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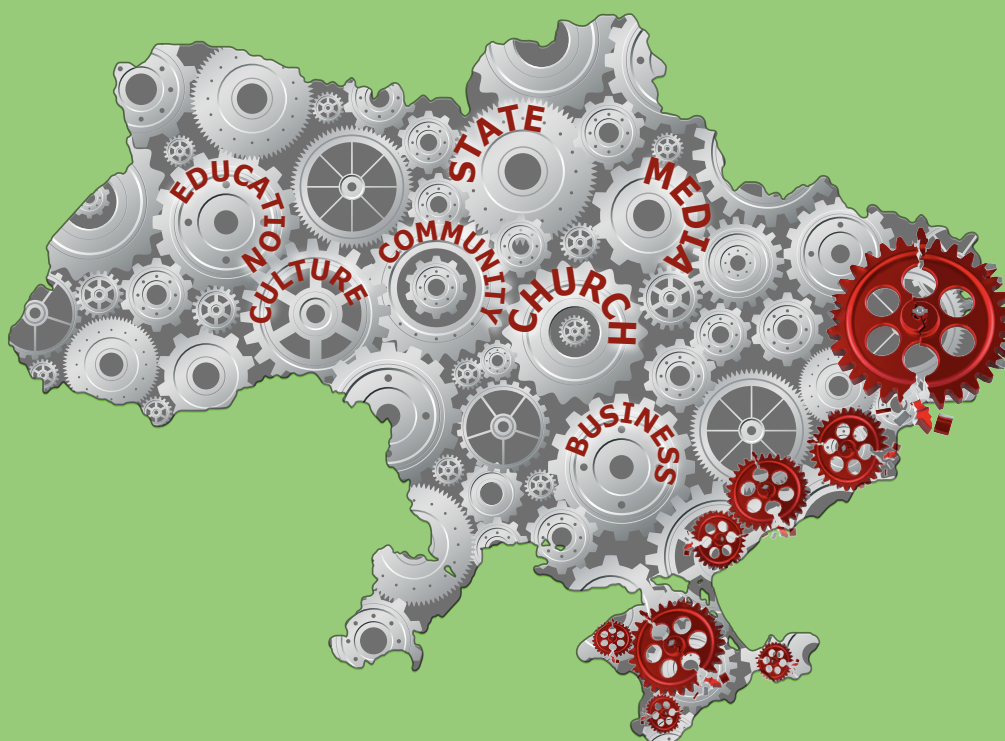
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**18TH ECUMENICAL
SOCIAL WEEK
INTERNATIONAL FORUM**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE INSTITUTIONS IN TIMES OF WAR: VALUES, SELF-RELIANCE AND PARTNERSHIP



7-10/10/2025

Lviv, online

Language: Ukrainian and
English (simultaneous translation)

PROGRAM



The last few years, marked by the pandemic and Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, have been a difficult test for Ukrainians, but at the same time have provided an opportunity to talk to the world, share Ukrainian values, and unite international experts, scientists, educators, public figures, businesspeople, journalists, and representatives of churches of various denominations from more than 50 countries.

Last year's forum focused participants' attention on communities, which are often engines of progress and sustainability. Today, it is important for us to talk about the institutional capacity, sustainability, and self-reliance of institutions of educational, cultural, ecclesiastical, and mass media spheres and public and private sectors.



Organizers:



IUCU Institute
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Konrad-Adenauer Foundation
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Evangelical Church in
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Partners and experts:



The Ukrainian Christian
Academic Society



International Institute
of Education, Culture
and Relations with Diaspora



The Lviv Polytechnic
National University



The UCU Institute
of Church History



The UCU Institute
of Religion and Society



The UCU Institute of
Leadership and Management



The UCU Faculty of
Humanities Department
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The UGCC Commission
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Interreligious Relations



The UMMA Spiritual
Administration of
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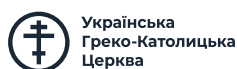
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Tuesday, 7 October



