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Panel discussion about Soviet Symbols After the Soviets, followed by Q&A.
Speakers: Anastasiya Oleksiyenko, Emily Channell-Justice, Paul Goble.
Moderated by Victor Rud

The idea for this discussion was inspired by Anastasiya Oleksiyenko. As a Ukrainian student at New York University at Abu-Dhabi she tried to address the liberal use of Soviet symbols by her classmates on campus. This proved to be an unpleasant experience. The topic of “Soviet Symbols after the Soviets” could generate an excellent discussion, especially in light of recent “cascade” of monuments to Lenin falling across Ukraine and reviving of Soviet symbols in Russia.

[Russian Foreign Ministry dubs US Ukraine Freedom Support Act as overtly confrontational](#) Moscow regards the Ukraine Freedom Support Act approved by both houses of the US Congress as overtly confrontational and says that Russia will not yield to blackmail of the United States, says a comment posted on the Russian Foreign Ministry’s website on Friday. TASS: Russia. [Read More](#)

[Ukraine cheers US vote for military aid, Russia outraged](#) Ukraine on Friday welcomed a US bill that would allow Washington to provide lethal military assistance to the embattled country, but Russia expressed outrage at the "openly confrontational" legislation. The bill -- passed late on Thursday and due to get final approval in Congress on Friday before being sent to US President Barack Obama -- opens the way for up to \$350 million (280 million euros') worth of US military hardware to be sent to Ukraine, which has been fighting an eight-month war against Kremlin-backed separatists in its east. **Yahoo News.** [Read More](#)

[There will be no ‘win-win’ deal with Putin](#) The deal proposed by Michael O’Hanlon and Jeremy Shapiro in their Dec. 7 op-ed, “[A win for Russia, Ukraine and the West](#),” would not just be misguided undefined it would be dangerous. The premise of their argument that a “win-win-win outcome for Russia, Ukraine and the West is far smarter than zero-sum thinking” runs counter to Russian President Vladimir Putin’s exclusively “zero-sum” view of the world. If we have learned anything from the Obama administration’s failed “reset” with Russia, it is that Putin unflinchingly seeks to exploit the West’s futile pursuit of “win-win” deals. **Washington Post.** [Read More](#)

[EU faces dropping Ukraine sanctions after legal problems arise](#) The set of sanctions the European Union imposed on former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and some close associates over corruption allegations is facing legal problems that look set to force Brussels to drop at least some of the targets, according to EU officials and diplomats. **Morningstar.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine Crisis: Parliament Forms New Government With Three Foreign Nationals At Key Posts](#) Ukraine's parliament approved a new government Tuesday expected to push for closer ties with Western Europe and away from Russia. The government is led by Arseny Yatsenyuk, who has been prime minister since February. All ministerial candidates were nominated by President Petro Poroshenko and approved by parliament. **International Business Times.** [Read More](#)

[Putin Is Hoarding Gold To Prepare For Economic War](#) Russia's central bank added to its reserves of bullion in the third quarter, according to the latest report from the World Gold Council. Russia has taken advantage of lower gold prices to pack the vaults of its central bank with bullion as it prepares for the possibility of a long, drawn-out economic war with the West. **The Business Insider.** [Read More](#)

[IMF Announces Ukraine Rescue Visit](#) KIEV: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Saturday it would dispatch a team to Ukraine to determine how much extra aid the war-wrecked and energy-starved nation will need to make it through winter. The nine-day visit due to start on Tuesday comes as Ukraine suffers rolling blackouts and resentment grows over severe IMF-prescribed austerity measures. The Fund has helped piece together a \$27-billion (22-billion-euro) global rescue package undefined promising to contribute \$17bn of that sum over two years undefined in the weeks that followed the February ouster in Kiev of a Russian-backed president. **DAWN.com.** [Read More](#)

[Driving Ukrainians Into Putin's Arms](#) A RECENT United Nations report says that nearly half a million Ukrainians have fled the country since April. The fact that families run from a war zone is heartbreaking but hardly unexpected. The disturbing part lies in the details undefined of the roughly 454,000 people who had fled Ukraine by the end of October, more than 387,000 went to Russia. Most of those who fled were Russian speakers from the east, but this still raises a sobering question: If this is a conflict between Ukraine and Russia, why did so many Ukrainians choose to cast their lot with the enemy? **NY Times.** [Read More](#)

[GODFATHERS AND GODCHILDREN](#) It is easy to see that based on results of the elections of 2006, 2007 and 2012 an essential number of "newcomers" came to the parliament, and not just the notorious "drivers and bodyguards". Albeit on a smaller scale, but entrance of "journalists", "voices of the middle class" and "field commanders of the Maidan" to the body of legislative power has already taken place. It is not even worth asking whether this has affected the quality of the Verkhovna Rada. **KyivWeekly.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine's forgotten security guarantee: The Budapest Memorandum](#) Twenty years ago, Ukraine gave up its nuclear weapons in exchange for security guarantees from Russia and the West. Today Kyiv feels betrayed - and not merely by Moscow. Until recently, the existence of a decades-old Ukraine security guarantee was known only by security experts and some politicians. But ever since the Russian annexation of Crimea, Ukraine is now, more than ever recalling that so-called Budapest Memorandum. **DW** [Детальніше-Read More](#)

[Ukrainian - Canadian lawyers organize to help situation back home](#) **Ukrainian - Canadian lawyers organize to help situation back home.** The Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association is alive once again with a renewed purpose of helping out with the situation in Ukraine. The revival of the association last week, which faded away after its creation in the early 1990s, comes at a critical time for Ukraine, a country that remains in crisis after the ouster of former president Viktor Yanukovich early this year. Ukrainian-Canadian lawyers say they're reorganizing themselves partly because they could get requests to provide assistance with judicial reform in their home country. **Law Times** [Детальніше-Read More](#)

[Суддю Печерського суду, який розблокував рахунки Арбузова, хочуть звільнити](#) У Верховній Раді зареєстрований проект постанови щодо притягнення до відповідальності судді, який ухвалив рішення про розблокування рахунків Сергія Арбузова. Його внесла народний депутат України Ірина Фриз. На сайті Верховної Ради документ під назвою: «Проект Постанови про ініціювання перед Вищою кваліфікаційною комісією суддів України питання про здійснення дисциплінарного провадження щодо слідчого судді Печерського районного суду міста Києва Підпалого Вячеслава Валерійовича та подальшого звільнення його з посади у зв'язку з порушенням ним присяги» позначено за номером 1157. **Тиждень.ua**

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