Top Specialists Share Views on “Ukraine and European Security”

Leading specialists on European security from North America, Western Europe, and Ukraine met in Odessa November 22-25, 1996, under the auspices of Indiana University’s Russian and East European Institute and Odessa University’s Center for International Studies to discuss “Ukraine and European Security.”

The workshop, funded by IREX, was cochaired by David E. Albright, visiting scholar at REEI, and Semyen Appatov, director of the Center for International Studies. Denise Gardiner, assistant director of REEI, served as the administrator for the undertaking.

After an initial session on concepts and definitions of security, the participants devoted half a day each to four topics. These were “European Security Issues and Their Priority Over the Coming Decade,” “Strategies for Dealing with These Issues,” “Ukraine’s Role in European Security,” and “Ukraine and the Atlantic Community.” Each session involved both presentation of papers and general analysis and debate. A final session focused on similarities and differences in perspectives—especially between participants from North America/Western Europe and participants from Ukraine—and their implications.

Although the views of North American and West Europeans participants varied somewhat on the matters under consideration, there was consensus among them on key points. They argued that the end of the Cold War had created opportunities—indeed, even a necessity—for the establishment of a European-wide security system based on cooperation rather than defense. They felt that such a system would have not just a military but also economic and other components. They emphasized that both Ukraine and Russia should be integrated into this system, and neither should be discriminated against in the process of constructing it.

Ukrainian participants by and large expressed wariness about the commitment of the United States and Western Europe to Ukraine’s defense. They feared that the United States and Western Europe might abandon Ukraine if confronted with difficulties such as a recalcitrant, self-serving Russia. Yet, there was little agreement among them about what sort of security posture Ukraine should adopt.

Some held that Ukraine had little choice but to orient itself toward the West. Others opted for a “buffer” approach, in which Ukraine would lean neither toward the West nor toward the East but seek to protect itself by building up its own capabilities, particularly in the military realm. Still others called for Ukraine to serve as a bridge between the West and Russia. Finally, some favored a kind of “Finlandization” of Ukraine, in which Ukraine would display political sensitivity to Russia and its concerns but become economically integrated with the West.

North American and West European participants noted that none of these basic postures proposed was incompatible with a European-wide security system. At the same time, they underscored, Ukrainians needed to decide which of these postures they really wanted to implement in order that the United States and Western Europe could respond effectively to it. Each of the possibilities offered required a somewhat different approach on the part of the United States and Western Europe.

Paper presenters from North America and Western Europe were John Van Oudenaren, chief, European Division, U.S. Library of Congress, and formerly senior analyst in the Washington Research Depart-
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Kathleen A. Myers (Spanish & Portuguese, IUB) Research at the Vatican Archives (Rome) on Colonial Mexican Petitions for Initiating Canonization

John Parrish-Sprowl (Communication, IPFW) Communication and transformation: Case studies in the Post-Communist Polish Transition

Georgia Strange (Fine Arts/Studio, IUB) A Visual Vasari

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agement of the Rand Corporation and director of the Rand European-American Center for Policy Analysis in Delft, the Netherlands; Gale Mattox, professor of Political Science at the U.S. Naval Academy, president of Women in International Security, and, in the mid-1990s, a member of the Policy Planning Staff of the U.S. State Department; Robert Kennedy, professor of international affairs at the School of International Affairs, deputy director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and former civilian deputy commandant of the NATO Defense College; Sir Timothy Garden, director designate, Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House, London, and former commandant of the Royal College of Defense Studies; Alexander Rahr, director of the Russian/CIS Study Group at the Research Institute of the Germany Society of Foreign Affairs, Bonn; Marc Germanangue, researcher on European organizations of security at the Institute for International and Strategic Affairs, University of Paris, North, and a member of the group on "Defense Doctrines and Military Systems" of the Foundation for the Study of Defense. In addition, David G. Haglund, professor of political studies and acting director of the Centre for International Relations at

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Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and Charles Pentland, also professor of political studies at Queen's University and former chairman of the Canadian Council for European Affairs, contributed a joint paper to the workshop, but last minute personal and family illnesses prevented them from attending the proceedings.

Ukrainian paper-givers included Professors Igor Koval, Peter Rainov, Victor Glebov, and Vladimir Dubovik from the Center for International Studies, Odessa University; Professor Evgeni Kaminsky, Institute of World Economy and International Relations of Ukraine and head of Research Programs, Center for Ukrainian-Russian Relations; Hrygoriy Perepelitsia, head of the Military Department, National Institute for Strategic Studies; Professor Vladimir Manzhola, chief of department, Institute of International Relations, Kiev University, and president of the Ukrainian Center of International Political Studies, Kiev; Professor Sergei P. Galaka, Institute of International Relations, Kiev University, and vice president, Ukrainian Center of International Political Studies, Kiev; Professor Alexander V. Potekhin, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and director, Ukrainian Centre for Peace, Conversion, and Conflict Resolution Studies.

The workshop received extensive media coverage—especially after a two-hour news conference at the end of the discussions. This coverage included substantial treatment by the television and press in Odessa and local correspondents' reports to national media and Russian radio and television.

Albright and Appatov will coedit a volume on the workshop and will also contribute jointly authored introductory and concluding chapters to it.

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David R. Boe (Linguistics, IUB) Lecturing: EFL Methodology and Second Language Acquisition; Vilnius Pedagogical University, Vilnius, Lithuania; September 1996 to February 1997

Kevin D. Brown (Law, IUB) Lecturing: Race, American Society, and Its Law; Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India; December 1996 to April 1997

Lynda F. Delph (Biology, IUB) Research: The Evolution of Triocex in Silene Acaulis; University of Turku, Turku, Finland; June 1997 to August 1997

Kathryn Firmin-Sellers (Political Science, IUB) Research: Cote d'Ivoire: The Transformation of Property Rights; L'ORSTOM, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; August 1996 to December 1996

Paul J. Gordon (Business, IUB) Lecturing: Corporate Planning Models; Technical University, Lisbon, Portugal, April 1997 to July 1997

John H. Hanson (History, IUB) Lecturing and Research: History of Islam in Africa; University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; August 1996 to December 1996

Christoph K. Lohmann (English, IUB) Research: German Perceptions of the Politics of Slavery and Anti-slavery; Ottile Assing's Journalism, 1853-1865; German Literary Archives, Marbach Germany September 1996 to December 1996

Thomas P. Lyon (Business, IUB) Lecturing: The Economics and Management of Innovation in the Manufacturing and Service Industries; Sant' Anna School of University Studies and Doctoral Research, Pisa, Italy; January 1997 to April 1997

Christine L. Ogan (Journalism, IUB) Lecturing and Research: Communications, Cultural Orientation; Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey; February 1997 to July 1997


Richard J. Viken (Psychology, IUB) Lecturing and Research: Developmental Behavior Genetics and Social Development; University of Jyvaskyla, Jyvaskyla, Finland; January 1997 to May 1997

Stephen L. Wailes (Germanic Studies, IUB) Lecturing and Research: Medieval and Early Modern German Literature; Technical University of Dresden, Dresden, Germany; September 1996 to July 1997