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The conference “Revolutions, Maidans and Protests in contemporary Ukraine. The current state of research and future directions“, organized on 20th June on the premises of the College of Europe, Natolin campus, gathered over 40 reputed scholars interested in modern history of Ukraine. The three panel sessions constituted an opportunity to reflect upon states of research on the three revolutions from different national and disciplinary perspectives. Some of the presentations discussed a large volume of sources on Ukrainian revolutions from a number of those diverse perspectives paying particular attention to their strengths, limitations and potential

research gaps. Others focused on methodological issues thoroughly examining the ways in which the comparison of the three revolutions could be approached, discussing the application of relevant terminology and the wider significance of comparative studies on revolutions. Yet others focused on certain specific aspects of the revolutions that provided a considerable number of far-reaching conclusions that shed some new light on the interpretation of each discussed revolution. Finally, some speakers concentrated on the existing typologies with respect to themes such as causes of the revolutions, actors who animated them, and the interplay between earlier and later revolutions.

The 3R Team would like to warmly thank each and every one of the participants for sharing their expertise and thoughts during the conference and thus for greatly contributing to its success.

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## “Three Revolutions. Portraits of the contemporary Ukraine” – February 2017



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The event preliminarily entitled “Three Revolutions. Portraits of the contemporary Ukraine” will take place on **27-28 February 2017** at the College of Europe, Natolin campus and is meant to be the culmination

of our project. You may register and obtain further information by sending an email at [3r.natolin@coleurope.eu](mailto:3r.natolin@coleurope.eu).

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## Interview with Mr. Yevhen Mahda



The oral history accounts' collection phase of the 3R project is well on its way. We are thus pleased to present a summary of the interview recently done with Mr. Yevhen Mahda. When asked about his relation to the three analysed revolutions, i.e. the Revolution on Granite, the Orange Revolution, and the Revolution of Dignity, Mr. Mahda described himself as an "active and interested observer" of all three events. The interview began with the interviewee's impressions from each revolution – the analyses of their causes, idiosyncrasies related to the revolutionary processes, changes achieved as results of the

revolutions, and some lessons learned with the benefit of hindsight. He analysed the usefulness of the revolutionary experiences for the Ukrainian nation arguing that it is still "looking for [its] place in the world". Interestingly, Mr. Mahda has also pointed out that there seems to be a "collective subconscious" of the Ukrainians that consists of an agreement on elementary certain issues such as, for example, on non-violence against defenseless youth. The authorities that transgress certain boundaries run the risk of triggering the rather underestimated, in Mr. Mahda's opinion, spirit of resistance of the Ukrainian nation. It is that spirit of resistance, the interviewee suggested, that facilitated a popular mobilization during the Revolution of Dignity despite the lack of tangible progress of the Orange Revolution's aftermath. Concluding the interview, Mr. Mahda said that the Ukrainians "need to learn to implement what [they] achieved". It may be possible owing to admirable determination of the Ukrainians and, partly, insofar as the authorities draw conclusions from the three revolutions and act accordingly so as "not to give grounds for further revolutions".

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## Invitation to the European Civilization Chair's conference



The Chair of European Civilization at the College of Europe, Natolin campus will be hosting its largest event yet in September. A major international conference addresses a timeless problem posed by many thinkers since Aristotle – the degeneration of various forms of government: of monarchy into tyranny, of aristocracy into oligarchy and of democracy into anarchy. Leading historians, political scientists, public intellectuals and politicians will gather to consider whether ‘Eastern Europe’, understood for these purposes as the region between Poland and Russia, has from the Middle Ages to the present been historically fated to experience the failure of every form of

government based on freedom. Or whether – *au contraire* – the nations of the region (not just the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth but also including the old kingdoms of Bohemia and Hungary) have for many centuries sustained a rich potential for personal liberty and government by consent. In this context participants will discuss the relationships between freedom and oligarchy, citizenship, diversity, autocracy, anarchy, sovereignty and democracy. These problems are of crucial importance to European civilization as a whole.

The conference will be held in English and Polish, with simultaneous translation provided. No fee will be charged for attendance, but as places are limited we ask all interested persons to register in good time by writing to Mrs Anna BANACH at [anna.banach@coleurope.eu](mailto:anna.banach@coleurope.eu).

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