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### Foreword

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The idea of the book *Living the Independence Dream* is to create an insightful perspective of the thirty-plus independence period in contemporary Ukrainian history. For many Ukrainians, 1991 was a crucial point when their long-held dream of independence came true. The image of the future life in independent Ukraine was then almost identical to folklore images of Ukraine as the land of milk and honey. *Living the Independence Dream* takes a multi-dimensional look at the period of regained independence as a time of advancement towards the realization of collective dreams shaping the post-Soviet nation, even through everyday disappointments, anxiety, and uncertainty. The collection features research of historical, cultural, political-economic, and linguistic narratives by Ukrainian and diasporic scholars, as well as personal accounts of several outstanding Ukrainian Americans who dedicated their lives to social and academic services.

The release of the book was planned for 2022, but Russia's full-scale aggression against Ukraine postponed its publication for some time and made the authors of research chapters reconsider their previous work. Now, the book is divided into three main sections: I. Historical Narratives, Language, and Cultural Policy; II. Philosophy, Popular Culture, Literature; and III. Memoirs and Reflections. Each section combines texts by authors from Ukraine and abroad. Section IV is a photo gallery that includes illustrative photos, which have not been published before, of important events in the life of the Ukrainian diaspora in various countries of the world, mainly in the USA and Canada, as well as during their visits to the independent Ukraine.

The rise of an independent Ukrainian state on the world map on August 24, 1991, has led to changes in historical narratives. In the early 1990s, historical figures who had been depicted in the Soviet historiography in a negative way re-entered the Ukrainian narrative and societal consciousness as national heroes, and the process of "monuments revision" started. Since 1991, changes emerged in the educational, scholarly, and media space in Ukraine, together with the value system and national identity. The importance of legal recognition of the Holodomor as Genocide via international covenants, agreements, and court decisions became evident.

The first section opens with Antonina Berezovenko's contribution, "Making the Future – Remaking the Past: Historical Narrative in State-Building Process in Today's Ukraine," which examines the dynamics of the Ukrainian historical narrative after the collapse of the USSR. It deals with the major Soviet distortions of the Ukrainian national history and simultaneous formation of the Russian grand narrative, which has a far-reaching influence not only on the minds of Russian citizens but also on European policymakers. Berezovenko pinpoints the *immanent democratic-liberal qualities* of the Ukrainian historical narrative, which has crystallized as independent from the Russian grand narrative after the emergence of independent Ukraine and liberation from the influence of historical Soviet-Russian schemes.

What is most characteristic of the thirty-two-year process of changing Ukraine is the transformation from the Soviet obedience to authority—and total surrender to the state—to the values of self-respect, sustainability, resilience, enrichment, and well-being. The book investigates from various perspectives the "system of mirrors" of national self-awareness (to use the metaphor of outstanding contemporary Ukrainian poet Lina Kostenko from her lecture "The Humanitarian Aura of the Nation, or the Defect of the Main Mirror", 1999) or the intertwined dreams of independence, commitment, and national identity, perceived as a dynamic and developing category.

The next article in this section belongs to Bohdan A. Futey, a Ukrainian who built a career in the United States as a Senior Judge on the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, DC, appointed by President Ronald Reagan in May 1987 (retired). Judge Futey, who graduated from Cleveland Marshall Law School in 1968 with a Doctor of Law degree, has been active in various Rule of Law and Democratization Programs in Ukraine since 1991. He served as an advisor to the Working Group on Ukraine's Constitution, adopted June 28, 1996. In March 2015, he was appointed by the President of Ukraine to serve as a consultant on the Constitutional Commission. His contribution to the volume is entitled "Holodomor— Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity" and investigates war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed in Ukraine by Russia. Special attention in the article is paid to the legal assessment of Russia's war crimes against Ukraine (such as the abduction of Ukrainian children and their adoption by Russian families) committed during the large-scale invasion that began on February 24, 2022.

The article by Domagoj Krpan, "The Influence of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on Shaping Ukrainian National Identity," considers the question of Ukrainian national identity in its historical complexity. The author views the formation of Ukrainian identity through the religious lens, as rooted in the supremacy of Moscow in church questions in Soviet Ukraine and as influenced by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the western part of Ukraine. This influence, particularly noticeable after Ukraine gained independence, has been analyzed in political, cultural, and other fields.