14:00 **Welcome coffee, participant registration**

15:00—15:30 **Forum Opening**

Venue: conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a St. John Paul II Avenue
Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages: Ukrainian, English (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderator: **REV. DR. ROMAN FIHAS,**
director of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

Opening Address: **DR. TARAS DOBKO,**
Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University

REV. DR. YURIY SHCHURKO,
Dean of the UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty

REV. DR. IWAN DACKO,
President of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

THOMAS BIRRINGER,
Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine

DR. WOLFRAM LANGPAPE,
Chief Church Councilor, Officer for Orthodoxy,
Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)

15:30—17:30 **International Panel Discussion:
Development of the Sustainable Institutions in Times
of War: Values, Self-Reliance and Partnership**

Moderator: **OKSANA KULAKOVSKA,**
Director of the UCU Kyiv Center

Participants: **PROF. MYROSLAV MARYNOVYCH,**
15:30—15:50 Advisor to the Rector of UCU,
President of the UCU Institute of Church History

15:50—16:10 **THOMAS BIRRINGER,**
Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung in Ukraine





- 16:10—16:30 **DAVID STULÍK**,
Special Representative of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Eastern Partnership
- 16:30—16:50 **DR. MIRJAM BIKKER**,
The Dutch Parliament, party leader Christen Unie (member of House of Representatives of the Netherlands)
- 16:50—17:30 **Discussion, Q&A, closing**

Wednesday, 8 October



10:00—12:00

Panel Discussion: Ukrainian Institutions Abroad: From Self-Reliance Towards Sustainable Development

Partner-organizer:

**THE LVIV POLYTECHNIC NATIONAL UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND RELATIONS WITH DIASPORA**

Venue:

Yulian Zakhariyevych Hall, Main building of Lviv Polytechnics, 2nd floor.,
Lviv, 12, Bandery Str.

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Language:

Ukrainian

Concept:

This panel discussion will focus on analyzing the current state, challenges, and prospects of Ukrainian civil, cultural, and educational organizations and institutions in the diaspora. Participants will discuss how Ukrainian institutions, organizations, and initiatives abroad have transformed their activities from responding to urgent needs to strategic development, building partnerships, and strengthening sustainability. Particular attention will be paid to issues of institutional support, professionalization, preservation of national identity, and the impact of the new wave of Ukrainian migration provoked by the Russian war on the development of these institutions.

Moderator:

ANDRII YATSIV,

Deputy Director of the Lviv Polytechnic National University International Institute
of Education, Culture and Relations with Diaspora

Greetings:

BISHOP STEPAN SUS,

Head of the Pastoral Migration Department of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

DR. NATALIYA SHAKHOVSKA,

Rector of the Lviv Polytechnic National University

DR. TARAS DOBKO,

Rector of Ukrainian Catholic University





Greetings: **REV. DR. ROMAN FIHAS,**
director of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

THOMAS BIRRINGER,
Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine

Participants: **ZENON KOWAL,**
political advisor of the European Congress of Ukrainians, member
of the Executive Board of the European Congress of Ukrainians

INNA HRYHOROVYCH,
Headteacher at the Ukrainian St. Mary School in London

ANASTASIA PLAKHTII,
Co-founder, President of the Ukrainian House in Rzeszów

DR. IRYNA KLIUCHKOVSKA,
Director of the Lviv Polytechnic National University International Institute
of Education, Culture and Relations with Diaspora

13:30—15:00 **University Divine Liturgy**

Venue: Church of St. Sophia - Wisdom of God (UGCC), 1 Kozelnytska Str.
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15:30—17:00 **Panel Discussion: Institute of National Memory and Memorialization of the Russian-Ukrainian War**



Venue: conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a St. John Paul II
Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages: Ukrainian, English (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderator: **KHRYSTYNA RUTAR,**
Research Fellow of cultural memory, Assistant Professor at the UCU Department
of Cultural Studies, author of the podcast “Memory Studio”

Participants: **ANTON DROBOVYCH,**
Head of the Center for Human Rights and War Memorialization
at the Kyiv School of Economics

