

## **Invisible University for Ukraine Winter School**

# **COPING WITH DIFFERENCE: UNITY, PLURALITY, AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE IN WARTIME**

11-17 January 2026, Budapest

The 4th IUFU Winter School brings together 50 selected participants from the IUFU student cohort to the CEU Budapest campus to reflect on the war experience and contribute to the postwar reconstruction of Ukrainian culture and society. It seeks to discuss the global contexts of Russia's war against Ukraine and to consider how the Ukrainian cause can be articulated globally in relation to many other overlapping crises and conflicts.

The School's modules are built around selected themes of the Fall semester IUFU courses, including the Ukrainian connectivities with the global South; the debates around the decolonialization paradigm; the past, present, and future of minorities in Ukraine; the social and intellectual history and impact of feminism; environmental history; and the relationship between civil society and the state.

Along these lines, the Winter School will engage with key academic and public debates on the political, institutional, and intellectual stakes of negotiating difference in the Ukrainian and global cultural spheres. These include the ambiguities of decoloniality and (de-)Westernization, both historically and in the context of the Russian full-scale invasion; the changing role of civil society in the war-torn Ukraine; the relationship of ethnicity and civic nationhood; the experiences of uncovering ethnic identity in the Soviet and post-Soviet context; historical traumas and competing narratives of victimhood; the entanglements of imperial practices and postimperial continuities with late socialist legacies and postsocialist patterns of state violence; the politicization of gender and the repercussions of the global culture wars in Ukraine; and the Ukrainian engagements with the "global public sphere."

To discuss this, the Winter School involves leading scholars, artists, and civil society activists. It also aims to give voice to the young generation of Ukrainian intellectuals and professionals. The program also explores successful models of civil engagement and considers how academic knowledge can be useful for Ukrainian society during the ordeal of the war and in its aftermath. Rather than just debating these issues, we invite students and lecturers to develop active and innovative strategies on how Ukrainian culture, identity, and institutional practices can be studied and valorized in view of these challenges and how resilient civic and academic organizations can be created and maintained in the context of the war and the postwar reconstruction.

**Organizing team:** Sofiia Arakelian (Dnipro), Liana Blikharska (Center for Urban History in Lviv), Nadiia Chervinska (IUFU Coordinator), Oleksandra Diakonova (CEU), Taras Fedirko



(IWM Vienna), Valerie Karpan (University of Coimbra), Maryna Khrypun (University of Coimbra), Ela Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences), Kateryna Lysenko (University of Leipzig), Zsófia Lóránd (University of Vienna), Marta Mochulska (Ivan Franko University of Lviv), Natalie Nougayrède (Independent Journalist), Kateryna Osypchuk (IUFU Coordinator), Kinga Ágnes Páll (CEU), Ostap Sereda (Ukrainian Catholic University / Bard College Berlin), Mark Symkin (University of Porto), Blanka Szilasi (CEU), Daiva Tereščenko (IUFU), Balázs Trencsényi (CEU), Diána Vonnák (Czech Academy of Sciences), Maksym Yakovlev (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), Yevhen Yashchuk (University of Oxford), Mariia Zivert (KSE).

The Invisible University for Ukraine is initiated and implemented by CEU in cooperation with Ukrainian institutions (such as Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukrainian Catholic University, the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe in Lviv), global university partners, and research institutions.

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### **Zoom Link**

<https://ceu-edu.zoom.us/j/95495068356?pwd=lwoE7jc5ghgrrHYiJrn7AH1cfcwVhH.1>

Meeting ID: 954 9506 8356

Passcode: 877641

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## **IUFU WINTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

**11 January / Sunday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**Arrivals and checking into the dormitory** (CEU Residence Center, Kerepesi út 87, 1106 Budapest)

**15:00-16:30 Opening Ceremony & Introductions**

**16:30-18:30 Keynote Lecture. The Impact of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Historical Thinking in a Global Context**

Martin Schulze-Wessel (Professor and Chair of East and Southeast European History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich), moderated by Denys Tereschchenko

**18:30-20:00 Welcome Reception**

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**12 January / Monday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**10:00-12:30 Morning Lectures. The Global Perceptions of War and Transnational Civic Engagement**

