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Welcome

Welcome to this seven-day intensive Winter School organised by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), under the auspices of the ECPR Standing Group on Central East European Politics and the support of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties. This Winter School, organized with the collaboration of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (Warsaw) and the Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy: REPRESENT (University of Nottingham) brings together an international team of 8 academics and 8 practitioners to train and instruct a group of 12 MA/PhD researchers and 10 practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy.

The main aims of the Winter School include to:

- to provide instruction and discussion on a wider range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy;
- to develop a multinational forum for both junior scholars and practitioners to critically discuss their research projects and the development of the subfield;
- to assist PhD researchers to develop their dissertation projects at the cutting edge of the field, contributing to innovation in conceptualisation, measurement, analysis and theory;
- to prepare PhD researchers for the requirements and criteria of international academic publishing, and to encourage them to submit their work to academic journals;
- to help practitioners to understand the main academic findings regarding party politics and democracy promotion;
- to build on the most recent developments of political party development and democracy promotion presented at most recent interdisciplinary International Conference in Birmingham (26-27 April 2018) and Brussels (18-20 June 2018);
- to stimulate international collaboration in the field of parties, party systems, elections and democracy and to encourage PhD researchers and practitioners to take part in such collaboration.



Winter School Program

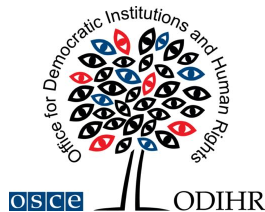
Sunday (13. January)

Afternoon Arrival of participants

Monday (14. January)

9.00-9.10	Welcome by Dr Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR
9.10-9.45	Introduction by the organizers
9.45-11.15	“Political Parties, Party Systems and Democracy”, Prof. Andryi Meleshevich (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine) and Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
11.15-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-13.15	Discussion
13.15-14.15	Lunch break
14.15-15.15	“Changing of the West, Axiological Cleavages and Social Reality: Integral Perspective on the Armenian Political Party System” (Bartłomiej Krzysztań)
15.15-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.30	“Voting Behaviour in Recent Georgian Presidential Elections” (Dachi Korinteli)

Guest Expert: Kataryna Ryabiko (OSCE/ODIHR)



16.45-18.45

Roundtable: “The Crisis of Political Parties and Representative Democracy” with Prof. Richard Katz (John Hopkins University), Prof. Daniel Smilov (University of Sofia), Prof. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya (Marmara University), Dr Anna Paczeński (University of Wrocław) and Mr. Jacopo Leone (OSCE/ODIHR)

Chair: Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland)

19.00

Welcome dinner

Tuesday (15. January)

9.30-11.00

“Political Parties and New Media”, Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland) and Jason Worlledge (International Republic Institute)

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-13.00

Discussion

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.00

“And What If Artificial Intelligence Could Vote?” (Piotr Stanislawski)

15.00-15.15

Coffee break

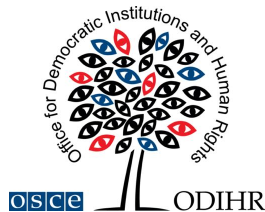
15.15-16.15

“The Curious Case of Inequality and Political Party Competition in CEE: Lithuania, Hungary and Poland” (Denis Ivanov)

16.15-17.15

“New Parties in Poland: a New Approach to Representation?” (Iuliia Krivonosova)

Guest Expert: Dr Michał Kotnarowski (ISPPAN)



18.00-20.00

Roundtable: “The Life and Work of Peter Mair” with Prof. Richard Katz (John Hopkins University), Prof. Petr Kopecký (Leiden University), Dr Wojciech Gagattek (University of Warsaw), Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland), and Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham). Includes presentation of the book “*Oblicza Demokracji. Dzieła wybrane Petera Maira* [The Face of Democracy. Peter Mair’s Selected Works] (Warsaw: Centre for Europe)

Location: Auditorium of the University of Warsaw (Room 317, 3rd floor)