The contribution by Natalia Kudriavtseva, "Between 'Ideal' and 'Living' Language: Ideologies of the Ukrainian Language Revival in Independent Ukraine," explores the evolution of attitudes towards the Ukrainian language within the past 30 years. The author argues that the Ukrainian language has been valued "both as an identity marker and as a communication tool." The latter attitude is viewed in the article as more promising, not only in terms of further language revitalization but also for growing confidence in the status of Ukrainian as the state language and in Ukraine's independence itself.

The concluding article in this section, "Thirty Years of Political Orders in Ukraine: Constructing the Nation of Decentralized Communities" by Ostap Kushnir, takes a look at the political orders of contemporary Ukraine as "a sovereign homeland to a cluster of culturally versatile communities." Their diversity, inventiveness, and resilience are viewed in connection with Ukraine's role as an area of unceasing interaction between Asian and European powers since the Cossack time. Kushnir claims that Ukraine has often been considered an area of interaction between Asian and European states. The nature of this interaction makes Ukrainian communities invariably diverse, inventive, and resilient, which finds its reflection in the historical Cossack traditions of statecraft. Regardless of religion and ethnic diversities, contemporary Ukrainian orders are created on the idea of the Ukrainian language as the unifying state language of Ukraine and through interactions of "active" and rather "conformist" social groups more or less equally distributed all across Ukraine.

In the second section, Olga Gomilko, in her contribution entitled "Happiness as a Value, Or Why Are Ukrainians (Un)happy?" scrutinizes happiness as a value while referring to the post-colonial experience of Ukraine. The economy of independent Ukraine in the thirty-plus-year period has gone through significant swings of promise and relapse that have brought subsequent swings of happiness and despair to the general populace. The expectations and values of Ukrainians have been "measured" in Gomilko's article, drawing on the Happiness Index, the Human Development Index, and other international indices that attempt to allow for a ranking of countries. In search for answers to the question "What makes Ukrainians an (un)happy nation?", the author ties the feeling of happiness to the freedom-loving spirit as well as optimism and "a strong faith in victory and a happy life in the future." Ukrainian civilians, for whom the Russian war on their country began in 2014 in the aftermath of the Euromaidan protests and Revolution of Dignity, found themselves at the center of Ukraine's virtual mobilization. With the expansion of Russia's war on February 24, 2022, Ukrainians not only supported and sacrificed for the war effort but also opened up new, virtual fronts, making their resistance present to a global audience. Since then, everyday Ukrainians have been at the center of virtual mobilization. Many of them took up real arms in the first days of the Russian invasion, and many more engaged in virtual battles, which made a crucial battlefield difference. Thus, Russia's war on Ukraine has created an unprecedented phenomenon in the history of warfare—the ability of ordinary people to attempt to influence an ongoing conflict in real time via virtual conversation.

Lada Kolomiyets, in her article "A People's Cyber War: Ukraine's Digital Folklore and Popular Mobilization," focuses on Ukrainian digital folklore, verbal and visual arts as a reaction to the Kremlin propaganda Newspeak since 2014. Having observed the historical dynamics and diversity of jokes, memes, caricatures, art posters, and art objects, the author discusses humor, creative writing, and graphic arts in public cyberspace as the field of resistance to the aggressor state. The discussion features wartime poetry, (humorous) digital verses, mocking neologisms, and onomastic euphemisms of the Russo-Ukrainian war.

The third article of this section, "To Reach Paradise, Maturing in Purgatory is Necessary (From Hell and Purgatory to Paradise: Literary Reflections by Dante, Valerii Shevchuk, and Sofiia Maidanska on their Countries' Paths to Independence)," written by Larissa Zaleska Onyshkevych, analyzes the works of two Ukrainian writers, Valerii Shevchuk and Sofiia Maidanska, who "feature protagonists with different memories of the past and different responses to their families and post-Soviet reality." The author discusses the idea of national Paradise and its prerequisites—personal identity and values "while the people are still in Purgatory and climb Mount Purgatory, trying to reach Earthly Paradise or heaven on earth."

How does the outer world view the Ukrainian ethos of resistance and the Ukrainian concept of dignity, its personalistic element, and social dimension? What qualities of the national character in the post-colonial Ukrainian state have been considered as a social priority: the "noble" victimhood and civil passivity, or the self-rule and self-determination? The volume *Living the Independence Dream* comprises personal accounts of several generations of Ukrainians who found themselves displaced after WWII (Martha Bohachevsky Chomiak, Myroslava Tomorug Znayenko, among others).

