

**INVISIBLE UNIVERSITY FOR UKRAINE (IUFU)**

This is a **certificate program** (offering ECTS credits) for junior and senior undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA and PhD) students from Ukraine, whose studies have been affected by the war, whether still residing in Ukraine or in refuge. The name of this transnational solidarity program evokes the various nineteenth and twentieth-century **underground and exile educational initiatives** in Eastern Europe, as well as the tradition of Invisible Colleges formed after 1989 in the region. This hybrid non-degree academic program is an emergency response to the consequences of the war in Ukraine, and is meant also as a pilot project for a more inclusive transnational concept focusing on students and scholars at risk.

The program offers an **intensive learning experience**, placing questions relevant for Ukrainian students into a **transnational comparative perspective**. It aims atfamiliarizing the students with various cutting-edge interpretative paradigms and methodological traditions in the humanities and social sciences. Our goal is to prepare students for deeper integration into the international academia and broad ongoing discussion on the role of Ukraine in changing European and global contexts. The program is **not meant** **to replace or duplicate the existing online education** in Ukrainian universities, but to support them and provide help for filling the lacunae that temporarily emerged due to the Russian military invasion.

The program is designed in a **hybrid format** (online teaching with a possibility of shorter on-site visit to Budapest in the form of a summer school). It is administered by the Budapest Campus of CEU, and intended to be implemented in cooperation with Ukrainian and EU-based university partners.

The courses can be pursued **on site** at CEU’s Budapest Campus, or **online**.

The program is comprised of **three components**:

- thematic courses (in the humanities and social sciences),

- mentoring (in English and Ukrainian)

- skill-building (academic English, academic writing) and career support for future education.

**Eligibility:** Any student who has been pursuing a BA, MA, or doctoral degree program in a Ukrainian university in the academic year 2021-22. Participation in the program is free of charge.

**Timeline:** The envisioned duration is **April - July 2022**. It includes course-work between **mid-April - mid-June 2022**, and a summer school in **July 2022**. The mentoring and career support component would run from **mid-April to mid-July 2022**.

**Language of instruction**: The language of instruction is English and Ukrainian. Lectures will be mostly in English, but for students with weaker language skills mentoring will be also available in Ukrainian.

**Structure of the program**: Each course consists of 12 sessions (100 minutes of contact); equal to 4 ECTS credits; participation in less than the full duration of the program earns proportionately fewer credits. For the mentoring and the summer school additional credits are given.

**i, Course-work**:

Instruction consists of hybrid courses, in English and in Ukrainian as working languages, using digital resources.

***History*** – focusing on questions of reshaping of the symbolic geography of Europe, studying communist and post-communist Central and Eastern Europe comparatively, political violence, memory politics

***Culture and Heritage Studies*** – memory cultures and urban heritage management, narratives, journalism and new media, cultural diplomacy and art, audiovisual studies and new media documenting resistance

***Politics*** – politics of European integration, studying post-communist authoritarianism, varieties of democracy and constitutionalism, human rights

***Society*** – social integration and national minorities, socio-economic approaches to inclusion and exclusion, gender, transnational networks and diasporas, corruption and transparency

**ii, Mentoring:**

It will be in person and small-group instruction, helping the students to develop their existing research projects and also reflecting on the thematic lectures. The small thematic groups of PhD students are open also to their Ukrainian supervisors if they wish to participate. The mentoring is offered by advanced doctoral candidates from the participating institutions. Mentors are CEU and Ukrainian doctoral students, funded by the program.

**iii, Skill-building:**

English for social sciences / humanities (offered on basic / advanced levels). Academic writing in English. Instructors should be very advanced or native speaker doctoral students or possibly instructors affiliated with CEU. We should discuss this also with CEU Center for Academic Writing.

**PERSONNEL**

**Program director:** Ostap Sereda, Associate Professor in History at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and recurrent guest professor at CEU.

**Prospective team of course teachers:** The program is taught byprominent scholars linked to the Central European University (including members of its faculty, as well as researchers of CEU Democracy Institute and the Open Society Archives), international partners, as well as Ukrainian and Polish partner institutions. Some prominent Russian colleagues who protested against the Russian invasion in Ukraine, gave up their position, and emigrated, after being targeted by the authorities for their critical stance, will also contribute to co-teaching some of the classes. At the same time our program categorically excludes any cooperation with scholars representing Russian state institutions.