Wednesday (16. January)

- 9.30-11.00 “Political Parties and the State”, Prof. Petr Kopecký (Leiden University)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Normalizing the Radical Right while Radicalizing the Mainstream Right: implications for the Vision of Democracy in Europe” (Aleksander Alekseev)
- 15.00-16.00 “The Performance of Populist on the Elections to the European Parliament” (Peter Bence Stumpf)
- 16.00-16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15-17.15 “Personalized Party: the Bulgarian Case” (Teodora Yovcheva)
- 17.15-18.15 “Active and Passive: Two Ways Party Systems Influence Electoral Outcomes” (Miroslav Nemčok)



Guest Expert: Dr Mikołaj Cześnik (SWPS University)

- 18.15-18.30 Coffee break
- 18.30-19.00 Special Session: “How to Get Published?” with Prof. Petr Kopecký (editor of *East European Politics*) and Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (editor of *Politologia*)

Thursday (17. January)

- 9.30-11.00 “Political Parties and Election Campaigning”, Dr Richard Lappin, Deputy Head of Election Department (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Voting Rights Restrictions in Democratic Elections” (Marsyla Osmani)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.15 “Manipulation in the Electoral Process: Unfounded Allegations of Significant Influence on the Election Result?” (Sinisa Bencun)
- 16.15-17.15 “Political Parties in Turkmenistan and Transition from the USSR Model of Party System” (Irina Kulikova)

Guest Expert: Dr Wojciech Gagat (University of Warsaw)



18.00 Dinner in town

Friday (18. January)

- 9.30-11.00 “Political Parties and Diversity – Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities”, Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah, Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland) and Anete Erdmane, Democratic Governance Officer (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Gender Gap in Corruption: the case study of Kazakhstan” (Ayauzhan Kamatayeva)
- 15.00-16.00 “Role of Multi-ethnic Political Parties in Channeling Effective Political Participation of Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (Lejla Hodžic)
- 16.00-16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15-17.15 “Exclusion of Roma Politicians from Mainstream Political Participation” (Michal Miko)
- 17.15-18.15 “Mechanisms behind the Glass Cliff in Politics” (Burtejin Zorigt)

Guest Expert: Ajla van Heel (OSCE/ODIHR)

Saturday (19. January)

- 9.30-11.00 “Democratic Development and Democracy Promotion”, Dr Susan Dodsworth (University of Birmingham)



- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 “Putting Pieces Together: Challenges, linkages and Interdependence in the Field of Donor Assistance to Political Parties” (Bierina Balla)
- 14.00-14.15 Coffee break
- 14.15-15.15 “Some Blows Fall Heavy Upon the Fragile: the Survival of Newcomer Parties in 28 European democracies” (Olga Brunnerová)
- 15.15-16.15 “Representative Role of Political Parties in Transitional Democracies: Case Study of Kyrgyz Political Parties” (Ernek Adykbekov)

Guest Expert: Jacopo Leone (OSCE/ODIHR)

Sunday (20. January)

- 9.30-11.00 “Party Funding, Transparency and Corruption”, Dr Marcin Walecki (OSCE/ODIHR) and Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Money in Politics: Challenges, Regulations and Implementations” (Battul Bat-Erdeene)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.15 “Public Financing of Political Parties in Ukraine: One More Step to Cartelization” (Kateryna Pesotska)
- 16.15-17.15 “Transparency of Political Party Finances in Albania” (Armando Guçe)

Guest Expert: Tomasz Gąsior (Polish Electoral Commission)



17.30

Departure of participants

Logistic information

Arrival at the airport

Warsaw Chopin Airport (<http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/passenger/>) is the main airport of Poland, located about 8 kilometres from the city centre.

Participants staying at the Hotel Ibis Warszawa Stare Miasto can reach the city centre quickly by bus (further information can be found on the airport website (<http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/passenger/>) or taxi (recommended).

