

UKRAINIAN STUDIES  
AT HARVARD





## HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

The origin of Ukrainian studies at Harvard dates back to 1957, when the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America (SUSTA) proposed to endow a chair in Ukrainian studies at a leading American university as a means of preserving and advancing Ukrainian scholarship. By 1967, \$280,000 had been raised for the undertaking by the Ukrainian Studies Fund, specifically organized for this purpose. The Council of Academic Advisers—a body of Ukrainian professors from various American colleges and universities—selected Harvard as the institution best suited for a program of Ukrainian studies, particularly because of its strong tradition in East European and Soviet studies.

Additional funds were raised to meet the \$600,000 endowment required for a chair at Harvard, and on January 22, 1968, a chair in Ukrainian history was established at the University. An *ad hoc* Committee on Ukrainian Studies was appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences to supervise and coordinate the activities of the Ukrainian Studies Program. The *ad hoc* Committee formulated a plan to endow additional chairs in Ukrainian literature and language, to organize a publishing program, to expand the library collection, to introduce Ukrainian courses at the Harvard Summer School, and to establish a research institute. During the academic year 1968-69, courses in Ukrainian studies were offered by several Harvard departments. *Ad hoc* programs of study were set up to prepare a new generation of scholars in Ukrainian studies. Funds were allocated for the expansion of library holdings, and the first volume of the *Harvard Series in Ukrainian Studies* was published.

Chairs in Ukrainian literature and language were endowed in January 1973, and the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) was established in June of that year. The main objectives of the Institute are to support basic research projects and to provide annotated bibliographies and teaching materials in Ukrainian history, literature and language. Professors on sabbatical leave from other universities and qualified researchers are invited to cooperate in this effort with the associates of the Institute.

1974 was a landmark year for Ukrainian Studies at Harvard because it marked the completion of the formal structure of the program at the University. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted that the *ad hoc* Committee on Ukrainian Studies be superseded by a Standing Committee appointed by the President of the University. The formation of a Visiting Committee on the Ukrainian Research Institute represented yet another step in the integration of Ukrainian studies within the University. The Visiting Committee reports to the Board of Overseers—one of the University's two central governing boards—on how effectively the Institute is pursuing its goals. It serves as a source of criticism, new perspectives and contacts with the outside community. Seven years after the establishment of a chair in Ukrainian history at Harvard, the Board of Overseers confirmed the appointment of Professor Omeljan Pritsak as the first Mykhailo S. Hrushevs'kyi Professor of Ukrainian history, effective July 1, 1975.

Since its inception in 1973, the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard has created an opportunity for many scholars beyond the Harvard community to utilize the considerable resources that have been developed at the University. The Institute has hosted over one hundred research associates, fellows and graduate students from universities around the world. Specialists in economics, political science, anthropology, art history, archaeology, sociology, theology and many other disciplines have worked under the aegis of the HURI, and have substantially broadened and diversified the dimensions of its research effort. The Institute has proved to be a structure which will continue to accommodate and encourage progress in these various disciplines.



## COURSES, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

The activities of the Ukrainian Studies program at Harvard began soon after its official inauguration. During the academic year 1968-69, the departments of history and Slavic languages and literatures began conducting courses in Ukrainian disciplines. Ukrainian literature is now taught under the department of comparative literature. Currently, the Ukrainian studies program offers a minimum of two courses in history, two in language and one in literature each academic year. Students receive a master's or doctoral degree from the departments mentioned with concentration in Ukrainian disciplines. Each student can devise a program of study in collaboration with these departments and the Committee on Ukrainian Studies. Informal conferences and tutorials supplement individual programs of study.

Since the fall of 1970, the weekly Seminar in Ukrainian Studies has served as a workshop in methodology and as a regular forum for the exchange of scholarly information. At the Seminar, graduate students and faculty associated with Ukrainian Studies at Harvard and guests from other universities discuss their research. A wide range of disciplines has been represented, including archival research, political science, economics, literary criticism, philology, linguistics, archaeology, demography and urban studies.

The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute has sponsored over eighteen conferences on topics relevant to Ukrainian studies. The Permanent Conference on Ukrainian Studies (PCUS), organized to bring together scholars of Ukrainian studies from the United States and Canada, has met annually at Harvard since May 1976. Other conferences and symposiums have been devoted to Ukrainian economic thought, history, literature, bibliography, demography, immigration, and the Ukrainian religious experience. Often co-sponsored by institutions other than Harvard, these conferences have attracted an international array of specialists.

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