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Ground-breaking symposium on the three contemporary Ukrainian revolutions (1990-2014)

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The <u>International Symposium "Three Revolutions – Portraits of Ukraine"</u>, taking place from **28 February** to **1 March 2017**, will be an unprecedented political, diplomatic and academic event where the world's most renowned experts on Ukraine will meet for two days at the **Natolin campus of the College of Europe in Warsaw** for the most ambitious symposium ever organized on Ukraine's three contemporary revolutions. It is the final stage of a unique project on contemporary Ukrainian Revolutions, the <u>Three Revolutions (3R)</u> project.

Among the key political actors who will share their experiences during the symposium, the Natolin campus of the College of Europe is delighted to welcome **Mr Viktor YUSHCHENKO**, Former Presidents of Ukraine; **Mr Aleksander KWAŚNIEWSKI**, Former President of Poland; **Mr Pat COX**, Former President of the European Parliament and **Mr Vyacheslav KYRYLENKO**, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine. A strong body of outstanding scholars will be represented by **Prof. Yaroslav HRYTSAK**, **Prof. Andrzej NOWAK** and **Mr Mykola RIABCHUK** *inter alia*. The detailed programme and the full list of participants can be found <u>here</u>.

The Cox-Kwasniewski mission, the process of negotiating the Association Agreement with the EU, the "diplomatic backstage" and the political and social situation in Ukraine between 2011-2014 – these and many other crucial issues will be discussed by those who experienced the Three Ukrainian Revolutions and shaped Ukrainian history. The symposium will break new ground and explore as yet unanswered questions like: *How did former presidents negotiate the end of the Orange Revolution in 2004-2005? Are the concepts of revolution outdated? What were the motivations of revolution participants? What were the possible alternative scenarios?*

Three Revolutions (3R) is a far-reaching interdisciplinary history project initiated and carried out by the <u>European Civilization Chair</u> of the College of Europe in Natolin, Warsaw, in cooperation with a number of distinguished academic partners: Harvard University, University of Alberta, University College London, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Warsaw, Cercec Paris.

Given the **importance of these revolutions** in the recent history of Ukraine, the 3R Project aims to provide a multi-dimensional analysis of the three most significant protests which have taken place in Ukraine since 1990: the Revolution on Granite (1990), the Orange Revolution (2004-2005), the Euromaidan Revolution (2013-2014) and to stimulate further academic debate. To achieve this, throughout 2016 the 3R project team interviewed dozens of participants and leaders of Ukrainian protest movements. They have assembled an **oral history repository** to be publicly available for students and experts of modern Ukrainian history, society and politics providing unique research materials. A selected part of these materials will be presented at the International Symposium.

About the Natolin campus of the College of Europe: The College of Europe is the oldest and most prestigious institute of postgraduate European studies. The bilingual advanced Master of Arts offered at the Natolin campus in Warsaw is one of the most comprehensive interdisciplinary programmes of European studies anywhere in the world. Today, the Natolin campus is at the cutting edge of academic study of new developments in the EU and Europe's Neighbourhood.

The opening ceremony will be live-streamed. Learn more on www.3rnatolin.eu and www.coleurope.eu.



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