

## Yuliya Bidenko

Yuliya Bidenko is MA in Sociology (2004), Ph.D. in Political Science (2009). She holds the position of Associate Professor and Guarantee of the Master's Program at Karazin Kharkiv National University, Political Science Department.

She was a Research Fellow for the Civil Society Studies Department of Charles University, an Individual Research Fellow for the Center for Advanced Studies and Education in the European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania), and a participant of the post-Soviet Researchers and Teachers Excellence Program by the Temple University, Institute for Civic Studies by the Tufts University and the Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

Dr. Bidenko is an alumna of the European Union Visitors Program (2018), the Aspen Institute-Kyiv International Seminars Program (2019), Ukrainian School of Political Studies by the Council of Europe (2014).

Professor Bidenko was a speaker for more than 100 conferences, seminars, panel discussions, and round tables in Ukraine, the USA, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Georgia, Belarus, and Moldova. She has published academic articles and papers devoted to the problems of civil society, decentralization, ideologies, political regimes' changes, and the establishment of democratic institutions and reforms in Ukraine and in Eastern Europe.

Since 2016 Dr. Bidenko is the expert for the "Team Europe" Initiative by the European Union's Delegation to Ukraine. In 2021 she was the expert and the author of the Ukrainian annual country report for the Nations in Transit by the Freedom House. Yuliya Bidenko regularly cooperates as a political analyst with local, national, and foreign media and think tanks, such as Alliance for Democracies, Belgium; Inmedio-Institut for

Dialogue and Mediation, Berlin; Prague Civil Society Centre, Prague; Caucasian House, Tbilisi; New Europe Centre and Democratic Initiatives Foundation, Kyiv.

As a trainer for civic education projects for the Ukrainian youth, women in politics, civic activists, and electoral commissions members she co-works with Ukrainian and international NGOs, among which are OESCE, Freedom House, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Hans Seidel Foundation, European Endowment for Democracy, SIDA, NED, OPORA-Ukraine, IFES-Ukraine.

Since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine Dr. Yuliva Bidenko was displaced and experienced five relocations, but providing lectures, presentations, and interviews remotely. **During February-June 2022** she was a guest lecturer and speaker for panels at Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) the Harriman Institute, Atlantic Council, Institute of Politics and Global Affairs at Cornell University, the Aleksanteri Institute, the Marshall University of West Virginia, University of Warsaw, Canadian Sociological Association (CSA), University of East Anglia, BASEES-2022, Swedish International Center for Local Democracy (ICLD), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), ZOiS Lecture Series in cooperation with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.