Čarna Brković (Professor of Cultural Studies and European Ethnology, University of Mainz, Germany) & Valeria Korablyova (Charles University, Prague), moderated by Lucija Balikic

**12:30-14:00 Lunch & Individual Mentoring**

**14:00-16:00 Afternoon Discussion. Ukrainian International Relations and the Global South**

Olexiy Haran (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy) & Volodymyr Lakomov (Director of the Department of MFA / Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary) in conversation with Maksym Yakovlyev (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), moderated by Oleh Sabura

**16:00-16:30 Coffee Break**

**16:30-18:00 Evening Discussion. The Decolonization Paradigm in the Ukrainian Context**

Valeria Korablyova, Ela Kwiecińska, Balázs Trencsényi & Ostap Sereda with Oksana Volovodiuk & Yuriy Betsko, moderated by Valerie Karpan & Maryna Khrypun

**18:00-18:45 Informal Discussion on the Day with Sandwiches**

Moderated by Kateryna Osypchuk and Yevhen Yashchuk

**18:45-21:00 Film Screening & Discussion**

*The Last Prometheus of Donbass* (104', 2025) with Anton Shtuka, moderated by Nataliia Shuliakova

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**13 January / Tuesday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**10:00-12:30 Morning Lectures. Civic Engagement and the Legal Framework in Ukraine**

Olha Denkovych (Ukrainian Catholic University) and Monika Florczak-Wantor (Professor at the Department of Constitutional Law at the Jagiellonian University, Kraków), moderated by Marta Mochulska (Ivan Franko University, Lviv)

**12:30-14:00 Lunch & Individual Mentoring**

**14:00-15:15 Workshops on Volunteering, Civil Society, and the State. Part I**

Albina Udovenko / Come Back Alive, moderated by Mark Symkin

**15:15-16:30 Part II**

Ihor Burian / DroneAid Collective, moderated by Oleksandra Diakonova

**16:30-17:00 Coffee Break**

**17:00-18:30 Part III**

Liubov Halan / Pryntsyp, moderated by Sofiia Arakelian

**18:30-19:15 Informal Discussion on the Day with Sandwiches**

Moderated by Myroslava Patryliak and Natalia Shuliakova

**19:15-20:30 Film Screening & Discussion**

*So Close You Almost Touch It* (10', 2025) with Antonina Stebur, Valerie Karpan & Maryna Khrypun (Variable Name Collective), moderated by Sasha Kokhan

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**14 January / Wednesday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**10:00-13:00 Writing Workshop on Academic Knowledge and Public Engagement**

Natalie Nougayrède (Re/visions, editor; former Editor-in-Chief of Le Monde and member of the Guardian's editorial board) & Diána Vonnák (Czech Academy of Sciences)

**13:00-13:45 Lunch**

**13:45-16:00 Writing Workshop Individual Work and Mentoring**

**16:00-17:30 Student Project Presentations**, moderated by Kateryna Osypchuk

**17:30-18:30 Writing on Pain**

A Conversation with Olesia Khromeichuk (Ukrainian Institute London), moderated by Ela Kwiecińska

**18:30-19:00 Break**

**19:00-20:30 Slam Poetry Workshop**, organized by Péter Molnár (European and Hungarian slam champion, founder and editor of the Budapest-based Underground Slam Academy)

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**15 January / Thursday**

*N13 412/A*

**10:00-12:30 Morning Lectures. Ukrainian Cultural and Academic Production: Transfers and Solidarities**

Olesia Khromeichuk (Ukrainian Institute London) & Hanna Perekhoda (University of Lausanne), moderated by Taras Fedirko

**12:30-14:00 Lunch & Individual Mentoring**

**14:00-16:00 Workshop on Oral History and Multiethnic Communities**

Éva Kovács (Deputy Director, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies), moderated by Tetiana Shyshkina

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-18:00 Evening Discussion. Family Histories, Memory, and Silence**

