US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XIV: The Russian-Ukrainian War of 2022 - Initial Overview

March 2, 2022

Related Expert: Herman Pirchner, Jr.

Six of the panel discussions will be dedicated to assessing Ukraine's ability to cope with the unfolding Russian invasion in the classical security dimensions: land (regular/territorial); sea/maritime defense; air/air defense; intel/cyber warfare; information warfare; energy & infrastructure safety. The remaining two panels would consider Ukraine's capacity to engage in "irregular/insurgency warfare", if deemed necessary. Two of the highlight focus sessions would be devoted to considering why Ukraine's security matters enough - to its neighbors and the world at large - to merit serious military assistance in time of need. The other two focus sessions would concentrate on the means by which Ukraine might attain the stated assistance.

Wednesday March 2

9:00 am - 9:05 am The 'Why and How' of the forum

9:05 am - 9:20 am Welcome Address

Speaker: HE Oksana Markarova [Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States]

9:20 am - 10:30 am - Dialogue Panel Discussion I

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Land Force Capacity to Slow Down and Even Halt the Russia's Invading Forces

Discussion Moderator: Amb. William Taylor [Executive Vice President/US Institute of Peace]

Panelists: Maj. Gen. Volodymyr Havrilov [Director/Veterans Dozen Foundation]

Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges [Pershing Chair/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Lead Discussant: Luke Coffey [Director/Allison Center/Heritage Foundation]

10:30 am - 11:40 am - Dialogue Panel Discussion II

Theme: Assessing Ukraine's Maritime & Coastal Defense Situation in the Face of the Invasion

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Alexander Vershbow [Distinguished Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Adm. Ihor Kabanenko [President/Ukrainian Advanced Project Agency]

RAdm. Mark Montgomery [Senior Director/Center on Cyber Technology Innovation]

Lead Discussant: Glen Howard [President/Jamestown Foundation]

11:40 am - 12:25 pm Dialogue Focus Session I

Theme: Why Ukraine Matters and Warrants Assistance With Its Security Issues - UA Perspective

Chair: Andrew Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

Featured Speaker: Serhiy Kvit [President Elect KMA Nat. University/UA Min. of Education 2014-2016]

12:25 am - 1:35 pm - Dialogue Panel Discussion III

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Air & Air Defense Capabilities - Are they Holding Up Under the Stress?

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Kurt Volker [Senior Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]

Panelists: Andriy Zahorodnyuk [Minister of Defense of Ukraine 2019-2020]

Gen Phillip Breedlove [GA Tech Distinguished Prof. of Practice/SACEUR 2013-1016]

Lead Discussant: Stephen Blank [Senior Fellow/Foreign Policy Research Institute]

1:35 pm - 2:45 pm - Dialogue Panel Discussion IV

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Intel & Cyber-Warfare Capabilities - Are they Holding Up in the 'Fog of War'?

Discussion Moderator: Amb. William Courtney [BFL Executive Director/RAND Corporation]

Panelists: Oleksandr Danylyuk [Ctr. for Defense Reform Director/Fmr. Head-UA Foreign Intel]

RAdm. Mark Montgomery [Senior Director/Center on Cyber Technology Innovation]

Lead Discussant: Katerina Sedova [Research Fellow/CSET/Georgetown University]

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm - Dialogue Focus Session I

Theme: Why Ukraine Matters and Warrants Assistance With Its Security Issues - US Perspective

Chair: Herman Pirchner [President/American Foreign Policy Council]

Featured Speaker: Amb. Samantha Power [Administrator/United States Agency for International Development]

Thursday March 3

9:00 am - 9:05 am First Day Reprise

9:05 am - 9:30 am Dialogue Panel Discussion VII

Theme: If Ukraine Matters and Merits Help, What Kind of Aid Package Would Be Appropriate? - A Word from the House

Chair: Paul Bandriwsky [Vice President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America -IL Div.]

Featured Speaker: Rep. Mike Quigley [D-IL][Co-Chair/Congressional Ukraine Caucus][CONFIRMED]

9:30 am - 10:40 am - Dialogue Panel Discussion V

Theme: Evaluating Ukraine's Ability to Cope with Influence Operations & Information Warfare in the Present Circumstances

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Daniel Fried [Distinguished Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: Hanna Hopko [ANTS Network Chair/Rada Foreign Affairs Comm. Chair 2014-2019]

Janusz Bugajski [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Melinda Haring [Deputy Director/Eurasia Center/Atlantic Council]

10:40 am - 11:50 am - Dialogue Panel Discussion VI

Theme: Taking Measure of the War's Impact on Ukraine's Energy Resources and Key Industrial Infrastructure

Discussion Moderator: Amb. Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]

Panelists: Mykhailo Honchar [President /Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI']

Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Ariel Cohen [Director/Energy, Growth, and Security Program/ITIC]

11:50 am - 12:25 pm - A Word from the Ukrainian World Congress

Chair: Tamara Gallo Olexy [VP for North America/ Ukrainian World Congress[

Speaker: Stefan Romaniw [1st Vice President/Ukrainian World Congress]

12:25 pm - 1:35 pm - Dialogue Panel Discussion V

Theme: Exploring the Possibility of Ukraine Making Its Territory Incapable of Being Securely Occupied - How?

Discussion Moderator: Robert McConnell [Co-Founder & Principal/US-Ukraine Foundation]

Panelists: Gen. Wesley Clark [President/WKC Associates/SACEUR 1997-2000]

Phillip Karber [President/Potomac Foundation]

Lead Discussant: Ostap Kryvdyk [Ukrainian Strategic Initiative]

1:35 pm - 2:45 pm - Dialogue Panel Discussion VI

Theme: Do Ukraine's Allies Have the Will/Tools to Help Ukraine Make Its Territory Incapable of Being Securely Occupied

Discussion Moderator: Amb. John Herbst [Director/Eurasia Center/Atlantic Council]

Panelists: James Sherr OBE [EE International Center for Defence and Security]?

Jill Sinclair [Exec. Director, External Engagement & Partnerships, CA Defence Acad.]

Lead Discussant: Adrian Karatnycky [Managing Director/Myrmidon Group]

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm - Dialogue Focus Session IV

Theme: If Ukraine Matters and Merits Help, What Kind of Aid Package Would Be Appropriate? – A Word from the Senate

Chair: Orest Deychakiwsky [Policy Advisor/US Helsinki Commission 1981-2019]

Featured Speaker: Sen. Roger Wicker [R-MS][Ranking Member/US Helsinki Commission][CONFIRMED]

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