Official taxi stand is located right at the exit from the arrivals hall of the airport. Please make sure you take the official taxi such as Super Taxi, SAWA Taxi, ELE Taxi, Merc Taxi. Transportation from/to the city centre should cost around 45-60 PLN (up to 15 Euro).

Accommodation

The participants funded by the OSCE ODIHR will be accommodated at the Hotel Ibis Warszawa Stare Miasto, Ul. Muranowska 2 (tel: (+48) 22/3101000):

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3714-ibis-warszawa-stare-miasto-old-town/index.shtml>

The hotel accommodation for the participants of the Winter School has been booked and paid by OSCE/ODIHR. Breakfast will be included for all the hotel guests. Please note that



additional hotel services such as minibar, laundry services, telephone costs or WiFi access in hotel rooms should be paid by each participant individually and directly.

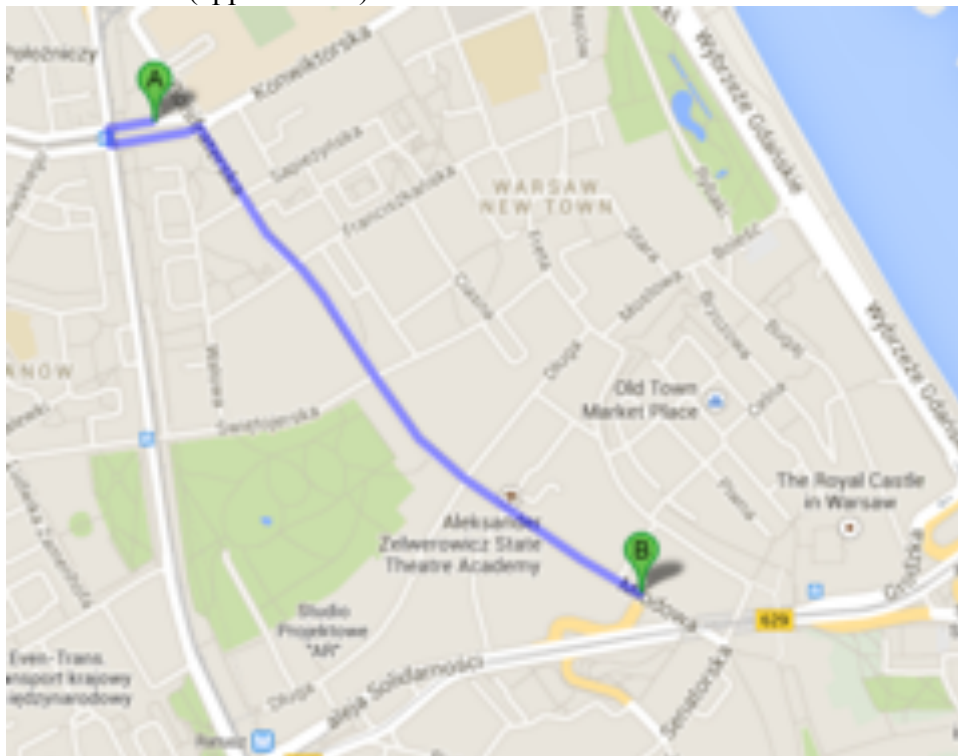
Ibis Stare Miasto hotel is located in the vicinity of the OSCE ODIHR office.

Venue

The Winter School will be taking place in the OSCE/ODIHR premises (ul. Miodowa, 10) in the Prague meeting room, on the ground floor.

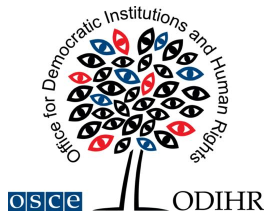
Please bring an identification document to present to access the OSCE/ODIHR premises.

Please see map below on how to get from the Ibis Stare Miasto hotel to the OSCE ODIHR office on foot (appr. 10 min).