Ela Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences), Yaroslav Kovalchuk (University of Alberta), Viktoria Sereda (Virtual Ukrainian Institute for Advanced Study / Kyiv School of Economics) & Simone Toji (University of St Andrews), moderated by Kateryna Osypchuk

**18:00-19:30 Workshop on Family History & Student Discussion**

Iryna Shevchenko, Mariia Prokopenko, Alina Bila, Liana Blicharska, led by Ela Kwiecińska (Polish Academy of Sciences)

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**16 January / Friday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**10:00-12:30 Morning Lectures. Socialist Legacies of State Violence and Power Sharing**

Nataliia Kibita (University of Oxford) & Joachim von Puttkamer (Imre Kertesz Kolleg, Jena), moderated by Yevhen Yashchuk

**12:30-14:00 Lunch & Individual Mentoring**

**14:00-15:30 Afternoon Discussion. The Structures of Power and Practices of Violence in Pre-Soviet, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Times**

Nataliia Kibita, Hanna Perekhoda & Joachim von Puttkamer with Antonella Balic, Alina Bila & Mariia Prokopenko, moderated by Marta Haiduchok

**15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:30 Evening Lecture. Reproductive (In)justice in Soviet Ukraine**

Kateryna Ruban (University of Vienna), moderated by Nadiia Chervinska

**17:30-19:00 Panel Discussion. Transnational Intellectual History of Feminism**

Adela Hîncu, Zsófia Lóránd, Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz & Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, moderated by Nadiia Chervinska

**18:30-19:15 Informal Discussion on the Day with Sandwiches**, moderated by Maksym Snihyr and Olha Krasinko

**19:15-21:00 Film Screening & Discussion**

*The Lemberg Machine* (53', 2023) with Dana Kavelina, moderated by Liana Blikharska

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**17 January / Saturday**

*N15 103 Tiered room*

**10:00-11:30 Morning Lectures. Political Pluralism, Contestation, and Postwar Scenarios**

Oleksander Fisun (V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University / CEU IAS), Yuriy Matsiyevsky (Ostroh Academy National University / CEU IAS) & Anton Shekhovtsov (Centre for Democratic Integrity / CEU), moderated by Maksym Snyhir

**11.30-12.30 Georgian Identities and the Hybrid War**

Nino Gozalishvili (Centre Marc Bloch Berlin) & Rusudan Margiani (ELTE Budapest)

**12:30-14:00 Lunch & Individual Mentoring**

**14:00-16:00 Reflection on the Winter School**, moderated by Nadiia Chervinska & Kateryna Osypchuk

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-18:30 Plans for the Next Semester and Beyond**, moderated by Taras Fedirko, Ostop Sereda, Oleksandr Shtokvych, Daiva Terescenko, Balazs Trencsenyi & Tetiana Zemliakova

**18:30-19:00 Coffee Break**

**19:00-20:30 Concert of Jazz/Ethnic Music Around the Black Sea**

*(N15, 2nd floor, Catering Area)*

Curated by István Sántha (Hungarian Institute of Ethnography) with Raphael Rogiński (g), Béla Ágoston (sax), Ernő Zoltán Rubik (p), Balázs Pándi (dr)

**20:30-21:30 Closing Reception**

*(N15, 2nd floor, Catering Area)*

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## **List of students:**

### **Kateryna Andriichuk**

Kateryna Andriichuk graduated from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” with a degree in Germanic Languages and Literatures. Her academic interests cover postcolonialism and postcolonial literatures. Kateryna works in the public sector in the sphere of freedom of speech and combating disinformation.

### **Maksym Antonenko**

Maksym Antonenko is completing two Master’s degrees: Political Science at Taras Shevchenko University and International Law at the Institute of International Relations. His research interests include security, strategic communications, govtech, and international humanitarian law. In 2022, Maksym volunteered with the Armed Forces of Ukraine and has since been discharged from service. His current work includes serving as an assistant adviser to a Member of Parliament and consulting political actors, organizations, and local communities across Ukraine. Maksym is a co-founder of a charitable foundation supporting soldiers and IDPs. He is proud of a wonderful family, currently owns a chinchilla, and hopes (after the war) to get a dog and a horse.

