

## Third Scholar-in-Residence Conference 2025 “What Constitutional Future for Ukraine?”

**18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The ongoing political and social challenges faced by Ukraine in the wake of an illegal invasion by Russia and geopolitical tensions necessitate a comprehensive dialogue on the establishment of a new constitution, not least in the context of Ukraine’s envisaged accession to the EU. This conference aims to foster a collaborative discussion among policymakers, legal scholars, civil society representatives, and international experts to explore the principles and frameworks that should shape Ukraine’s constitutional future from a multidisciplinary angle while including insights on the process of a successful constitution-making. With a focus on democratic values including the rule of law, human rights, territorial integrity, and institutional reforms, the conference will provide a platform for diverse viewpoints on issues such as decentralization, judiciary independence, electoral systems, and the balance of power. The discussions will also address the prospectus of integrating Ukraine into the European Union. By examining both domestic priorities and international legal standards, this event seeks to contribute to the development of a modern, inclusive, and resilient constitutional order for Ukraine. Without making concrete suggestions, the conference aims at showing possibilities of different constitutional design features based as far as possible on a firm evidence base about constitutions from a multidisciplinary perspective and practice experience. Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt Foundation and Europa-Kolleg Hamburg are thus honored to host, within their “Scholar-of-Residence” Scheme, the conference on “What Constitutional Future for Ukraine?”, which is generously funded by the Bürgerschaft of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

<b>Organizing Committee</b>	<b>UHH:</b> Prof. Dr. Markus Kotzur Prof. Dr. Anne van Aaken Prof. Stefan Voigt	<b>Scholars in Residence:</b> Dr. Ganna Yudkivska Dr. Gennadiy Druzenko
<b>Date</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Stadtvilla Universität Hamburg Marketing GmbH, Feldbrunnenstraße 9, 20148 Hamburg</b>	
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Hotel Vorbach, Johnsallee 63, 20146 Hamburg</b>	

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMME



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**TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> November 2025**

3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

**SHORT WELCOME BY THE ORGANIZERS**

**Meik Woyke, Markus Kotzur, Anne van Aaken, Stefan Voigt**

3.30 – 4.00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTORY TALK:  
CURRENT SITUATION IN UKRAINE AND PERSPECTIVES  
OF A NEW CONSTITUTION**

**Gennadiy Druzenko (*video*), Ganna Yudkivska**

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4.00 – 4.30 p.m.

**Coffee Break**

**PANEL: CONSTITUTION-MAKING**

**Panel Chair: Stefan Voigt**

4.30 – 5.30 p.m.

**MODELS OF CONSTITUTION-MAKING AND EMPIRICAL  
INSIGHTS**

**Mila Versteeg (*online*), Markus Kotzur**

5.30 – 6.15 p.m.

**HOW TO REACH SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL CONTRACT:  
INCLUSIVENESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS**

**Maryna Stavniychuk**

6.15 – 7.00 p.m.

**ROLE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE CONSTITUTION-  
MAKING**

**Gabriel Negretto**

7.30 p.m.

**Dinner at Cucina d'Elisa**



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**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

## **PANEL: RESILIENCE OF CONSTITUTIONS**

**Panel Chair: Anne van Aaken**

9.00 – 9.45 a.m.

**HOW TO WRITE A RESILIENT CONSTITUTION?**

**Stefan Voigt**

9.45 – 10.30 a.m.

**GUARANTOR INSTITUTIONS**

**Tarun Khaitan, Roman Romanov**

10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

**Coffee Break**

## **PANEL: DECENTRALIZATION, LANGUAGE AND MINORITIES**

**Panel Chair: Markus Kotzur**

11.00 – 11.45 a.m.

**SUBSIDIARITY: FEDERALISM VS. DECENTRALIZATION**

**Natalia Mishyna, NN**

11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**CITIZENSHIP/LANGUAGE and MINORITIES**

**Olga Poiedynok, Stefan Oeter**

12.30 – 2.00 p.m.

**Lunch Break**

## **PANEL: CHECKS AND BALANCES I**

**Panel Chair: Anne van Aaken**

2.00 – 2.45 p.m.

**PARLIAMENTARY vs. PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM**

**Tom Ginsburg *online***

2.45 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Angelika Nußberger, Ganna Yudkivska**



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3.30– 4.00 p.m.

Coffee Break

## PANEL: CHECKS AND BALANCES II

Panel Chair: Ganna Yudkivska

4.00 – 4.45 p.m.

**INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY**

David Kosar, Arkadiy Bushchenko *online*

4.45 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

**THE ROLE OF ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS IN UKRAINE'S  
CONSTITUTIONS**

Oleg Nivievskyi

7.00– 10.00 p.m.

Reception and Flying Dinner at Übersee-Club

**PANEL DISCUSSION: What Constitutional Future for  
Ukraine?**

Dieter Grimm, Pablo de Greiff,

Oleksandra Matviychuk *online*

*Moderation: Anne van Aaken*

## THURSDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## PANEL: INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW I

Panel Chair: Anne van Aaken

9.00 – 9.45 a.m.

**CORRUPTION**

Alina Mungiu Pippidi *online*, Valeriia Lutkovska *online*

9.45– 10.30 a.m.

**INTERACTION OF UKRANIAN JUDICIARY WITH  
EUROPEAN COURTS (EU, CoE)**

Anna Adamska-Gallant *online*

10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Coffee break



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**Panel Chair: Markus Kotzur**

11.00 – 11.45 a.m.

**ROLE OF THE CoE FOR UKRAINE'S CONSTITUTION**

**Eirik Holmøyvik *online*; Mykhailo Romanov**

11.45 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.

**THE ROLE OF EU ACCESSION FOR UKRAINE'S  
CONSTITUTION**

**Martin Mühleck *online*, Serhii Lashyn**

12.30 – 1.00 p.m.

**FINAL DISCUSSION**

1.00 – 2.00 p.m.

**Light Lunch**



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