Refreshments will be served throughout the Winter School. Participants will be offered lunch at the Warszawski Sznyt Restaurant near ODIHR Premises each day, as well as invited to a dinner on 14 January and on 17 January (Restaurants to be confirmed).

ALL PARTICIPANTS FUNDED BY ODIHR SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THEY SHOULD BRING ALL BOARDING PASSES (please give them to Jolanta Cichocka).



Dress-code

Dress-code for the School is smart-casual.

Insurance

Personal and medical insurance is the responsibility of the individual participant. The OSCE/ODIHR will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency, or personal effects or any medical costs incurred during the travel to or stay in Poland.

Medical issues

Illness requiring medical treatment or hospitalization is the responsibility of the individual. Participants taking medicine should bring enough to cover their needs, take a copy of the prescriptions with them, and ensure that they have adequate health insurance. Participants should not forget to bring their health insurance card or documents. For urgent matters, please call Jolanta Cichocka, Tel: +48 607 123 225, or your Embassy.

Weather

The average temperature in January in Poland is -3 °C.

Currency and banking services

The official currency of Poland is the Zloty. The current exchange rate is 1 PLN= 0.23 Euro and

Cash can be obtained from cash machines. Money can also be exchanged at the hotel and at exchange offices. Credit cards are widely accepted in major hotels, restaurants, cafes, and shopping malls.

Electricity

The voltage in Poland is 230 V (50 Hz).

European plug with two circular metal pins is used throughout the country.

Telecommunications

The international code for Poland is +48.

Wireless Internet should be available in the common areas in the hotel and in ODIHR premises.



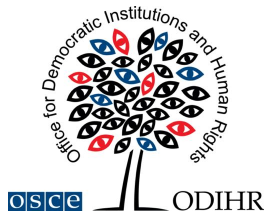
Reading list

Session 1

- . Susan C. Stokes (1999): “Political Parties and Democracy”, *Annual Review of Political Science*, v. 2, pp. 243-267 (see: <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.polisci.2.1.243>)
- . Andrey A. Meleshevykh (2010): “Political Parties in Ukraine: Learning Democratic Accountability?”, in Kay Lawson, Baogang He and Anatoly Kulik (eds.) *Political Parties and Democracy*. Praeger. (a draft version can be found here: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3106047)
- . Fernando Casal Bértoa (2017): “Political Parties or Party Systems? Assessing the ‘Myth’ of Institutionalization and Democracy”, *West European Politics*, v. 40, n. 2, pp. 402-429

Session 2

- . IDEA Handbook on Political Finance: Chapter 6. Eastern, Central and South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia (<https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/funding-political-parties-and-elections-campaigns-handbook-political-finance?lang=en>)
- . ODIHR/VC - Guidelines on Political Party Regulation - all the sections dealing with party/campaign finance (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/77812>)
- . OSCE Anti-corruption Handbook - Chapter 9 Political Party Funding (<https://www.osce.org/secretariat/232761>)



. Fernando Casal Bértoa and Ingrid van Biezen (2018): Introduction in *The Regulation of Post-communist Party Politics*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge (an electronic version can be found here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21599165.2014.938738>)

Session 3

- . Ingrid van Biezen and Petr Kopecký (2014), “The cartel party and the state: Party–state linkages in European democracies” *Party Politics* 20 (2), pp: 170-182
- . Zsolt Enyedi (2014). “The discreet charm of political parties”, *Party Politics* 20 (2), pp: 194-204.
- . Petr Kopecký and Maria Spirova (2011), “Jobs for the Boys” *West European Politics*, 34 (5), pp: 897-921

Session 4

- . TCC - Section 6, Election Obligations and Standards (<https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/peace/democracy/cc-oes-handbook-10172014.pdf>)
- . Lappin - Elections, Violence and the Democratic Process in Jamaica (<https://academic.oup.com/pa/article-abstract/65/2/489/1429778>)
- . ODIHR/VC - Joint Guidelines for Preventing and Responding to the Misuse of Administrative Resources during Electoral Processes (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/227506?download=true>)