### **Yurii Betsko**

Yurii Betsko is a Master’s student in the “Future of Heritage: History, Culture, and Literature” program at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Currently, he is on an Erasmus+ exchange at Bielefeld University. His academic interests include heritage and memory, cultural and urban history, and the history of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, especially the links between religion, nationalism, and identity in the 20th century. Alongside his studies, he works as Curator of the History Department at The Room / Centre for Urban History and Art in Drohobych. In his current research, he is reconstructing the biography of Fr. Yakiv (Jacques) Perridon, a Dutch-born Greek-Catholic priest and a key figure in the Ukrainian émigré community in France, through the lens of social identity studies.

### **Alina Bila**

Alina Bila is a master's student in history at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.” Her academic interests cover religion and secularism in Europe after World War II, the history of modern propaganda, and the socio-religious history of the late Soviet and post-Soviet periods, and their place within broader conceptual frameworks, such as desecularisation. Her master’s thesis examines how priests who renounced their faith and became atheist agitators represent their religious experience. Alina participated in a mobility program and summer schools at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and completed internships at the Mezhbizh State Reserve and the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre. Last year, she participated in events organized by the Centre for Crimean Studies at KMA. Her IUFU research is focused on the “religious revival” among Crimean Tatars in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

### **Antonella Balic**

Antonella Balic has graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Montenegro in Podgorica. Antonella holds a BSC in International Relations and is currently a Master’s student in Public Relations at the University of Montenegro. She is a self-taught learner and speaker of Ukrainian. Three semesters at IUFU have fulfilled her interest in Ukraine, which began in February 2022. Antonella’s research focuses on Ukraine and examines wartime communication, specifically in a democratic context.

### **Tetiana Chernetska**

Tetiana Chernetska is from Sevastopol and currently lives in Kyiv. She is a third-year student at the Educational and Scientific Institute of Law at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Tetiana participates in student debate clubs, scientific conferences, and article competitions. The events of 2014 and 2022 heightened her interest in studying human rights, so the IUFU course, “Civil society and state in times of war and post-war recovery: legal dimensions,” gave her an opportunity to delve deeper into this topic and understand it from a new perspective. Tetiana is always ready to deepen her knowledge, with the goal of using it to benefit Ukrainian society and the international community.

### **Anastasiia Fabirovska**

Anastasiia Fabirovska holds a Bachelor’s degree in History from the Ukrainian Catholic University, and is currently a Master’s student in the “Future of Heritage: history, culture, literature” program at the same institution. Her main research focus is history, specifically oral history and microhistory. Anastasiia is interested in the traumatic and problematic aspects of Ukrainian history related to the Soviet era. She also works with the public sphere and urban space, especially memorials. Her thesis focuses on public space and memory, examining a demolished memorial to a Ukrainian who fought for the Republic in the Spanish Civil War. Her IUFU research is a microhistory of a family that moved from Argentina to the Soviet Union.

### **Dmytro Kobernyk**

Dmytro Kobernyk is a first-year master’s student at SUTE, majoring in International Law. He actively participates in academic events that help improve his theoretical and practical skills and gain new

ones. He is the author of several articles and a member of a legal clinic that provides free legal aid. This will be his first school outside Ukraine.

### **Olena Kompletova**

Olena Kompletova holds a Bachelor's degree in Germanic languages and literatures from Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University. Currently, she is involved in organization and participation in cultural projects in Germany and Ukraine, including exhibitions and public programs. Olena's main work is at Garage Nord in Hannover; she is also part of the activist collective "osereddia." Her experience and interests include translation, editing, performative arts, applied arts, and cultural project coordination.

### **Bohdan Koziichuk**

Bohdan Koziichuk holds a Bachelor's degree in Law and is currently a first-year Master's student in International Law at the Lviv National University. His academic interests include constitutional law, theory and philosophy of law, and history of the state. Bohdan is a member of the Youth Council under the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine, a chairman of the Council of the Scientific Society of the Faculty of Law of Lviv National University (2023-2024), and an honorary member of the Society (2025).