In the third section, the memoir article by Martha Bohachevsky Chomiak, "A Participating Witness to Modern Ukraine: Martha Bohachevsky Chomiak," tells a fascinating story of Ukrainian emigration to the USA in the second half of the 20th century using a specific real-life example. The author is a historian educated at Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania, and she enjoyed a long teaching career that included service at George Washington University, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, the Catholic University of America, Seton Hall University, Farleigh Dickinson, and Harvard universities, as well as at the universities in independent Ukraine, such as the Kyiv Mohyla Academy and the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. She completed her career by working at the National Endowment for the Humanities and serving as the Director of the Fulbright Office in Ukraine.

In his memoir "War and The Historian: Subjective Notes," Ukrainian historian Yuri Shapoval reflects on his personal experience of the Russian war on Ukraine, which he encountered in Ukraine and was lucky enough to escape from the occupation. The author highlights that this experience will not fade away; one cannot run away from this kind of experience... So today, as Shapoval observes, "all Ukrainians have their own military history—the history of their families and dead relatives, the history of their homes and regions, and the feelings that manifested themselves on the morning of February 24, 2022." Now, every Ukrainian has their own history of destroyed homes, villages, cities, or towns, of killed family members. No one will ever forget the emotions which they had on the morning of February 24, 2022. This awareness will not disappear.

Myroslava Tomorug Znayenko, in her memoir under the telling title "The Way We Were: The Semiotics of a Ukrainian Diaspora Experience," gives a personal account of "a young woman who became an American at the age of sixteen and lived a life dedicated to advancing truth and combatting lies about her native land – Ukraine." Znayenko's narrative is not only about the quest of her own generation. It encompasses several generations of displaced Ukrainians who "joined hands to create more than a dream of independence by living a life committed to its realization" amidst political upheavals in foreign lands.

The book explores, among other important topics, the Ukrainian language revival, national identity formation, and the ways that Ukrainian literature, neofolklore, and popular arts generate vital energy amidst the war. The collection aims to analyze, therefore, the agency of contemporary Ukrainian people and the role of media, literature, and the arts in creating new messages, meanings, and values formed during the Independence decades.

That being said, the range of topics considered in the book *Living the Independence Dream* can be outlined as a list of major thematic blocks:

- Making the future by re-narrating the past: historical and personal narratives in today's Ukraine.

- Key concepts, values, and meanings comprising Ukrainian societal life during the post-Soviet period.
- Experiences of Ukrainian diaspora in the USA, Europe, and Canada; self-understanding and self-narratives.
- Ukraine in transition, confronting unpredictable and everyday challenges.
- Literary reflections of the (first) steps taken along the road to the renewed Ukrainian Independence.
- New messages, meanings, and values formed in independent Ukraine, dignity, responsibility, democracy, and freedom as the greatest values.
- The role of the Ukrainian language in Ukraine's struggle to acquire its own agency, subjectiveness, and messages both in the real world and the historical past.
- A linguistic component of hybrid warfare: Russian propagandistic 'Newspeak' as a battlefield of (neo)imperialistic mentality against postcolonial revision.
- People's activism in the circumstances of Russia's war on Ukraine; responsibility in action; humor as a weapon: how Ukraine is winning the social media war.

The war for Ukrainian territorial integrity and survival as a state means for Europe shifting the "wall" further East. The societal evolution process that started three decades ago has led to the modernization of national symbols and revolutionary events in Ukraine. These are the processes that last for quite a long period of time. The book explores changes in the Ukrainians' image of the "self" and their visions of nation and state over the past thirty years. The feeling of the importance of justice and the Rule of Law for every citizen has been a driving force of the Revolution on Granite (1990), Orange Revolution (2004), and Revolution of Dignity (2014).

Comparisons may be drawn between the beginning of the Russian war on Ukraine, which started in February 2014 with the annexation of Crimea and selfproclamation of the Donetsk and Lugansk "people's republics" in Eastern Ukraine (with Russian proxy governments), the Transnistrian Moldavian Republic, which was proclaimed on August 25, 1991, and the 2008 Russo-Georgian War (which was a war between Georgia, on one side, and Russia and the Russian-backed selfproclaimed republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, on the other).

The semiosphere of Ukrainian dreams of independence became substantially more inclusive after 2014, not only for ethnic Ukrainians but also for other ethnic groups living on the territory of Ukraine—as Ukrainian citizens and members of the post-Soviet Ukrainian political nation. Concurrently, with the start of the full-scale invasion, the work of countless civil society and public organizations, volunteer initiatives, and humanitarian aid volunteers from around the world, alongside the activity of Ukrainian citizens in social networks, became particularly visible. All the heroic pages of Ukraine's history are directly related to the responsibility Ukrainians showed in the most critical moments for the existence of statehood to preserve their own identity, freedom, and independence. The responsibility of Ukrainians appeared to be particularly strong during the Revolution of Dignity and the opposition to occupation and armed aggression by the Russian Federation. Individuals, the public sector, and Ukrainian businesses have actively shown and continue to show their responsibility for the country's transformation.

