m. Ivanna Bilych, Esq., President of Volya Institute for Contemporary Law and Society, “Mercenaries and States’ Responsibility in the Armed Conflict in Ukraine”.


11:45 a.m. Panel Discussion: “US / Ukraine Relations and the Impact on Law in Ukraine”
Markian Silecky, Esq., UABA Governor, Polsinelli
Olexiy Soshenko, Esq., Managing partner at Redcliffe Partners

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Bohdan Shandor, Esq., Chairman, UABA Committee on Legislative Affairs. “Ukraine’s View from Capitol Hill”

2:00 p.m. Rep. Andy Harris, M.D. (R-MD), Co-Chair, Congressional Ukrainian Caucus. “The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus--How it Works in an Age of Partisanship”

2:45 p.m. Adjournment

3:00 p.m. Meeting of the Membership of the UABA and Election of Officers and Directors. (Open only to Current UABA Members)

Saturday Evening, November 2, 2019

RECEPTION AND BANQUET
HYATT REGENCY CAPITOL HILL HOTEL
400 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Deadline to register for the Banquet is October 27, 2019)

6:00-6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar).

6:30- 9:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner.

Keynote Speaker: TBA

*Speakers and scheduling subject to change without notice.*