### **Sofia Melnyk**

Sofia Melnyk is a Bachelor's student in Political Science at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy." Her academic interests focus on memory politics, culture, and Russian propaganda, with particular attention to Balkan studies and the post-Yugoslav period. She is also interested in reintegration policies for de-occupied territories and post-conflict societies.

### **Volodymyr Orynychak**

Volodymyr Orynychak is a third-year bachelor's student at the Ukrainian Catholic University, majoring in Social Work. His academic interests span various areas, and he is glad to learn new things. Volodymyr has been the head of youth organizations, a member of several NGOs, and part of an international volunteering team within his university's department.

### **Vitalii Poberezhnyi**

Vitalii Poberezhnyi is a researcher, writer, and documentarist. He has a BA in History from the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy". His academic interests include Putin's Russia politics in memory, culture, and nationhood. Vitalii works as a researcher in the human rights organisation "Truth Hounds" and writes for Ukrainian and international media such as "Ukrainer," "Local History," and "The Kyiv Independent."

### **Mariia Prokopenko**

Mariia Prokopenko is a first-year PhD student at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy." She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University (2014). Her PhD topic is "'Master of Propaganda': Artist Adolf Strakhov (Braslavskiy) and His Posters in the

Context of His Relationship with the Bolshevik Authorities in Ukraine.” Mariia’s academic interests include cultural life, particularly in museums, and propaganda in Soviet Ukraine during the 1920s and 1930s. Mariia works at the Treasury of the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the international exhibition and scientific projects sector. She coordinates the DIGICURE (“Digital Cultural Resilience and Protection”) project, carried out by the University of Gothenburg (Sweden), the National Conservation Area “St. Sophia of Kyiv,” and the National Museum of the History of Ukraine from 2024 to 2026.

### **Kateryna Rassolova**

Kateryna Rassolova is a first-year Master’s student at Charles University in Prague, majoring in International Economic and Political Studies. Her academic interests focus on European and Euro-Atlantic security, but she is currently exploring other topics within international politics as well. Last year, she completed an internship at the Transatlantic Dialogue Center (Kyiv) and published three articles. She is a member of the European Youth of Ukraine NGO.

### **Valerii Shapovalov**

Valerii Shapovalov is a media researcher and a Master’s student in Journalism at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, where he also earned his Bachelor’s degree in History. His research interests include media archaeology, mass culture, and digital and media art.

### **Yana Soroka**

Yana Soroka is a Cultural Studies alumna from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, a member of the Youth Council under the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine, and a volunteer at the Lotus Fund. She’s an expert in cultural theory, art history, post- and decolonial studies, and has experience in shaping cultural policy, advising on state strategies, and advocating for youth rights in the cultural sector. Yana is creative, empathetic, and never loses her intellectual curiosity.

### **Iryna Shevchenko**

Iryna Shevchenko is a Master’s student in the “Urban Studies and Postwar Reconstruction” program at the Kyiv School of Economics.

### **Mariia Shmyhelska**

Mariia Shmyhelska was born in Donetsk and left the city following Russia’s occupation. Currently, she resides in Brovary. Mariia graduated with honors from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” with a bachelor’s degree in History. Her thesis examined infanticide in the Kyiv province in the second half of the nineteenth century. Her academic interests include the history of violence, gender studies, and the history of everyday life, particularly medicine, parenthood, and childhood. Mariia participated in student initiatives and contributed to several projects, including the International Memorial Project “Unissued Diplomas” and an award established in memory of her late professors, Tetiana Balabushcheych and Mykhailo Kirshenko. Maria is a Senior Research Fellow at the Mykhailo Hrushevsky Historical and Memorial Museum.

### **Sofiia Shylko**

Sofiia Shylko is a 4th-year student at the Institute of International Relations at Taras Shevchenko National University, majoring in International Relations and Communications. She spent two semesters as an Erasmus+ exchange student at Sciences Po Paris, where she was involved in student self-government and helped promote Ukrainian culture on campus. She has gained practical experience through internships at Transparency International Ukraine and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, where she will continue working in the Department of Public Diplomacy and Communications this January. Her interests include international relations, disinformation, digitalization, AI, good governance, transparency, and anti-corruption.

