

ISA Ukraine International Conference in Kiev and Odessa, 10-17 October 2021: “Prospects of Europe”

Basic information:

- Individual arrival possible before conference begins
- Latest arrival time: Sunday 10 October in Kiev
- Recommended airport: Zhuliany (IEV), nearest to city
- Possible to travel by bus, taxi. Details to follow, pickup being organised
- 2 overnights in Kiev. Bed and breakfast at Dnipro Hotel, Khreshchatyk St., Kiev 01000
- Individual extension of stay can be arranged
- Overnight single or double room with breakfast ca. 55 euros
- Conference rooms within hotel
- In city centre, near Maidan, public transport, restaurants, shops
- Departure from Kiev, 12/13 October, overnight train to Odessa, or chartered coach
- Conference languages: Ukrainian/German/English
- Departure from Odessa: 17 October 2021

Programme

Sunday 10.10.21

From 18.00: Welcome, introductions and plans for Monday and Tuesday

19.30: Dinner

Monday 11.10.21

From 7.30: Breakfast

9.00-10.30: Hotel conference room, “Borysfen Hall”. Talk on Ukraine, history and identity. Speaker: Prof. Olena Kravchenko, English/German

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-13.00: Panel discussion with Ivanna Kobernik, activist and co-author of the “New Ukrainian School” reform. Co-founder of the organisations “Smart Osvita” and “Parent Monitoring”, Minister of Education
Other participants: Svitlana Amelina and Olena Kravchenko (Ukraine); Alina Sviderska (invited), Jan Capek (Czech Republic) and Tilman Zschiesche (CEO, Sonnenberg House)

Topics: Euromaidan and after: developments in education, culture, the environment and health care

Participants include also students, teaching staff, interested parties

13.00-14.00: Lunch on individual basis. Suggestion: “Very Well Cafe”, Zakverska St 15/4

15.30-18.00: City tour through old and modern Kiev/Euromaidan (German/English)

18.30/19.00: Dinner. Suggestion: “Musafir Restaurant”, with Crimean cuisine

Tuesday 12.10.21

From 7.30: Breakfast

9.00-10.30: German immigrants in Ukraine. Speaker: Dr Svitlana Amelina. German/English

10.30-13.00: Ukraine’s cultural heritage Speaker: Tanya Shatz,

including 11.45-12.15: Coffee break and

12.15-13.30: Discussion on painting

13.30: Lunch

15.00-17.00: City tour. Outstanding buildings in Christian/European culture. Unesco World Heritage Site. Secrets of the oldest city in eastern Europe

18.00/18.30: Dinner, then journey to Odessa

Suggestion: chartered coach (Alexandr?) total cost 100-150 euros or night train to Odessa, departure ca.

21.15, arrival in Odessa 6.27. Couchettes in 2-bed coaches, ca. 43 euros

Odessa Programme

Arrival Wednesday 13.10.21 4 overnight stays with breakfast

Pickup at station organised by Aleksandr Brening

Arrival by coach at hotel around midnight

Hotel Ayvazovsky, Bunina St. 19 or Hotel UNO
Price between 45 and 55 euros, including breakfast
Rail travellers can freshen up in the bus drivers' rooms

10.00: Vocational School for Car and Traffic Electronics, Tyraspilska Sq. 6

Tour and discussion with staff and students. Topics: Young people in Odessa, education policy in Ukraine, vocational opportunities in Ukraine and Germany

Speaker and organiser: Aliona Kozhina. The trainer, teacher of Ukrainian and world history. In summer 2019 she attended a teachers' seminar at Sonnenberg. We will receive first-hand information in the school

12.30-14.00: Lunch break

14.00-15.00: Tour of the catacombs: their historical and cultural significance for Odessa

15.00-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.30: Health care policy in Ukraine. Speaker: Aleksander Apelman, German Hospital at the Church, in parish room of Protestant church

19.00: Visit to opera/ other event/free time

Thursday 14.10.21, Ukrainian holiday

10.00-11.30: German settlements: history, current research. Speakers: Vita Hamaniak, Kravyny Rih and Alexander Surilov, Odessa, who currently has an exhibition in Odessa on the subject followed by coffee break

12.00-12.45: Discussion

13.30: Choose your own lunch, if possible, in the district where the city tour begins

14.30: City tour on foot: German settlements, city and backyards in Odessa. 2.5 hours, including coffee break

18.00: Meeting with students to exchange ideas: Topic: Education for Europe, health and environmental policy in Ukraine

20.00: Choose your own dinner

Friday 15.10.21 Bridging day to weekend in Ukraine

Parish room at Protestant church

10.00: Possible welcome by Honorary Consul (invited)

Topic: Civil society and NGOs in Ukraine. Speaker: Oleg Mikhajlik, entrepreneur and activist, was leader of the "Power of the People" party in Odessa. In 2019 he founded the first school for citizens' participation. In 2018 he followed this by founding a platform for civil society initiatives in the city, directed mainly against corruption and destruction of historic buildings in the city centre. In 2020 he was a non-party candidate for Mayor.

13.00: Lunch break

14.30: Evaluation of lectures and visits; prospects for future conferences and cooperation

Saturday 16.10.21

9.30-16.00: Free time, or excursion with Liliia (no destination as yet)

19.30: Final dinner

Sunday 17.10.21

Departure from Odessa

Expenses to be paid individually

Travel expense to/from Ukraine

Conference fee: Maximum 400 euros, final figure soon. Covers 6 overnights with breakfast.

You will also need to pay for food, drinks, taxis or public transport, tickets for evening events.

We will regularly contact local colleagues on the Corona situation and pass on relevant information.

Here I am omitting information on consular and internet information specifically relevant to German participants. Stuart to add parallel British info.