Session 5

- . Recommended readings (see documents attached)

Session 6

. Dodsworth, Susan, and Nic Cheeseman. “Ten Challenges in Democracy Support – and How to Overcome Them.” *Global Policy* 9, no. 3 (2018): 301–12 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12567>)

Burnell, Peter, and André Gerrits. “Promoting Party Politics in Emerging Democracies.” *Democratization* 17, no. 6 (2010): 1065–84 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2010.520548>)

Pick one other article from the *Democratization* special issue on Promoting Party Politics in Emerging Democracy (i.e. Volume 16, Issue 6, available here:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fdem20/17/6>)

Session 7

- . Recommended readings (see attachments – plus Kalsnes, B. (2016): “The Social Media Paradox Explained: Comparing Political Parties”



Facebook Strategy Versus Practice”, *Social Media + Society*, Online First. Available here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2056305116644616>)

Biographies

Directors



Fernando Casal Bértoa is an [Associate Professor](#) in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom). He is member of the [OSCE/ODIHR “Core Group of Political Party Experts”](#). He is also co-director of [REPRESENT: Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy](#). His work has been published in *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization*, among others. He was awarded the 2017 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize, the 2017 AECPA Prize for the Best Article and the 2018 Vice-Chancellor Medal of the University of Nottingham for “exceptional achievements”.



Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka is an Assistant Professor and the Head of MA studies on Politics in Cyberspace at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (UKSW) in Warsaw. She holds a PhD in Social and Political Science from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence and she was also a Chevening Scholar at St. Antony's College, Oxford. Co-founder and co-leader of the business academic project/partnership called Political Radar, which monitored and analysed the only activity of political parties and political movements in Poland before and after the 2015 elections. She is also co-editor of Polish academic journal "Politologia". Before becoming an academic, she was elected as one of the youngest city councillors in Warsaw, and worker for the European Parliament in Brussels as well as the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Speakers



Anete Erdmane, Associate Democratic Governance Officer at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Her work focuses on promoting the political participation of persons with disabilities. Anete has been working with the OSCE since 2013, including on various human rights and democratic governance issues in Kosovo and Kyrgyzstan. Prior to that, she worked as the legal advisor at the office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia and NGO "Resource Centre for People with Mental Disability "Zelda" where she provided legal aid to people with mental health and intellectual disabilities and advocated for legal and policy reforms in Latvia. From 2012 until 2017 she served as a Management and Executive Board member of the EU Agency of Fundamental Rights. Anete holds a law degree from the University of Latvia and a Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) from the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization and University of Leuven.



Omer Faruk Genckaya is full professor of political science and public administration at Marmara University (Istanbul). He specialized on constitutional politics, political finance and anti-corruption in comparative perspective. He served as Council of Europe scholar at University of Oslo (1987), full professor at Bilkent University (1990-2008), Fulbright scholar at Duke University (2001) and Roanoke College (VA, 2005) and at COE-GRECO as country evaluator (2008-2016). He is the co-author of *Democratization and Politics of Constitution-making in Turkey* (2009) and SGI Turkey Reports since 2008.



Richard S. Katz is Professor of Political Science at The Johns Hopkins University and chairs of OSCE-ODIHR Core Group of Experts on political party regulation. He has served as co-editor of the *European Journal of Political Research* (2006-2012) and as vice-chair and treasurer on the Executive Committee of the European Consortium for Political Research. His most recent book is *Democracy and the Cartelization of Political Parties*, co-authored with Peter Mair (Oxford 2018).



Petr Kopecký is a Professor of Political Science in the Institute of Political Science at Leiden University and the Director of *Central and East European Studies Centre*. His current research focuses on political parties, patronage and clientelistic politics, political corruption and democratization. His most recent books (co-edited) is *Party Patronage and Party Government in European Democracies* (Oxford University Press 2012) and *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics* (Routledge 2018). He is a co-editor of *East European Politics*.



Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah is the Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) based in Warsaw, Poland. Before joining ODIHR in March 2016, she worked as the Executive Director of Political Parties of Finland for Democracy, Demo Finland, a collaborative organization of Finnish political parties in the field of democracy support. She has worked with governments, political parties, and civil society for the past 15 years, focusing on supporting democratic and inclusive governance, political participation of women and youth as well as civil society development across Asia and Africa alongside the OSCE region. She has also held various board positions, for example with the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) and The Finnish NGDO Platform to the European Union, Kehys. Ms Kukkamaa-Bah has a Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Helsinki.



Richard Lappin is the Deputy Head of the Election Department at the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Richard is responsible for the overall administration and operational planning to assist the 57 OSCE participating States in implementing election and democracy-related standards through field-based election observation



missions and technical assistance activities. He has worked extensively on the development of methodology and research, including the publication of the ODIHR Handbook on the Follow-up of Electoral Recommendations, the ODIHR Handbook for the Observation of Campaign Finance, the ODIHR Review of Electoral Legislation and Practice in the OSCE, and the ODIHR and Venice Commission Joint Guidelines on the Misuse of Administrative Resources during Electoral Processes. He has worked as a gender focal point for six years.

Prior to joining ODIHR, Richard worked on elections and democracy assistance projects with the UN, EU and Carter Center and has administered elections in the United Kingdom. Richard holds a PhD on post-conflict democracy assistance from the University of Leuven and a LL.M. in international human rights law from the University of Oxford.



Jacopo Leone (Italy/United Kingdom), Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Jacopo has been working as a political analyst for over eight years in the field of democracy assistance and governance, with a strong focus on parliamentary strengthening, political party assistance, anti-corruption, public integrity, and civil society development. Currently working as a Democratic Governance Officer at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), he provides analyses of political developments and delivers assistance to OSCE participating States on democratic governance issues, with particular attention on strengthening integrity in parliaments and political party systems, promoting inclusive political institutions and youth and women's political participation. Before joining ODIHR, he worked among others for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, NATO, the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and the European Parliament. Jacopo holds an MSc in International and European Politics from the University of Edinburgh.

Andriy Meleshevych is the President of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, a leading institution of higher education in Ukraine, and a Professor of Law and Politics. He received a Master's in Law from Kyiv University and holds a Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He was awarded a visiting fellowship at Stanford University in 2010, and has also served as a visiting professor at Groningen University (Netherlands), Heidelberg University (Germany), Dusseldorf University (Germany), Syracuse University (United States), and Yerevan University (Armenia). He is widely published in the fields of institution-building in the post-



Soviet transitional countries, political consequences of electoral laws and executive-legislative arrangements, political parties, comparative constitutionalism, European human rights law, and philosophy of law. Professor Meleshevych is a member of the Ukrainian Constitutional Commission and the National Council of Ukraine on Anticorruption Policy.



Anna Paczeński is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Wrocław. Director of two current research project about European political parties financed by the Polish National Science Centre. Her research interests include Europeanisation of politics and civil society, internal life of political parties, electoral defeats.



Daniel Smilov is Associate Professor of Political Science at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Programme Director at the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia and recurrent Visiting Professor at the Legal Studies Department of the Central European University, Budapest. He holds two doctoral degrees, one from the University of Oxford (DPhil, 2003) and another from the Central European University, Budapest (SJD, 1999, summa cum laude).



Marcin Walecki possesses over 15 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 30 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections,



political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption.

