

# Demodernization in Post-Soviet Societies: The Case of Ukraine

Europakolloquium with URIS fellow Mykhailo Minakov  
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Today's Ukraine – like other post-Soviet states – was established as a result of the attempt to modernize the late Soviet population. The plan was to build democracy, a nation state and a market economy. However, the reality turned out to be very different from the plan. Demodernization, a reverse development with a return to earlier stages of modernity and/or archaic ways of life, seems to be a strong factor defining the life of Ukrainians and their neighbours today. Mykhailo Minakov will look into the social reality of Ukraine and neighbouring countries in an attempt to understand the characteristic traits of contemporary Eastern European development.

Prof. Dr. Mykhailo Minakov, URIS fellow at the University of Basel and senior fellow at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, is an internationally renowned philosopher and scholar working in the areas of political philosophy, political theory and the history of modernity in Eastern Europe and Western Eurasia.

The lecture and the following discussion will be moderated by Frithjof Benjamin Schenk, Professor of Eastern European History at the University of Basel and director of URIS.

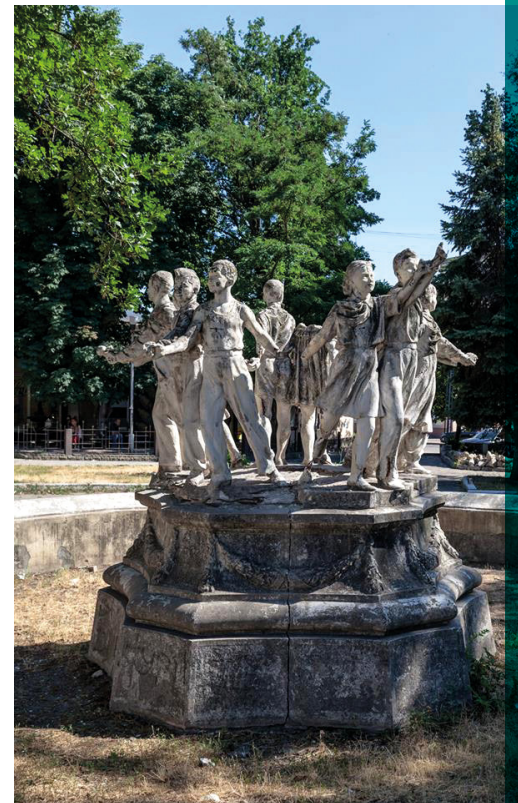
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