### **Anastasiia Shylnikova**

Anastasiia Shylnikova is a student and analyst. She is a fourth-year undergraduate student in Political Science at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.” Her academic interests focus on the study of minorities and culture.

### **Ivanna Shvets**

Ivanna Shvets is a third-year Bachelor’s student in International Relations at the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.” Her academic interests include Balkan Studies, religious diplomacy, cultural diplomacy, regional security, organized crime, and illicit trade routes. Ivana has participated in student organizations; she has a high level of written and oral communication skills through debates, international conferences, and international forums. The opportunity to take part in the IUFU Winter School 2026, for Ivanna, is a great way to make new connections with academic peers from other parts of Ukraine and from Europe in a vibrant atmosphere of learning and communicating at CEU.

### **Adelina Tankovska**

Adelina Tankovska is a first-year Master's student at the State University of Trade and Economics, majoring in International law. She has worked as an assistant to an attorney for 1,5 years. Her academic interests lie in public international law and European Union law. She has actively engaged with these fields through participation in moot court competitions. Adelina’s current focus is devoted to national legislation, particularly in the areas of business protection and foreign economic activity.

### **Alina Teliatnikova**

Alina Teliatnikova is a Bachelor’s student in International Relations at the University of Customs and Finance in Dnipro. Her research interests include international relations, authoritarianism and authoritarian regimes, interventions, territorial disputes, diplomacy during armed conflicts, and international law. Alina is the Head of the International Relations Club and manager of Your International Opportunities 2.0 group, dedicated to opportunities for informal education students can pursue.

### **Tetiana Vashkovska**

Tetiana Vashkovska is a student at Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, majoring in International Relations. She is particularly interested in politics, diplomatic activity, interstate relations within the international arena, and public administration. Tetiana has conducted a study on the concept of neutrality in the 21st century, with a specific focus on the foreign policy doctrine of the Swiss Confederation. She was involved in the Youth Council's work under the Chernivtsi Regional State Administration. Tetiana continues contributing to the implementation of youth policy in the Chernivtsi region within the framework of the non-governmental organization "Molod Bukovyny" (Youth of Bukovyna). She is a graduate of the EU Study Days program and a member of ESN Chernivtsi.

### **Hanna Verbytska**

Hanna Verbytska is a first-year Master's student in Social Work at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy." She is a dedicated disability rights and youth worker, volunteer, and activist from Kryvyi Rih; her work focuses on the intersection of disability studies, social justice, social transformation, and decolonization. Hanna's experience with IUFU shifted her perspective from practical resource advocacy to a structural critique of identity politics and power dynamics. Her research examines the agency of women with disabilities in driving the shift from Soviet medical-paternalistic models to human rights-based models in Ukraine (1985–2015).

### **Tetiana Voinarovska**

Tetiana Voinarovska is a fourth-year student at Vinnytsia Mykhailo Kotsiubynskyi State Pedagogical University, majoring in Secondary Education with a focus on English Language and Literature. She is a member of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students, and Young Scientists of her university and an expert of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance. She has participated in a "Choose Consciously" charitable initiative, where she delivered lectures to high school students.

### **Daria Vorobiova**

Daria Vorobiova is a Bachelor's student in Law at a Ukrainian university. Her academic interests cover political science, law, history, and philosophy. She is interested in examining the implementation of mechanisms citizens can use to influence the state, with the aim of contributing to the development of direct democracy in Ukraine. Daria participates in academic writing competitions related to political science and public policy. She works with multilingual sources and is proficient in English, Polish, Czech, Romanian, and Hebrew, enabling her to engage with primary materials across diverse linguistic contexts. Daria is interested in developing her analytical and research skills through participation in this Winter School.

### **Nazar Zozulia**

Nazar Zozulia began studying law at the National University of the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" in the Fall 2022. After two years in Kyiv, he completed an exchange year at the Jagiellonian University. Currently, he is an exchange student at the University of Heidelberg, where he focuses on European law. Nazar is always excited to take part in the IUFU program, as it



broadens his understanding of diverse social, economic, and political contexts. Along with his studies, he seeks to engage with local Ukrainian communities and contribute to Ukraine's cause in every available way.