

Conference

# Ukraine: Great Expectations

5 December 2019, London

Programme

*Take nothing on its looks;  
take everything on evidence.  
There's no better rule.*

**Charles Dickens**  
*Great Expectations (1861)*

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8:30 - 9:00

Registration and coffee

## Welcome

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9:00 - 9:05

**Robert Brinkley CMG**

Chairman, Ukraine Forum

**Hennadiy Maksak**

Head of Board, Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism'

## Opening

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9:05 - 10:00

**Andriy Yermak**

Aide to the President of Ukraine

Moderator:

**Robin Niblett CMG**

Director, Chatham House

## Session 1

### A Vision for Ukraine: New Team, New Ideas

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10:00 - 11:30

- Governance & administrative capacity to deliver a new agenda
- Ownership of reform: who leads?
- Obstacles to reform: what are they?
- How can the West best help?

Speakers:

**Olga Aivazovska**

Head of the Board, Civil Network OPORA

**Vadym Halaichuk**

MP, Servant of the People Faction

**Katarina Mathernova**

Deputy Director General, European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

**Svyatoslav Vakarchuk**

MP, Leader, Golos political party

Moderator:

**Orysia Lutsevych**

Manager and Research Fellow, Ukraine Forum, Chatham House

11:30 - 12:00

Coffee break

## Session 2

### Ukraine's Economic Power: How to Deliver Growth?

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12:00 - 13:30

- Fixing the rule of law
- The DCFTA and Ukraine's export 'revolution': successes and failures
- Attracting foreign and domestic investment
- Deregulation and cutting red tape
- Champions of economic growth: who are they?

Speakers: **James Hart**  
Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ukraine; Partner, Hillmont Partners  
**Taras Kachka**  
Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture;  
Trade Representative of Ukraine  
**Alain Pilloux**  
Vice President, Banking, EBRD  
**Ron van Rooden**  
Assistant Director, European Department, IMF

Moderator: **Neil Buckley**  
Financial Times

**13:30 - 14:30 Lunch**

### **Session 3 Strengthening Defences: Is Ukraine More Resilient Now?**

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14:30 - 16:00

- Update on security situation in the Crimean peninsula & Donbas
- Strategies for combating Russian aggression
- Internal defences: state of military & security reform
- Are Western allies doing enough?
- Is there an endgame in sight? What might it look like?

Speakers: **Alina Frolova**  
Deputy Minister of Defence, Ukraine  
**Martin Harris**  
Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, FCO  
**Hanna Shelest**  
Board Member, Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism'  
**James Sherr**  
Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House;  
Senior Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn

Moderator: **James Nixey**  
Head, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

### **Closing remarks Why Ukraine Matters**

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16:00 - 16:30 **Volodymyr Yermolenko**  
Director of European Projects, Internews Ukraine

**16:30 - 17:30 Drinks reception**

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