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## **'Prospects for Ukraine Post-Election'**



The panel discussion is chaired by **John Whittingdale OBE MP, Chairman of the British-Ukraine All-Party Parliamentary Group**

### **SPEAKERS:**

#### **Dr. Olga Onuch**

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#### **Dr. Andrew Wilson**

Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations

#### **Sergiy Sydorenko**

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#### **Nataliya Popovych**

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#### **Vasyl Myroshnychenko**

Director and Head of the Ukrainian Office of the Ukrainian-British City Club

#### **Dr. Andrew Foxall**

Director, Russia Studies Centre at the Henry Jackson Society

**TIME:** 4.30 – 6pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**VENUE:** Committee Room 9, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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The Maidan revolution in February and Russia's annexation of Crimea in March triggered political upheaval in Ukraine. Amid Russia's invasion of eastern Ukraine, presidential elections in May saw

the pro-Western Petro Poroshenko elected. Since then, Kyiv's internal political consolidation has helped to constrain Russia's military aggression. Ukraine's next electoral challenge will take place on Sunday 26 October, when the country chooses its new parliament.

While the broad coalition that originated on Kyiv's Maidan has held together, the balance of forces has shifted, reflecting the transition from revolution to governance. The 26 October elections are expected to produce a pro-democracy and pro-reform constitutional majority. Nevertheless, questions remain. Will the Russia-controlled Luhansk and Donetsk regions participate in the election? If so, at what cost? Will the diversity of political parties and social groups who participated on Maidan be fully represented? And what of the emerging civil-society groups, many of which are of liberal persuasions?

By kind invitation of **John Whittingdale OBE MP, Chairman of the British-Ukraine All-Party Parliamentary Group, the Russia Studies Centre at The Henry Jackson Society and Ukraine Crisis Media Centre** are pleased to invite you to a discussion with **Dr. Olga Onuch, Dr. Andrew Wilson, Sergiy Sydorenko, Nataliya Popovych, Vasyl Myroshnychenko** and **Dr. Andrew Foxall**. The panelists will be examining the outcome of the parliamentary elections and what this means for Ukraine's future.

### **Biographies**

**Dr. Olga Onuch** is a Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Manchester and a Research Fellow at Nuffield College at the University of Oxford. From 2011-2014 she was a Newton Prize Fellow in Comparative Politics (awarded by the Royal Society & British Academy) at the SIAS (Latin American Centre) and a Research Fellow at Nuffield College, both held at the University of Oxford. An expert on protests, elections, activism and good governance in Ukraine, she is currently conducting large surveys of protest participants in Kyiv, Ukraine, as part of her ongoing Ukrainian Protest Project.

**Dr. Andrew Wilson** is a Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations. He is also a Permanent Reader in Ukrainian Studies at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), University College London and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. He has published widely on the politics and culture of the European neighbourhood, particularly on Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, and on the comparative politics of democratisation in the post-Soviet states, especially its corruption by so-called 'political technology'.

**Sergiy Sydorenko** is Editor-in-Chief of 'European Pravda', the leading EU-focused online media outlet in Ukraine. Previously, Sergiy worked as a senior correspondent for the leading business daily Kommersant-Ukraine. He is one of the most prominent journalists covering international affairs and Ukraine's foreign policy.

**Nataliya Popovych** is the Co-Founder and Board Member of Ukraine Crisis Media Center. She is the President of Weber Shandwick affiliate PRP Group in the post-Soviet markets. She supervises the firm's operations in Russia, Ukraine and CIS and brings to the table over 17 years of successfully supporting clients in the emerging economies. Nataliya holds a Master of Science degree in journalism and mass communications from San Jose State University (CA, USA) and MA in political science and sociology from the University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy.

**Vasyl Myroshnychenko** is the Director and Head of the Ukrainian office of the Ukrainian-British City Club. He is a Co-Founder of Ukraine Crisis Media Centre and Partner at CFC Consulting, a Kyiv-based strategic communications firm where he advises local and international clients on corporate communications, investor relations and public affairs. Vasyl holds MSc in international political economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK) and MA and BA degrees in international relations from Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University.

**Dr. Andrew Foxall** is Director of the Russia Studies Centre at The Henry Jackson Society. Previously, he held academic positions at the University of Oxford and Queen's University Belfast. Andrew's research focuses on economic, political and security trends in Russia and the Former Soviet Union. He is the author of *Ethnic Relations in Post-Soviet Russia* (Routledge, 2014) and numerous academic articles, and a frequent contributor to FT.com's 'beyondbrics' blog and *Foreign Policy*.