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### AGENDA

Working languages: Ukrainian and English

#### May, 26, Friday

- 08.45 Registration.  
*Coffee break*
- 09.15 **Opening of the Seventh International Academic Conference “Parliamentary readings”**  
**Opening remarks**
- **Igor KOGUT**, Director of USAID “RADA” Program
  - **Svitlana MATVIENKO**, Chairwoman of the Board, Agency for Legislative Initiatives
  - **Lidiya DANYLENKO**, PhD, Professor, Department of Parliamentarism and Political Management of National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine
- 09.30 **DISCUSSION PLATFORM**  
**Importance of social media enhancing parliamentary democracy in the wake of the French and US elections – lessons for millennials and our society**
- Without any doubts social media play an important role in political events. Social networks give an opportunity for politicians to communicate public policy and promptly react to political challenges. Nevertheless, under the condition of post-truth and fake news, social media can become a dangerous weapon for spreading untruthful political information. How to use social media for the effective communication in society? Can social media promote the development of sustainable democracy?*
- **Dr. Josef MANTL**, Deputy Head, Institute for Go-Governance (Vienna, Austria)

11.00 Coffee-break

11.30 **DISCUSSION PLATFORM**

**How to build an effective and transparent parliament in Ukraine?**

**Moderator: Svitlana ZALISHCHUK**, Member of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

*Evaluating Ukrainian parliament's efficiency by the quantity of draft and adopted laws which is a trend of recent years has led to the "legislative tsunami" in the Verkhovna Rada and laws being unattached to public policies. Legislative process in Ukraine, often chaotic and unpredictable, calls for systemic changes focusing on reinforced coordination between subjects of legislative initiative. This can be achieved, first and foremost, through an internal reform and strengthening of institutional capacity of the Verkhovna Rada. Parliamentary reform, progress of which is constantly criticized, should address issues from organization of parliamentary schedule, cooperation with civil society to the role of factions and committees in policy making. The experience of countries with developed parliamentary democracy, Germany, for instance, shows that such transformations require political will and patience. How to improve communication between the parliament and the government? How to make the Verkhovna Rada's performance fit strategic planning during policy making? How to make the parliament effective and transparent based on international best practices?*

- **Jan MENZER**, Foreign Policy Advisor, Political Consultant to the CDU Foreign Affairs specialist and German MP Dr. Johann Wadephul (Berlin, Germany)
- **Oleksandr PISKUN**, Democracy Project Management Specialist, Office of Democracy and Governance U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Oleksandr ZASLAVSKY**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Agency for Legislative Initiatives
- **Jonathan MURPHY**, Senior Parliamentary Advisor and Team Leader, EC-UNDP Rada for Europe Project at UNDP Ukraine

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **DISCUSSION PLATFORM**

**Ukrainian and worldwide practices of researching the internal parliamentary processes. Theory and practice**

**Moderator: Olga ZHMURKO**, Roma Program Initiative Director, Renaissance Foundation

*Periodic and meaningful evaluation of parliament is an important instrument for providing its effective work and the increase of the level of citizens' trust. Research methods of parliamentary activity is an important topic for both institutes of the civic society and for scientists. The discussion is focused on such issues as what kind of data about Verkhovna Rada activity are accessible and which methods can be implemented for analysis*

- **Volodymyr PANIOTTO**, PhD, Professor, Lecturer of the Sociology Department, Director of the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology (KIIS)
- **Oleksandr DYSHLEVYY**, Director, "Social indicators" Centre
- **Anatolii BONDARCHUK**, Head of the Project of the Civil Network OPORA in frame of the USAID Rada Program

15.30 **Presentation of research**

**Moderator: Olena IVASHCHENKO**, PhD, Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv

- **Research methodology of internal parliamentary processes in connection with methodology of law-making**  
(Mykhaylo KOSTYTSKYI, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Parliament in the focus of selection theory: designing the research methodology of MPs**  
(Denys YAKOVLYEV, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **The theory of practice, habitus, field and capital of Pierre Bourdieu in the research of internal parliamentary processes**  
(Oleksandra IVANIUK, Liublin, Poland)
- **The problem of increasing transparency, predictability, efficiency and transparency of the process of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**  
(Lusine AKOPYAN, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Transparency and openness of the Parliament in the context of civic trust**  
(Yulia BIDENKO, Odesa, Ukraine)
- **Accountability of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine: realities and prospects**  
(Maksym ROMANOV, Dnipro, Ukraine)
- **The independent expert monitoring as an innovative institution of public administration**  
(Anatoliy SHYSHAK, Kyiv, Ukraine)

17.00 **Closing the first working day of the Conference**

**May, 27, Saturday**

10.00 Registration  
*Coffee-break*

10.30 **Presentation of research**

**Moderator: Olena IVASHCHENKO**, PhD, Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv

- **Organization of cooperation of parliament and government of Ukraine: problems and ways of solution**  
(Natalya MALYSHKINA, Kharkiv, Ukraine)
- **Legal regulation of parliamentary immunity: comparative analysis of national legislation and legislation of foreign countries**  
(Iryna RYZHUK, Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine)
- **Problem of sticking to the election programmes by political parties**  
(Kira NECHAY, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **The influence of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine on activity of parliament in the aspect of providing rights and freedoms**  
(Maksym BABAK, Zaporizhia, Ukraine)
- **Characteristics of parliamentarism of Federal Republic of Germany, Austrian Republic and Switzerland – comparative analysis**  
(Pylyp DEMCHENKO, Kyiv, Ukraine)

- **Formation of the parliamentary majority as a precondition for the implementation of effective national strategies towards development of the country**  
(Lolita KOLBASIUK, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Ways of improving the mechanism of early termination of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**  
(Vyacheslav LUTSKOV, Odesa, Ukraine)
- **Modernization of the system of subjects of legislative initiative in Ukraine in the context of establishment of national parliamentarism**  
(Mykola MARCHENKO, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Political manipulation as a negative phenomenon in the work of parliament**  
(Vladyslav YANKOVSKYY, Chernivtsi, Ukraine)

12.30 *Lunch*

13.30 **Presentation of the research**

**Moderator: Volodymyr VENGER**, Head of Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy and Justice

- **Value-oriented parliamentary activity: problems and solutions in Ukraine**  
(Lidiya DANYLENKO, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Psycho(patho)logy of parliamentary lobbying**  
(Oleksandra TELEGUZOVA, Vinnytsia, Ukraine)
- **Chronotope of Parliament of Ukraine as a conceptual framework of solving of social problems**  
(Olga ZHORNOVA, OLENA ZHORNOVA, Zaporizhia, Ukraine)
- **"E-parliament" as a structural component of development of relations between the state and the society: European experience and Ukraine**  
(Iryna DYNNYK, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Code of Conduct of MPs in the context of Ukraine and international experience**  
(Oksana KOGUT, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Forming strategic directions of e-government functioning as a tool for openness of public authorities**  
(Anastasiya KONSTANTYNIVSKA, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Theoretical model of regulation of higher education market in Ukraine in terms of European integration**  
(Olena MUSIENKO, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Professional parliament as a precondition of high-quality work of the legislative body of Ukraine**  
(Bogdan SYCHOV, Chernivtsi, Ukraine)
- **Responsibility and integrity as the values of parliamentary activities**  
(Maryna TVYERDOKHLYEB, Kyiv, Ukraine)
- **Comparative analysis of the key elements of the free mandate of Ukrainian MP, US Congressman and British MP**  
(Anna PHILIPPOVA, Kyiv, Ukraine)

15.30 **Closing remarks**