DR. YULIA ARTYMYSHYN,
PhD in History, Research Fellow at the Memorial Museum of Totalitarian Regimes
“Territory of Terror,” I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies



Participants:

YEVHEN BOIKO,

Administrative Manager of the Lviv City Council Executive Committee

DR. JAN PHILIP WOELBERN,

Deputy Director of Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine

DARIA HIRNA,

journalist, TV presenter, author of documentary films and the YouTube channel “Faces of Independence”. Director of the Center for Liberation Movement Studies (2021–2023) (online)

17:00—17:30

Coffee Break

17:30—19:30

**Seminar of the Ukrainian
Christian Academic Society (UCAS)
“The Crisis of International Ecumenical Institutions
in the Context of the War in Ukraine”**

Partners:

UCAS, THE UCU CHURCH HISTORY INSTITUTE

Venue:

conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams

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Languages:

Ukrainian, English (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderator:

DR. OLEH TURII,

Director of the UCU Church History Institute

Participants:

KATERINA PEKRIDOU,

PhD candidate at the Catholic University of Leuven, Programme Officer for Theology and Studies at the Conference of European Churches (online)

REV. MANUEL ENRIQUE BARRIOS PRIETO,

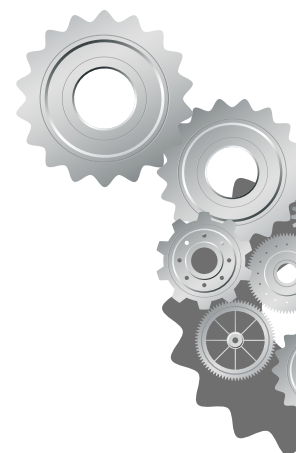
General Secretary of COMECE (online)

DR. ANATOLIY BABYNSKY,

lecturer and research fellow at the Institute of Church History,
Ukrainian Catholic University

TARAS KURYLETS, S.T.L.,

research fellow of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies,
UCAS Academic Secretary





Thursday, 9 October



10:00—12:00

Christian-Muslim Forum “Ukrainian Family: Challenges of the War”

Partners: UGCC COMMISSION OF INTERCONFESSIONAL AND
INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS;
THE UCU INSTITUTE OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY;
RELIGIOUS ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIMS OF UKRAINE “UMMA”

Venue: conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a
St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages: Ukrainian, English (simultaneous interpretation)

Moderator: **DR. ROMAN NAZARENKO**,
Director of the UCU Institute of Religion and Society

Greetings: **MURAT SULEIMANOV**,
Mufti of the Religious Administration of Muslims of Ukraine “Umma”

REV. IHOR SHABAN,
Head of the UGCC Commission of Interconfessional and
Interreligious Relations

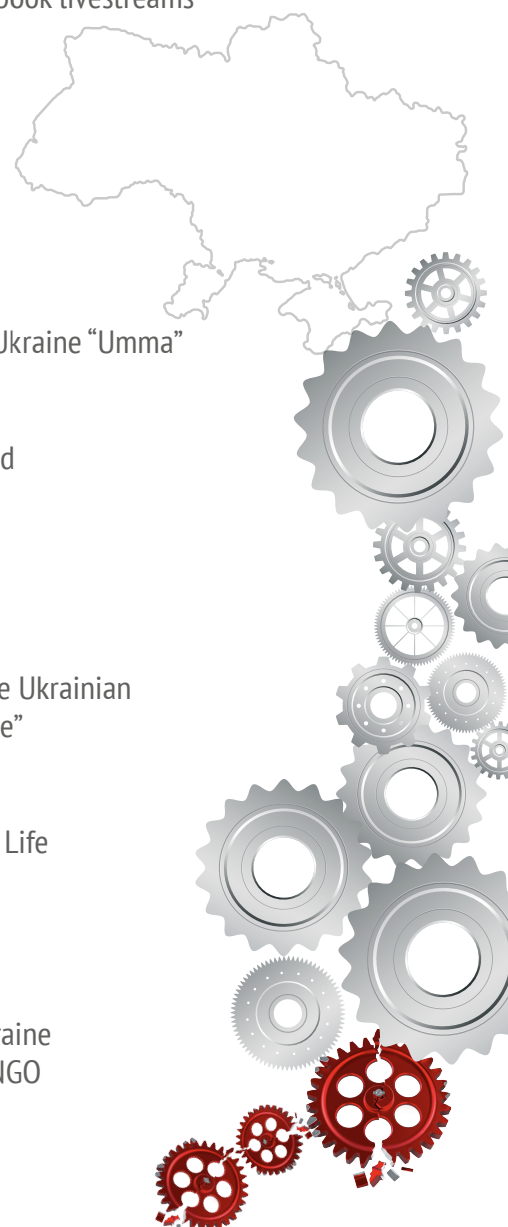
Participants: **D-R YURII PIDLISNYI**,
Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
Patriarchal Commission for Family and Lay Affairs;
Head of the Ethics-Politics-Economics Program at the Ukrainian
Catholic University “Family Policy Strategy for Ukraine”