*Living the Independence Dream* will prove useful as a highly informative source of knowledge about the lives and struggles of contemporary Ukrainians, promising fascinating discoveries and new material for both academic research and the development of university lecture and seminar courses in Ukrainian studies.

# I. Historical Narratives, Language, and Cultural Policy

#### Chapter 1

# Making the Future - Remaking the Past: Historical Narrative in State-Building Processes in Today's Ukraine

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Abstract: This section examines the dynamics of the formation of the Ukrainian historical narrative after the collapse of the USSR. It highlights the main distortions of Ukrainian history (this list is not exhaustive) that have been most harmful – both in Ukraine and abroad – to the formation of a national grand narrative, which existed at the time of the establishment of an independent Ukrainian state after 1991. The components of the Ukrainian historical narrative that crystallized after Ukraine's independence in the context of its liberation from the influence of historical Soviet-Russian schemes receive equal attention. The formation of the newest national narrative is analyzed in its correlation with Ukraine's national and state subjectivity and the ways it is realized. The essential characteristic features of the Ukrainian national narrative allow us also to consider the prospects of its development in the European context, given the stability of its imminent democratic-liberal qualities.

**Keywords**: Historical narrative, grand historical narrative, Ukrainian independence, national identity, state identity, national subjectivity, state subjectivity.

"We need to dream, and then concentrate our energy on specific areas and actions. It is necessary to take risks and make mistakes, but learn from them and then to start a new cycle with dreams."

(Bohdan Havrylyshyn. I remain a Ukrainian: memories<sup>1</sup>, p.81).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All translations from Ukrainian in this text are made by the author.

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#### Introduction

The emergence of an independent Ukrainian state on the world map in 1991 led to a rethinking of its past and, consequently, to changes in its historical narrative<sup>2</sup>. The process of the emancipation of a nation presupposes, first of all, a pronounced intensification of self-reflection, the reproduction of history with those accents that emphasize the events that are important for precisely this and not for any other subject of the historical process. No matter how much an author of a historical narrative strives for objectivity, they will never be able to completely free themselves from the socio-cultural and political context of their time. The very fact of the author's "appropriation" of the right to create a narrative affects both the content of the latter and the reading of previously created narratives.

Highlighting the importance of events, processes, and phenomena relevant to each given problem, as they appear within the author's narrative, in turn, determines the picture of the past and - what is no less important - the prospects of the future and the very presence of what is described in it.

In general, the mode of representation of the past, the language (in a broader sense - discourse) of historiography after the "linguistic turn" of the 1960s began to be considered as an important factor in shaping the perception of the described events. Defining historical narrative as "a mode of historical writing," Stone underlines that "it is a mode which also affects and is affected by the content and the method" (Stone 1979, 4).

Thanks to the works of the French philosopher Jean-François Lyotard (Lyotard 1984), the concepts of "historical narrative" and "historical grand narrative" entered wide scientific circulation. The cognitive field of the study of various narratives was formed in the 1960s and 1970s and received the name "narratology," as proposed by the Bulgarian-French scholar Tsvetan Todorov (Todorov 1969).

Along with the works of Lyotard, the formation of the theoretical basis for the study of narratives, including the historical one, includes the works of Roland Barthes (Barthes 1981), Hans-Georg Gadamer (Gadamer 2004), Claude Bremond

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In this work the term "narrative" will be used as it was invented in the field of philosophy by Jean-François Lyotard in his work *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge*, 1984, initially published in 1979 and later adopted in other scientific fields (history, literature, political science), in particular meaning "a story," a description of events in a certain mode, and containing a certain interpretation of the events in question.

(Bremond 1980), Gérard Genette (Genette 1988), Hyden White (White 1987), Lawrence Stone (Stone 1979), Paul Ricoeur (Ricoeur 1984).

