

## TRANSFORMING UKRAINE AFTER THE EUROMAIDAN REVOLUTION: PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

On Wednesday, 3 October, 2018 at 11:00–12:30  
In the Auditorium of the Annex Building of the Parliament  
Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki

After the Euromaidan Revolution, Ukraine undertook an ambitious transformation project. Yet, the reform implementation lags behind in a number of key areas. With the upcoming presidential and parliamentary election in 2019, Ukraine is at a critical crossroads again. This event analyses Ukraine's progress and looks at the key external and domestic drivers of change in Ukraine. Is the reform process sustainable and how can it be improved? The seminar pays special attention to the role of the EU, which has been heavily involved in Ukraine's institution building since 2014. In conjunction with the seminar, FIIA will launch a book on EU's transformative impact abroad entitled '*EU Induced Institutional Change in Post-Soviet Space: Promoting Reforms in Moldova and Ukraine*' (Routledge, 2018).

### *Speakers:*

**Peter M. Wagner**, Head of the Support Group for Ukraine at the European Commission

**Pavlo Sheremeta**, former Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

### *Comments:*

**Ryhor Nizhnikau**, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

### *Chair:*

**Arkady Moshes**, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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## Biographies



**Peter M. Wagner** is the Head of the Support Group for Ukraine at the European Commission and Director in the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations. Prior to this, he was an adviser at the Commission Task Force on Greece (TFGR) (2011-15), Head of Unit in charge of the defence, aeronautic and maritime industries (2010-11), Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, where his responsibilities included general policy coordination, relations with Member States and the Council, and the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programme (2005-10). Prior to entering the Commission in 1999, he worked in Germany for a research institute, following several years as a journalist and an editor for a number of newspapers. He holds a Ph.D. in political science, history and psychology from Freiburg University.



**Pavlo Sheremeta** is the former Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine (February – September 2014). He has been an Independent Member of the Supervisory Board of Public Joint Stock Company Raiffeisen Bank Aval since 2015. Between 2015 and 2017 Sheremeta founded the School of Public Management of Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. Sheremeta has also been President (since 2012) and member of the Advisory Council of Kyiv School of Economics (2014-2015); President and Senior Fellow of Malaysia Blue Strategy Institute (2008-2012); Founding Dean and Chief Executive Officer of Kiyv-Mohyla Business school (1999-2008); and MBA Program Director of International Institute of Management (1997-1998). He started his career in 1995 as a Project manager of Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary. He graduated from Lviv State University (1993) and holds a MBA from Emory University, Atlanta, USA (1995).



**Ryhor Nizhnikau** is a Senior Research Fellow in the EU's Eastern Neighborhood and Russia programme at FIIA. He works on the Russian and EU's policies towards Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus as well as domestic developments in these countries. His current research focus includes the study of the Ukraine's reforms after the Euromaidan Revolution. He received his PhD from Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu. His recent publications include *EU Induced Institutional Change in Post-Soviet Space: Promoting Reforms in Moldova and Ukraine* (Routledge, 2018).



**Arkady Moshes** is the Programme Director of the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme at the FIIA. From 2008 to 2015 he was an Associate Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House. He received his PhD from the Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. His main areas of expertise include Russia-EU relations and the internal and foreign policy of Ukraine and Belarus. He has written extensively on those issues, as well as on Russia's policy toward the CIS and Baltic States.