

The Ukrainian Politics Network (UPN) Workshop

- Date:** Tuesday, 24 March 2026
- Time:** 11:00 – 14:00 (GMT)
- Venue:** Violet Laidlaw Room (6.02, Chrystal Macmillan Building, 15a George Square, The University of Edinburgh)
- Format:** Hybrid (in person / via Microsoft Teams)

Synopsis:

The war in Ukraine has revived the divide between Russia and the West. Recent studies acknowledge the war's destabilising effects on the world order as Russia undermined the rule-based international system and used aggression to advance its own vision of security. Part 1 of the workshop examines the war's impact on the international system and Ukraine's efforts to shape the global understanding of the war.

Part 2 of the workshop explores the future of Ukrainian studies with an emphasis on collaborating with the Ukrainian community and engaging students in the teaching and learning process. This part offers opportunities to hear insights and experiences from practitioners with diverse backgrounds, with the aim of fostering collaborations in researching, learning and teaching about Ukraine.

Rundown:

11:00 – 11:10 **Opening remarks**

Part 1: Ukraine and the New World Order

- 11:10 – 11:25 *The War and International Legal Order*
Dr Leon Sosnowski (King's College London)
- 11:25 – 11:40 *Ukraine's Wartime Public Diplomacy*
Dr Kasia Kaczmarek (University of Edinburgh) on behalf of the paper's three co-authors Urania Chan (University of Edinburgh) and Dr Mykola Kapitonenko (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
- 11:40 – 11:55 *The Documentary Impulse in Wartime Ukraine*
Dr Katherine Younger (University of Glasgow)
- 11:55 – 12:15 Q&A

12:15 – 13:00 **Lunch break**
(light lunch provided)

Part 2: The Future of Ukrainian Studies

13:00 – 13:10 *Interdependence as a Mode for Advancing Student-staff
Research, Learning and Teaching*
Dr Kasia Kaczmarek and Dan Malitsky (University of
Edinburgh) on behalf of the paper's three co-authors Urania
Chan (University of Edinburgh)

13:10 – 13:20 *Ukrainian Studies from a Student Perspective*
Ulrich Poehlmann (Diaspora Journal by the Edinburgh
University Ukrainian Society)

13:20 – 13:30 *Discussion: Collaborations in Ukrainian Studies*
Dr Brice Didier (University of Edinburgh);
Anna Makhlay (John Smith Trust)

13:30 – 13:50 Open-floor discussion

13:50 – 14:00 **Closing remarks (10 mins)**