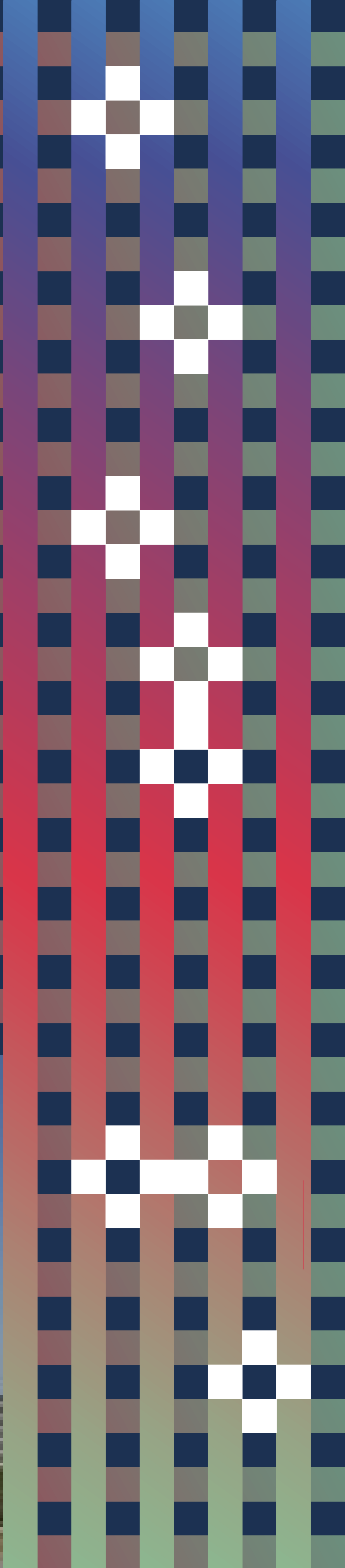


UKRAINIAN
WEEK IN SPAIN

COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID

8TH OF MAY



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*VENUE: FACULTY OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY,
COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID*

10:00 - 10:20 Official Opening of the Event (Sala de Juntas)

Introductory remarks by representatives of Complutense University of Madrid, the Faculty of Geography and History, the Ukrainian delegation, and the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Spain.

Participants:

María del Rosario Cristóbal Roncero – Vicerrector for International Relations, Cooperation and Volunteering of Complutense University of Madrid

M^a Cruz Cardete del Olmo – Dean of the Faculty of Geography and History

Yuliia Sokolovska – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra

Olga Budnyk – Adviser–Commissioner to the President of Ukraine on the Fund of the President of Ukraine for the Support of Education, Science, and Sports

10:20 - 10:35 Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation

Representative of the University:

María del Rosario Cristóbal Roncero – Vice-Rector of Complutense University of Madrid

Representatives of the Ukrainian side / GCUS:

Olha Oseredchuk – Head of the Project Office, Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies; Professor, Lviv Polytechnic National University

10:45 – 11:00

Visit to the Exhibition “A Spanish Perspective on Ukrainian History and Culture: Books in Spanish on Ukraine”

The exhibition will highlight Spanish-language publications and scholarship related to Ukrainian history, culture, politics, and contemporary developments.

11:00 – 12:30

Academic Event “Three Perspectives on Ukrainian-Spanish Relations: History, International Law, and Contemporary Geopolitics” (Sala Multiusos)

The academic event will bring together Spanish and Ukrainian speakers to discuss Ukraine in the broader context of Ukrainian-Spanish relations, international law, diplomacy, and contemporary European geopolitics.

The discussion will combine three complementary perspectives: a historical perspective on Ukraine and Spain, a legal and political perspective on Russia’s war against Ukraine and international law, and a Ukrainian geopolitical perspective on Ukraine’s role in shaping the future of Europe after 2022.

