

Conference: 'Ukraine after 2007 Elections: Politics and Western Integration'

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Organisers: Estonian School of Diplomacy (ESD)
International Center for Defence Studies (ICDS)

Place: Tallinn, Estonia.

Date: 22 November 2007

Venue: Hotel Olümpia, Conference Center, Omega Hall

Language: English

8.30 Registration + coffee

Introductory remarks. Moderator: Mr Ekke Nõmm, Director of ESD.

9.00 Welcome address from ESD (Mr Ekke Nõmm)

9.05 Welcome address from ICDS (Ms Kadri Liik, Director of ICDS)

9.10 Welcome address from the Ukrainian Diplomatic Academy (Rector Prof. Borys Humeniuk)

1st Panel. Ukrainian Politics after Elections (9.15 – 11.00). Moderator Mr Ekke Nõmm.

9.15 – 9.45 *Ukrainian Election Results from European Perspective.* Dr Geir Flikke, Assistant Director of the Norwegian Foreign Policy Institute.

9.45 – 10.15 *State of Civil Society in Ukraine: Some Problematic Issues* – Ms Nataliya Shapovalova, Analyst of the International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

10.15 – 11.00 Discussants + Q/A.

Discussants (á 10 min):

Mr Vitali Portnikov, Ukraine, journalist of the Radio Liberty – from the perspective of Ukrainian-Russian relations,

Mr Lukasz Adamski, Researcher, Polish Institute of International Affairs – Ukraine EU integration perspectives: a view from Poland,

11.00 -11.30 Coffee break.

2nd Panel. Ukraine's Western Integration (11.30 – 13.30). Moderator Dr Vahur Made, Deputy Director of ESD.

11.30 – 12.00 *Ukrainian Integration with NATO: A Political Perspective.* Mr Oleksandr Omelchuk, Councillor to Presidential Advisor to European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ukraine.

12.00-12.20 *The preparedness of Ukrainian defence industry for NATO integration.* Dr Viktoriia Cherednichenko, UDA, Senior Researcher.

12.20 – 12.50 *European Choice of Ukraine: Pro et Contra.* Prof. Lyudmila Chekalenko, UDA.

12.50-13.30 Discussants + Q/A.

Discussants (à 10 min):

Ms Merle Maigre, Researcher, ICDS – from the perspective of practical NATO-Ukrainian cooperation,

Dr Alexei Sekarev, Project Leader, EU Phare-TACIS GEPLAC Project in Georgia – Ukraine's Western integration from the economic perspective.

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch at Restaurant Senso.

17.00 – 19.00 Dinner at Olde Hansa Restaurant.