A tentative list of professors (currently under development) includes:

* Volodymyr Artiukh, Postdoctoral Researcher at COMPAS, University of Oxford
* Adam Bodnar, Professor, Department of Law, SWPS University Warsaw
* László Bruszt, Professor, CEU Department of Political Science, Co-Director of CEU DI
* Juraj Buzalka, Associate professor of Social Anthropology, Comenius University in Bratislava
* Alexander Dmitriev, Threatened Scholars Initiative Fellow, formerly Leading Research Fellow at Higher School of Economics, Moscow
* Kateryna Dysa, Associate Professor, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Department of History
* Natalia Dziadyk, CEU doctoral student in Public Policy
* Zsolt Enyedi, CEU Professor, Department of Political Science
* Karl Hall, CEU Associate Professor, Department of History
* Yaroslav Hrytsak, Professor, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
* Caroline Humphrey, Professor of Anthropology, University of Cambridge
* Maciej Janowski, Director of the Polish Historical Institute, Warsaw, recurrent guest professor at CEU
* Oksana Kis, Head of Department of Social Anthropology, Institute of Ethnology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
* László Kontler, CEU Professor, History, Rector of Közép-európai Egyetem
* Andrea Krizsan, Senior Research Fellow at the Democracy Institute and Professor at the School of Public Policy and the Gender Studies Departments
* Oleksiy Kononov, CEU alumnus in Legal Studies
* Ilya Kukulin, Threatened Scholars Initiative Fellow, formerly Senior Research Fellow at Higher School of Economics
* Volodymyr Kulikov, CEU Visiting faculty, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
* Jozsef Laszlovszky CEU Medieval Studies Department, Cultural Heritage Program, Professor
* Zsofia Lorand, Marie Curie Fellow, University of Cambridge
* Maria Maiofis, Threatened Scholars Initiative Fellow, formerly Associate Professor at Higher School of Economics, Moscow
* Dora Mérai, CEU Medieval Studies Department, Cultural Heritage Program, Lecturer
* Norman V. Naimark, Professor, Stanford University
* Vlad Naumescu, CEU Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
* Daniel Palm, Research Fellow, CEU Democracy Institute / Donau University Krems
* Vladimir Petrovic, Lecturer, Boston University and Researcher, Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade
* István Rév, CEU Professor, History, Director of Blinken OSA Archive
* Tatiana Safonova CEU doctoral alumna in Sociology
* Oksana Sarkisova, OSA Archive, Research Fellow, CEU Visual Studies Platform
* Alexander Semyonov, University of Bielefeld, Department of History, Editor, *Ab Imperio*
* Ostap Sereda, Associate Professor, Department of History, Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and recurrent guest professor at CEU/
* Viktoria Sereda, Research Fellow, Imre Kertėsz Kolleg, University of Jena
* Marci Shore, Associate Professor, Yale University
* Marsha Siefert, CEU Associate Professor, Department of History
* Volodymyr Sklokin, Associate Professor, Department of History, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
* Csaba Szilagyi, OSA Archive, Chief Archivist
* Balazs Trencsényi, CEU, Professor, History Department, History WG of CEU DI
* Renáta Uitz, CEU Professor, Legal Studies, Co-Director of CEU Democracy Institute
* Diana Vonnák, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of St. Andrews
* Veronica Wendland, Herder-Institut für historische Ostmitteleuropaforschung
* Larry Wolff, Julius Silver Professor of European History, New York University, Co-Director, NYU Florence
* Oksana Yurkova, Senior Researcher, Institute of Ukrainian History, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

**Organizational help and doctoral mentors:**

* Rabia Merve Demirkan Aydogan, CEU doctoral student in History
* Polina Baitsym, CEU doctoral student in History
* Lucija Balikic, CEU doctoral student in History
* Zsuzsanna Bukta, CEU Admissions Office
* Eva Gedeon, Director , CEU Summer University
* Mariia Golovina, CEU doctoral student in History
* Mate Halmos, CEU Socrates Program
* Tamara Kamatovic, CEU Center for Teaching and Learning, Postdoctoral Fellow,
* Aleksandr Korobeinikov, CEU doctoral student in History
* Michael Kozakowski; CEU Center for Teaching and Learning, Director
* Prem Kumar Rajaram, CEU Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Director of OLIve
* Alisa Lozhkina CEU doctoral student in History
* Anton Mudrak, CEU alumnus in History
* Daniela Munteanu, CEU doctoral student in History
* Kinga Ágnes Páll, Executive Assistant, CEU DI
* Oleksii Rudenko, CEU doctoral student in History
* Iurii Rudnev, CEU doctoral student in Medieval Studies
* Oleksandr Shtokvych, Head of Secretariat of the Open Society University Network
* Olha Stasiuk, CEU doctoral student in Medieval Studies
* Serge Sych, CEU Vice President for Enrollment Management, Career Services and Alumni Relations
* Matyas Szabo, Senior Program Manager at the Yehuda Elkana Center for Higher Education
* Alexandra Talaver, CEU doctoral student in Gender Studies
* Roman Tymoshevskyi, CEU doctoral student in Medieval Studies
* Yevhen Yashchuk CEU MA student in History
* Violetta Zentai, CEU Department of Public Policy, Associate Professor, CEU Democracy Institute, Research Fellow