

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Ukrainian Crisis: Security and Humanitarian Dimension

April 8, 2015, 14:00 – 16:30

CEU, Nador 9, Popper room

The Ukrainian crisis has been puzzling the minds of world leaders, diplomats, security professionals, policy makers and civil society leaders for a long time. While political dialog on the conflict resolution and peace building is going on, humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is rising. The number of internally displaced persons has recently reached 980 000; war crimes including indiscriminate shelling, disproportional use of arms, killings of civilians continues to take place in the Donbass Region. Due to the annexation of Crimea, rights of local the population are threatened: Crimean Tatars report on disappearances, Ukrainian minority is subject to forced change of citizenship, religious minorities are deprived of their communal property and often threatened.

How would you put an end to the armed conflict?

The answer is not easy, especially when one of the parties concerned is a UN Security Council member; when the country affected by the crisis only has 25 years of independence, a diversity of ethnic groups, a troubled history, and is situated between the European Union and Russia.

Do you as a future diplomat, policy maker or researcher want to find the answer?

The Center for EU Enlargement Studies (CENS) together with the Department of International Relations and European Studies will give you a chance to try yourself at the workshop “Ukrainian Crisis: Security and Humanitarian Dimensions”. Guest speakers from Ukrainian and Russian NGOs will provide you with up-to-date information on how experts from the ground see the conflict zone in the Donbass and in Crimea. After the presentation of the guest lecturers, students will discuss possible ways of conflict resolution in small working groups. The questions for the working group discussions are:

- ❖ **Working group 1:** What could be done by the international community (e.g. UNSC, OSCE, CoE) to address the challenges of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine?
- ❖ **Working group 2:** Is the EU response adequate? What can the EU do to facilitate relief efforts? What are the obstacles of a more active engagement of the EU?
- ❖ **Working group 3:** What are the implications of the Ukrainian crisis for other members of the Eastern Partnership and for the future of this initiative?
- ❖ **Working group 4:** How should post-conflict policies look like for the Donbass and Crimea? Can increased cooperation on the level of civil society be a relevant response for post-conflict reconciliation? What should be done to facilitate such a cooperation?

To participate, register by **April 5, 12.00 a.m.** by sending an e-mail to Margaryta Rymarenko (Rymarenko_Margaryta@phd.ceu.edu). Please indicate in which two working groups you are most interested to participate. Participants will be selected on first come first served basis.