

What Future for Ukraine?

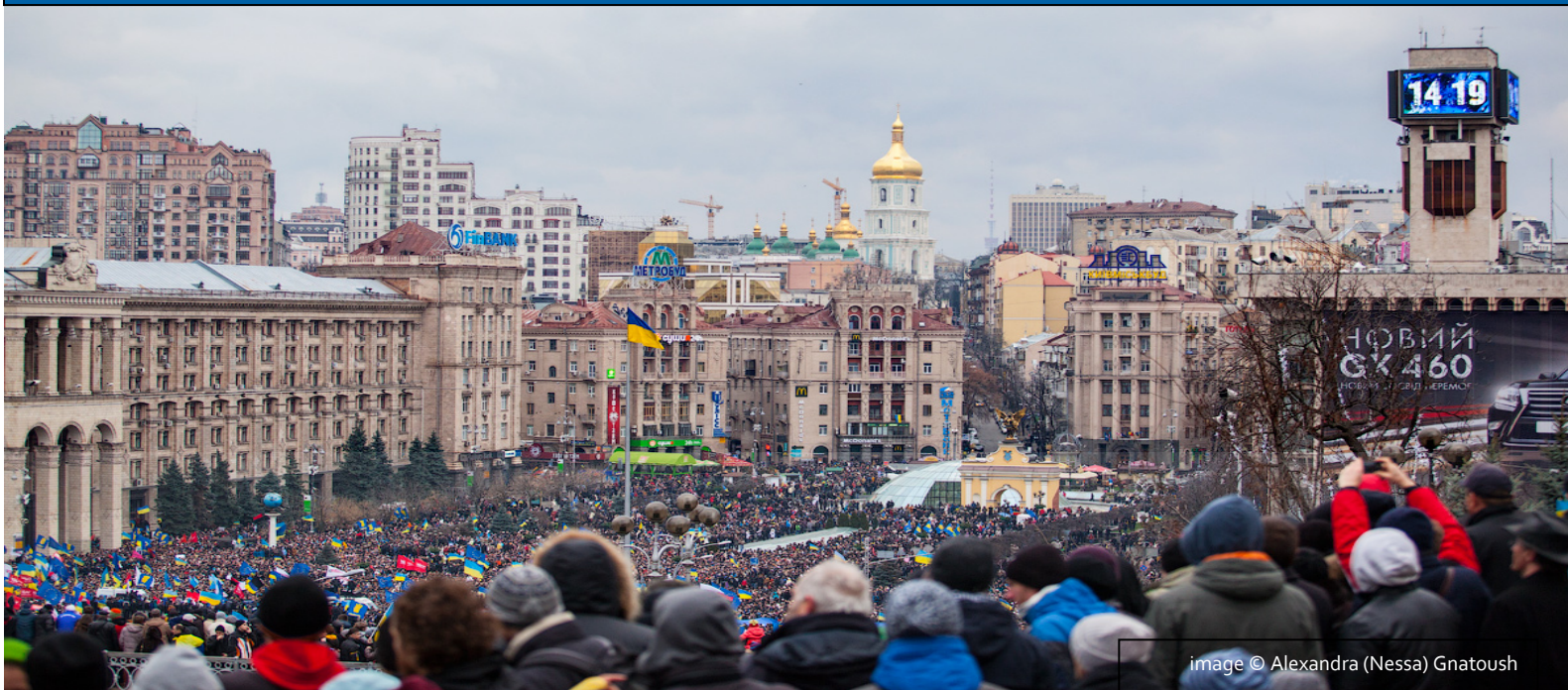


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A roundtable presented by the Monash European and EU Centre and the Mykola Zerov Centre for Ukrainian Studies, Monash University

On 30 November 2013, demonstrators protesting against the Ukrainian government's decision to discontinue preparations for signing an Association Agreement with the European Union were violently attacked by riot police. These actions gave rise to two months of largely peaceful protest by hundreds of thousands of people in Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities. The protests soon become expressions of popular discontent with the escalating government authoritarianism.

On 16 January 2014 the Ukrainian parliament passed laws drastically curtailing freedom of speech and association. The legislation made most forms of protest against the authorities illegal and punishable by long prison sentences. The introduction of these laws sparked violence resulting in deaths and injuries and exacerbated the rift between Ukrainian society and the state.

This public roundtable discussion addresses the origins and main features of the Ukrainian crisis of 2013-14, and contemplates possible developments of politics and political culture in Ukraine, as well as the country's geopolitical orientation.

Chaired and moderated by Professor Pascaline Winand, Director, Monash European and EU Centre

Speakers include:

Dr Natalie Doyle, Deputy Director, Monash European and EU Centre

Professor Leslie Holmes, Professorial Fellow, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Professor Jan Pakulski, Professor of Sociology, University of Tasmania and President, Australian Institute of Polish Affairs

Professor Marko Pavlyshyn, Director, Mykola Zerov Centre for Ukrainian Studies, Monash University

Mr Stefan Romaniw OAM, Chair, Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations and Secretary-General, World Congress of Ukrainians

Date: Wednesday 19 February 2014

Time: 6:00 to 8:00pm

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Monash University Caulfield Campus

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