Speakers:

César García Andrés — historian and author of books on Ukrainian history

Pavlo Klimkin — former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; diplomat and expert on European security, diplomacy, and Ukraine’s role in the future European order

Oleksandr Bevz — Adviser to the Office of the President of Ukraine; expert on strategic communication, international policy, and Ukraine’s contemporary political positioning

Yuliia Sokolovska — Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra

Moderator:

Olga Budnyk — Adviser–Commissioner to the President of Ukraine on the Fund of the President of Ukraine for the Support of Education, Science, and Sports

Sarah Lemmen — Coordinator of REIECO (Spanish Network of Studies on Central and Eastern Europe)

12:30 - 13:00 **Informal Exchange on Future Cooperation**

EVENT PARTICIPANTS



**OLHA
OSEREDCHUK**

Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences (PhD in History), Head of the Project Office of the Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies, and Professor at the Department of Practical Psychology and Mental Health, Lviv Polytechnic National University. She has over 16 years of experience in the field of higher education and academic development. Her research focuses on adult education, particularly learning and reintegration of veterans, as well as teaching excellence and professional development of educators.



**OLGA
BUDNYK**

Adviser – Commissioner to the President of Ukraine at the Fund of the President of Ukraine for the Support of Education, Science and Sports. Co-launched the Twinning initiative, creating 100+ partnerships between Ukrainian and UK universities, initiated dual-degree programs, helped establish the Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies, Expert in civic education and public administration.



**PAVLO
KLIMKIN**

Pavlo Klimkin is a nonresident senior fellow in the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He served as the foreign minister of Ukraine from 2014 to 2019. Klimkin joined the Ukrainian foreign service in 1993 and worked on a variety of portfolios, including arms control, nuclear disarmament and safety, nonproliferation, energy security, and EU and NATO affairs. He served at Ukraine's embassies in London and Berlin, including as ambassador to Germany from 2012 to 2014. Klimkin led Ukraine's negotiating team for the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. Prior to his diplomatic career, Klimkin worked as a researcher in the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. He holds degrees in physics and mathematics. Klimkin is a member of the boards of the Come Back Alive Foundation, the Renaissance Foundation and the Kennan Institute.



**YULIIA
SOKOLOVSKA**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra. In 2016, she obtained a second higher education degree from the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, specialising in public administration. From 29 August 2019 to 4 March 2020, she served as Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine. From 12 March 2020 to 5 September 2024, she was Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine. On 21 July 2025, she was appointed Ambassador of Ukraine to Spain and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the World Tourism Organisation.



**OLEKSANDR
BEVZ**

Adviser to the Office of the President of Ukraine; expert on strategic communication, international policy, and Ukraine's contemporary political positioning. As an adviser, he took part in a number of meetings between the President and the Presidential Office leadership and foreign delegations. These included meetings on the Peace Formula, meetings of the International Working Group on Security Guarantees for Ukraine, and meetings of the International Working Group on the Environmental Consequences of the War.

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**MARÍA DEL
ROSARIO
CRISTÓBAL
RONCERO**

Vice-Rector of International Relations and Cooperation at the UCM. She has held, among others, the position of Vice Dean of International and Institutional Relations at the Law Faculty of the UCM. As Full Professor of Labor and Social Security Law, her expertise is in youth employment and training, and in German comparative labor law.



**MARÍA CRUZ
CARDETE
DEL OLMO**

Dean of the Faculty of Geography and History at the UCM and Associate Professor at the Department of Ancient History. Her research on Ancient Greece has led her to research stays at, among others, Oxford University, Perugia University, and the National Hellenic Research Foundation. She is the author and editor of six books and more than 70 articles and book chapters.



**CÉSAR
GARCÍA
ANDRÉS**

He holds a PhD in History from the University of Valladolid with a Cum Laude distinction and an Extraordinary Doctoral Award. He is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Law and Communication at the Segovia Campus of the University of Valladolid. He is the author of the monograph (published in Spanish) "History of Ukraine. From Ancient Times to Independence" (Valladolid, 2023).



**CARLOS
JAVIER
SANZ DÍAZ**

Head of the Department of Modern and Contemporary History at Complutense University of Madrid. As Associated professor, his ample publications focus mainly on the history of international relations, foreign policy of contemporary Spain, and international migrations in the 20th century. He has been visiting researcher, among others, at Harvard University, Universität Bonn, and the Freie Universität Berlin.



**SARAH
LEMMEN**

Sarah Lemmen is Assistant Professor at the Department of Modern and Contemporary History at the Complutense University of Madrid. Her research focuses on the global and transnational history of Central and Eastern Europe in contemporary history, with studies on exile and migration, on travel, and on the cultural history of the Cold War. She is the coordinator of the Spanish Research Network on Central and Eastern Europe (REIECO).