OLESIA KUKA,
Director of the UCU Institute of Marriage and Family Life
“The Modern Ukrainian Family: Portrait and Needs”.
Presentation of qualitative research results

NIYARA MAMUTOVA,
Former Head of the League of Muslim Women of Ukraine
(2020—2023), Head of the Crimean Tatar Ana Yurt NGO

12:00—12:30

Coffee break





12:30—14:00

Panel discussion: Non-Government Institutions: Tasks and Challenges in Wartime

Partner-organizer:

THE UCU INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Venue:

conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a
St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages:

Ukrainian

Moderator:

SOLOMIA MAKSYMOVYCH,
Director of the UCU Institute of Leadership and Management

Participants:

BISHOP VOLODYMYR FIRMAN,
Auxiliary Bishop of Ternopil-Zboriv Archeparchy,
Rector of the Zarvanytsia Marian Spiritual Center

IHOR TKACHENKO,
Director of the We Care Centers partners network in Ukraine

MURAT SULEIMANOV,
Mufti of The Umma Spiritual Administration
of Muslims of Ukraine

14:00—15:00

Lunch

15:00—17:00

Discussion: Seminary Today: Formation in an Age of Transformations

Venue:

conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a
St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages:

Ukrainian

Concept:

Historically, seminaries emerged as the Catholic Church's response to the challenges of the Reformation as closed institutions with an emphasis on confessional identity and obedience. But does this model meet the contemporary needs of the Church and society? How is seminary education transforming in Ukraine today? What challenges and prospects lie ahead?

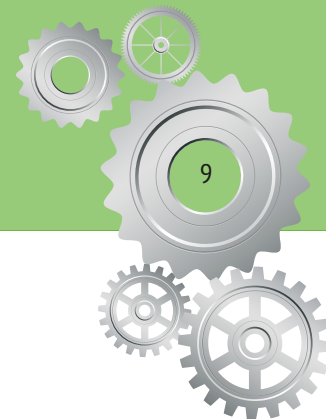
Moderator:

ЄДЕДУАРД BERDNYK,
Junior Research Fellow of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

Participants:

REV. DR. ROMAN OSTROVSKYI (UGCC),
Rector of the Kyiv Three Holy Hierarchs Seminary





Participants:

DR. YAROSLAV PYZH (ECB),
Rector of the Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary

REV. DR. MYKHAILO SYVAK (OCU),
Acting Rector of the Lviv Orthodox Theological Academy

17:00—17:30

Coffee Break

17:30—19:30

**Seminar of the Ukrainian Christian Academic Society (UCAS):
The Development of Synodal Order in Ukrainian
Greek-Catholic and Orthodox Churches: a Comparison**

Event Partners:

UCAS, L'ŒUVRE D'ORIENT

Venue:

conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a
St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams

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Languages:

Ukrainian, English (simultaneous interpretation)

Concept:

