



Slovensko-ukrajinské vzťahy v kontexte vojny
Slovak-Ukrainian Relations in the Context of the War

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Moderátor: Juraj Marušiak, PhD. (Ústav politických vied SAV, v.v.i., Bratislava // Institute of Political Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences – Slovenské združenie pre politické vedy pri SAV - Slovak Political Science Association)

14.00 Otvorenie // Opening: Juraj Marušiak, PhD.

14.10 Prof. PhDr. Alexander Duleba, CSc.

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Tri roky vojny a dve tvare slovenskej politiky

Three years of war and the two faces of Slovakia's policy

14.20 PhDr. Grigorij Mesežnikov

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Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine as a Factor of Slovak Domestic Politics

14.30 Prof. Vasyl Buslenko

Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, Ukraine

Slovenská politika podpory Ukrajiny v kontexte vojenskej agresie Ruska

Slovakia's Policy of Supporting Ukraine in the Context of Russia's Military Aggression

14.40 Dr. Łukasz Lewkowicz

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin , Poland

Východná politika štvrtej vlády Roberta Fico – poľský pohľad

The Eastern Policy of the Fourth Robert Fico Government - the Polish Perspective

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14.50 Prof. Mykola Polovyi, PhD.

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Implikácie mierovej dohody Donalda Trumpa pre slovensko-ukrajinské vzťahy

Implications of the Donald Trump Peace Deal for Slovak-Ukrainian Relations

15.00 Juraj Marušiak, PhD.

Ústav politických vied SAV, v.v.i., Bratislava – Institute of Political Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

Politika pamäti ako nová konfliktná otázka slovenskej politiky v kontexte vojny v Ukrajine

The Politics of Memory as a New Conflict Issue of Slovak Politics in the Context of the War in Ukraine

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15.20 – 16.00 Diskusia // Discussion

16.00 – 16.10 Juraj Marušiak: Záver // Concluding Remarks

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Prof. PhDr. Alexander Duleba, CSc.

Tri roky vojny a dve tvare slovenskej politiky

Three years of war and the two faces of Slovakia's policy

The aim of this article is to seek an answer to the question of why Slovakia, at the governmental level, adopted two fundamentally different approaches to the Russia-Ukraine war in the first three years of its duration. Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale military aggression against Ukraine in February 2022, Slovakia has seen three governments: the government of Eduard Heger (April 2021-May 2023), the technocratic government of Ľudovít Ódor (May-October 2023), and the government of Robert Fico (from October 2023). The governments of Heger and Fico have presented two contrasting faces of Slovakia's policy in relation to the Russia-Ukraine war. This paper compares the policies of the two governments, identifies the main differences, analyses the reasons for the divergent policies and assesses their implications for Slovakia's foreign policy and its international position.

PhDr. Grigorij Mesežnikov

Ruská agresia proti Ukrajine ako faktor slovenskej vnútornej politiky

Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine as a Factor of Slovak Domestic Politics

Russia's aggression against Ukraine has become a factor influencing the social atmosphere in the country, the opinions of the population and their political preferences. It has created specific frameworks for domestic party politics. The reaction of Slovak political actors to the war unleashed by the Kremlin regime revealed their attitudinal and value cleavages. An analysis of the positions of the individual parties regarding the Russo-Ukrainian war, its causes and course, and Ukraine's struggle for state independence shows that this is one of the dividing lines within the party system. The reasons for its emergence lie primarily in the nature of the parties themselves, but also partly in the personal characteristics, as well as in the ideological and value preferences of the party leaders.

Prof. Vasyl Buslenko

Slovenská politika podpory Ukrajiny v kontexte vojenskej agresie Ruska

Slovakia's Policy of Supporting Ukraine in the Context of Russia's Military Aggression

The international and national legal acts that determine Slovakia's policy towards Russia's military aggression, and the role of key political actors will be analyzed. It is shown that Slovakia's military, humanitarian, and economic assistance, support in granting Ukraine the status of an EU candidate, and in strengthening sanctions against the Russian Federation, indicate that Ukraine has an ally. After the parliamentary elections in Slovakia in 2023 and the formation of a government around the populist SMER-SD, Ukrainian-Slovak relations have become less predictable. In fact, Slovakia is following the path of V. Orban's government in Hungary, which allows us to model possible risks for Ukraine.

Dr. Łukasz Lewkowicz

Wschodnia polityka czwartej władzy Roberta Fico – polski pogląd

The Eastern Policy of the Fourth Robert Fico Government - the Polish Perspective

In 2023, Robert Fico returned back to power in Slovakia and becomes Prime Minister of a new left-wing national coalition. This change also brings a significant change in Slovakia's foreign policy. The new "sovereign" foreign policy "open to the four cardinal directions" implies the development of political relations also with Russia and a more ambivalent approach to the conflict in Ukraine. The aim of this paper is to present the perception of Fico's post-2023 Eastern policy from the Polish perspective. Speeches by Polish politicians, expert analyses and the Polish press will be analysed.

Prof. Mykola Polovyi, PhD.

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Implications of the Donald Trump Peace Deal for Slovak-Ukrainian Relations

The impact of Donald Trump's coercive diplomacy on the Slovak-Ukrainian relations across political, economic, and security spheres will be analyzed. Trump's peace deal framework offers Slovakia transient benefits—energy security, domestic political

gains—while mortgaging long-term stability. Slovakia could leverage its U.S. rapport to advocate for EU-inclusive negotiations while conditioning energy collaboration on Moscow's post-war restraint. Absent such nuance, Bratislava risks becoming collateral in Trump's transactional geopolitics—a pawn (the next after Ukraine) rather than a player in Central Europe's evolving order.

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Juraj Marušiak, PhD.

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The issue, how the conflict between the Russian Federation and the West translates into renewed memory disputes in Slovak society, where we can observe, on the one hand, the revival of narratives characteristic of the pre-1989 communist period, but also pressures for the completion of symbolic decommunisation. These relate to crucial events in modern history, including the traditions of the anti-fascist resistance, the victory over fascism, but also the fall of the communist regime and, primarily through the person of Alexander Dubček, the memory of the occupation of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact troops in August 1968. The paper will be based on statements by state representatives, political parties and civic initiatives.

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