A fruitful direction of narratology has become the study of historical and tangential texts as a historical narrative/grand historical narrative in its nationand state-building function. Such works include, for example, "Grand Narrative in American Historical Writing: From Romance to Uncertainty" by Dorothy Ross (Ross 1984), *Sources of the Self: The Making of the Modern Identity* by Charles Taylor (Taylor 1989), "Domestic grand narrative against the background of transnational history" by Stanislaw Kul`chyts'ky (Kul`chyts'ky 2022), "What kind of history does modern Ukraine need?" by Serhii Plokhy (Plokhy 2013), "The Two-tiered Division of Ukraine: Historical Narratives in Nation-building and Region-building" by Glenn Deisen (Deisen 2017) and Conor Keane, "Traditions of great historical narratives in the light of cultural epochs of the late 18th–20th centuries" by Oleksiĭ TAs' (TAs' 2012), Post-Eurocentric grand narratives in critical international theory by André Saramago (Saramago 2022) and many others.

The actualization of research of this kind against the background of intensive state-building processes in Ukraine after 1991 became a noticeable phenomenon and had its formal embodiment. In 2012, a special section titled *Contemporary Ukrainian Grand Narrative: Approaches, Conceptions, Realizations* (Smoliĭ 2012) appeared in Ukraine's most authoritative historical quarterly, *Ukrainian Historical Journal*. This section has been contributed to systematically for several years. Therefore, it was the development of narrative research that emerged as the most promising way to solve the problem of "legitimization of new authorities" (Lyotard. 1984, 21-22) in the realm of knowledge about Ukraine's past.

In this work, the historical narrative is considered a holistic story, a text about the existence of the Ukrainian people with its storylines, heroes, ideas, events, or myths and their evaluations in the context of state-building processes in Ukraine. In other words, the historical narrative is understood as a holistic text, which is the embodiment of the mode of representation of the past as it appears in public perception.

The methods of narrative, hermeneutic (in particular, the hermeneutic circle), pragmatic and comparative analysis of historical, socio-political, journalistic, and artistic texts, their discourse, and content analysis were used to study the dynamics of the formation of the Ukrainian historical narrative.

This chapter consists of: Introduction, five sections in the main body, concluding notes, and an appendix outlining the major sources used for this research. Part I, "Past – present – future of Ukraine through the eyes of its "own" and "alien" narrators," analyzes the visions of Ukraine that were formed domestically and abroad; Part II, "Ukrainian historical narrative's distortions in "ordinary Russia's historical scheme" considers main perversions of Ukrainian history in Russo-centric texts. Part III, "Searching for unreduced knowledge," addresses the "restorative" processes of a full-fledged Ukrainian historical narrative; Part IV, "Unevenness of the Ukrainian historical narrative's creation," analyzes the dynamics of change in the historical narrative relating to Ukraine. Part V, "Ancestors, descendants, and memory – steps back and forward," considers memory practices in Ukraine to be an important factor in state-building in that country.

# I. Past – present – future of Ukraine through the eyes of its "*own*" and "*alien*" narrators

The emergence of an independent Ukraine in 1991 changed the vision of its future, both in Ukraine itself and in the world around it. It inevitably entailed a change in value orientations and moral guidelines of Ukrainian society. In other words, it led to the reconfiguration of not only political boundaries but also humanitarian boundaries - intellectual, moral, and ultimately, personal. The change in the vision of the past after the declaration of independence gave a new impetus to intensive changes in Ukraine's linguistic and semiotic space. In particular, in the context of creating a national historical grand narrative, the educational, scholarly, and media texts and the entire semiotic space in Ukraine were changed, together with the value system and national/state identity.

Personalities who were habitually depicted in Soviet historiography with negative connotations re-entered the Ukrainian narrative and – more broadly – the societal consciousness of independent Ukraine as national heroes. In contrast, many of the heroes of the pre-independence narrative were defrocked. At the same time, the non-Ukrainian narratives on Ukraine also changed, often in ways that did not correspond to Ukrainian narratives.

The discrepancies became so significant that for Ukrainians, the preindependence image of Ukraine (within and outside of the country) became almost unrecognizable in many cases. Today, for example, in Russia's historical and political narrative, Ukraine and Ukrainians have very little to do with the image of the victor in World War II that is projected there. Indeed, the realm of the historical narrative became an informational battlefield that can be rightfully viewed as a forerunner of the conventional war against Ukraine that was begun by the Russian Federation in 2014. Moreover, the 30-years jubilee of Ukrainian independence came on the eve of the Russian Federation's full-scale war against Ukraine.

The period from the late 1980s to the beginning of the 1990s is a segment of the chronological vertical that emerged in the minds of Ukrainians as the time of the "bright future that has come," which was dreamed about by many generations. The

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