After the schism, the Eastern and Western Churches developed two distinct models of ecclesiastical structure, and synodal institutions underwent different developments: they developed more in the Christian East, while in the West they gradually lost their role. The Church in Ukraine developed its synodal institutions following the Eastern Christian tradition. After the Kyiv Metropolia split into Uniate and non-Uniate parts in the 16th century, each followed its own historical path: the Uniate Church, while retaining a certain degree of autonomy, was incorporated into the pyramidal structure of the Catholic Church; and its Orthodox part, having become part of the Russian Orthodox Church, experienced a period of a Synodal rule. Each of the above-mentioned parts of the former Kyiv Metropolia developed its own system of synodal structures. We set ourselves the task of investigating what these structures have in common and how they differ in the UGCC and the OCU, and what development and evolution they have undergone.

Moderator:

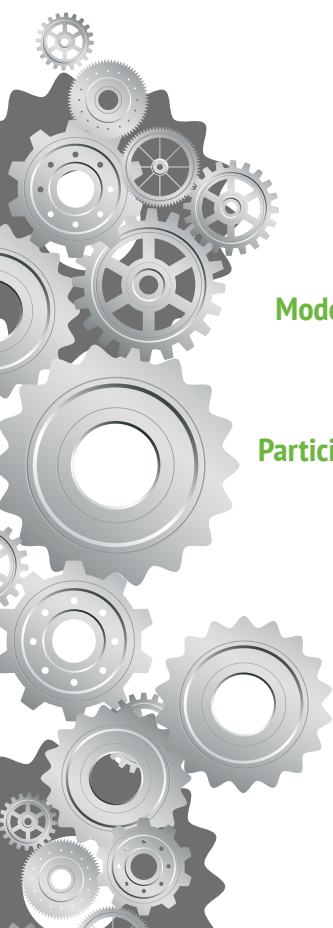
TARAS KURYLETS, S.T.L.,
Senior Research Fellow of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies,
UCAS Academic Secretary

Participants:

BISHOP DYMYTRIY RUDYUK OCU,
Metropolitan of Lviv and Sokal, Head of the Synodal Commission for Inter-Christian Relations and the Institute of Church History of the OCU

ARCHIMANDRITE CYRIL HOVORUN,
Director of the Huffington Ecumenical Institute at Loyola Marymount
University in Los Angeles

REV. DR. OLEH KHORTYK,
Lecturer at the Ternopil Higher Theological Seminary





Participants:

REV. DR. IWAN DACKO,
President of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

PROF. VOLODYMYR BUREHA,
Vice-Rector of the Kyiv Theological Academy

Friday, 10 October



10:30 Prayer for Deceased Heroes of Russo-Ukrainian war

Venue: Field of Honorable Burials of Heroes, Mechnykova St.
Departure from the Faculty parking, 35, St. John Paul II Avenue

13:00—14:00 Lunch

14:00—15:30 Panel Discussion “Institutions of Ukrainian culture as a tool for diplomacy and the development of international partnership and interaction”

Partner: THE UCU FACULTY OF HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL STUDIES

Venue: conference hall (room 113), UCU Philosophy-Theology Faculty, 35a
St. John Paul II Avenue. Online: ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook livestreams
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Languages: Ukrainian

Moderator: **DR. IRYNA STAROVOYT,**
PhD in Philology, Associate Professor, Department of Cultural Studies,
UCU Faculty of Humanities

Participants: **VOLODYMYR SHEIKO,**
Director of the Ukrainian Institute at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

OLEKSANDRA DOVZHYK,
Director of INDEX: Institute of Documentation and Interaction

BOZHENA PELENSKA,
Director-Founder of Jam Factory

REV. SEVASTYAN DMYTRUKH,
Head of the UGCC Commission for Culture and Church Art

15:30—16:00 Coffee break

**16:15—18:30 Visiting the Memorial Museum of Totalitarian Regimes
“Territory of Terror”**

Departure from the Faculty parking, 35, St. John Paul II Avenue