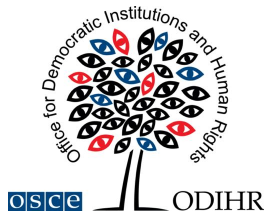


Jason Worlledge is the Resident Program Director for IRI Poland. Prior to joining the International Republican Institute, Jason served as the Strategic Planning Officer at the Community of Democracies drafting the five-year organizational strategy, and lead the European Academy of Diplomacy for 4 years as Executive Director. Jason has degrees in Advertising, Organizational Psychology and a MBA from London Business School. He began his career in the United States Marine Corps (1999-2003) as an intelligence analyst and collection team-leader specializing in counter-narcotics. Jason has over 1000 hours of training experience, covering organizational development, strategic planning and leadership. When not preaching the values of democracy, he foolishly runs ultra marathons.

Guest experts



Mikołaj Cześnik is Associate Professor at the SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw, where he directs the Institute of Social Sciences. He is member of the Polish National Election Study. He chairs the International Political Science Association Research Committee 16 (Socio-Political Pluralism). He is also member of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation. He has participated in several international comparative projects, including CIVICACTIVE, COST, CSES, INTUNE, MARPOR, PIREDEU. His research



interests include democracy and democratisation, elections, political and voting behaviour (especially voter turnout), political parties, socio-political cleavages.



Wojciech Gagat is Assistant Professor at the Institute of Political Science of the University of Warsaw and Part-Time Professor at the Alcide de Gasperi Research Centre at the European University Institute in Florence. He holds an MA in Political Sciences and MA in Law (from the University of Warsaw), PhD in Political and Social Sciences (from the European University Institute in Florence), habilitation in Political Sciences from the University of Warsaw. Currently he conducts a study on the role of the Group of the European People's Party in the development of the European integration process and of the directly elected European Parliament and leads a research project entitled *The Multi-Level Testing of Theories of Party Adaptation - the Polish Case* (funded by the Polish National Science Centre).



Tomasz Gąsior had a PhD in Law by the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw. He expert on issues related to the financing of election campaigns and political parties. He has lectured at the Academy of Local Government Leaders at the Faculty of Law and Administration, at the Lech Kaczyński National School of Public Administration, and at the School of Leaders. He also co-operates with the University of Public Administration in Ostrołęka and the College of Management in Warsaw, Stefan Batory Foundation.



Ajla van Heel, Adviser on Gender Issues of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) The work of Ajla van Heel Merdanović focuses on advancing women's political participation. While at ODIHR, she contributed to the development of the following publications: *Gender Equality in Elected Office: A Six-Step Action Plan*, *Handbook for National Human Rights Institutions on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*, *Comparative Study of Structures for Women MPs*



in the OSCE Region, Handbook on Promoting Women’s Participation in Political Parties, and Compendium of Good Practices for Advancing Women’s Political Participation in the OSCE Region. Prior to joining the OSCE, she worked with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), mainly on combating trafficking in women and girls in the Western Balkans. Ms. van Heel holds a bachelor degree in international affairs from Princeton University and a master’s degree in human rights from University of Bologna. Her efforts to promote peace and advance women’s rights were recognized through awards received from the British Royal Family, Rotary International, and Zonta International.



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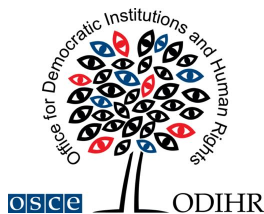
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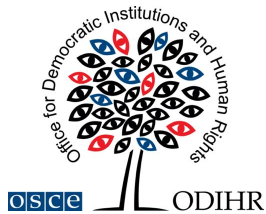
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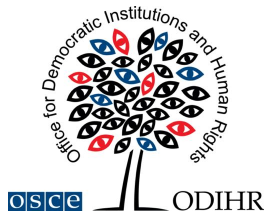
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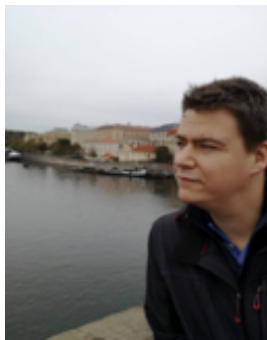
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