

## **Taras Kuzio and Kuzio Associates**

Kuzio Associates is an independent political and economic consultancy and government communications group with offices in Washington DC and Kyiv. Kuzio Associates draws upon two decades of expertise by its President, Dr. Taras Kuzio, an internationally recognised authority on Ukraine, central-eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Taras Kuzio's expertise in Ukrainian political, economic and security affairs, coupled with his extensive publications on contemporary Ukraine, shape and influence policy making towards Ukraine. Taras Kuzio is the most prolific Western writer and commentator on current Ukrainian affairs.

Taras Kuzio received a BA Honours in Economics from the University of Sussex, an MA Distinction in Soviet Studies from the University of London and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Birmingham, England. Taras Kuzio has been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Yale University.

Taras Kuzio is a Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshal Fund of the U.S.A and an Adjunct Professor, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University in Washington DC.

Previously Taras Kuzio held the positions of Visiting Professor at the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. Taras Kuzio has also been a Resident Fellow at the Centre for Russian & East European Studies, University of Toronto and a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Russian & East European Studies, University of Birmingham, England. Taras Kuzio has been Head of Mission of Kyiv's NATO Information and Documentation Office and a Research Associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

His experience in current Ukrainian affairs has included positions as Executive Director of the Ukraine Business Agency and the Ukrainian Press Agency. Taras Kuzio speaks fluent Ukrainian and has a medium level proficiency in Russian and Polish.

# Services

## 1. Strategic Counsel

Individually tailored strategic advice on Ukrainian politics, economics and social affairs for the business community, government, think tanks and international organisations. Strategic Counsel is provided by Taras Kuzio on a personally tailored basis, both in written and oral form. These can be supplemented by briefings to be held together with senior policy makers, the business community and experts in Washington DC and Kyiv. Bi-annual receptions are planned in Washington DC and Kyiv linking senior Ukrainian and U.S. policy makers.

## 2. Public Affairs and Government Relations

Kuzio Associates acts as Of-Counsel to Global Strategic Communications Group, a specialist public affairs company based in Washington D.C. with a long established in Ukraine with Ukrainian clients.

## 3. Due Diligence

Provides intelligence on Ukrainian companies and the investment climate in Ukraine for due diligence projects. Evaluation of investment projects by providing written reports, consultancy and advice. Legal advice is provided by Frishberg and Partners, a long-established Kyiv law firm ([www.frishberg.com](http://www.frishberg.com)).

## 4. Ukraine Strategic Insider

On-line magazine that focuses on key current issues. *Ukraine Strategic Insider* provides intelligence on current strategically important issues and the key players in Ukraine's ruling elites, politics and economics.

# Clients

## U.S. Government

*Prepared papers, given talks and participated in the preparation of reports to U.S. government agencies:*

U.S. State Department, Foreign Service Institute, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, (Fort Lesley J. McNair), U.S. AID, U.S. government (for Booz-Allen-Hamilton), U.S. Institute of Peace, U.S. National Intelligence Council, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Association of Former Members of U.S. Congress, U.S. Congress Ukraine Caucus.

*Testimony to the U.S. Congress:*

U.S. Senate (Committee on International Relations), U.S. Congress (U.S. Helsinki Commission), U.S. Congress (for the United States European Command and Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis).

## British Government and International

*Prepared talks, researched papers and organized workshops and seminars for:*

NATO Defense College (Rome), NATO HQ (Brussels), Foreign and Commonwealth Office (London), Wilton Park, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Sussex), Soviet Studies Research Centre, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (Surrey).

## Political and Economic

External consultant to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) on public opinion surveys in Ukraine. Advised the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on assistance to Ukraine. External reviewer for Smith Richardson Foundation on the re-establishment of the U.S.-Ukrainian Advisory Council. Quality control reviewer for the Intermedia Survey Institute on Voice of America and Radio Liberty Ukrainian-language broadcasts.

Due Diligence risk consultant to Deloitte and Touche business intelligence services on foreign investment into Ukraine. Advice provided on political asylum cases for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, and the Documentation and Research Department of the Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons in Belgium. Country Condition Expert for U.S. and Canadian lawyers for refugee asylum cases from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

Long-Term Observer for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in the 1998 and 2002 Ukrainian parliamentary elections and election observer for the National Democratic Institute in the 2004 Ukrainian presidential elections. Political consultancy for Oxford Analytica on external projects. Senior Adviser to the Council on Foreign Advisers of the Ukrainian parliament.

# Public Affairs

## Media Interviews

- **Europe:** Radio Liberty (Prague-Kyiv), BBC World News, BBC News 24, BBC Newsnight, BBC Ukrainian Service, BBC Radio 4 and 5, Channel Four News (London), LBC Radio (London), News Talk 106 (Dublin).
- **North America:** CNN International (Washington DC-London), NBC (New York), CBC (Toronto), Radio Canada International (Montreal), Council on Foreign Relations (New York), Newshour with Jim Lehrer (Washington DC), Voice of America (Washington DC), National Public Radio, *Russia and Eurasia Executive Guide* (Massachusetts), *Congressional Researcher* (Washington DC), *Washington Profile*.
- **Central-Eastern Europe and CIS:** Channel 5 television (Kyiv), *Halytskyi Kontrakty* (Kyiv), [www.glavred.info](http://www.glavred.info), [www.ostriv.com](http://www.ostriv.com), *Arche* (Minsk), *Flux* (Chisinau).

## Presentations

- *Think Tanks:* American Enterprise Institute, Carnegie Endowment, Heritage Foundation, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Kennan Institute, Brookings Institution, Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik.
- *Universities:* George Washington University, George Mason University, Stanford University, Columbia University, Yale University, John Hopkins University, Brown University, Harvard University, University of Toronto, York University, University of Ottawa, University College London, University of Sussex, University of Keele, University of Birmingham, London School of Economics and Political Science, Centre for Defence Studies, Kings College, Oxford University, Södertörn University College, Stockholm, University of Fribourg, European University Institute, Florence.

## Organisation of Conferences and Seminars

- *International conferences:* London, Birmingham, Yale Universities.
- *Workshops:* Birmingham, Toronto Universities.
- *Seminar Series:* Birmingham, Toronto, George Washington Universities.

## Quoted in Publications

- **Europe:** [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk), Reuters, *Der Standard* (Vienna), *Financial Times*, *Dagbladet* (Oslo), PAP (Warsaw), [www.eurobusiness.com](http://www.eurobusiness.com).
- **North America:** *National Post* (Toronto), *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Harvard Political Review*, *World Policy Journal*, *United Press International*, Knight Ridder, [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com).
- **South America:** *El Mercurio* (Santiago).
- **Central-Eastern Europe and CIS:** [www.bloc.co.yu](http://www.bloc.co.yu) (Serbia), *Kyiv Post*, *National Security and Defense* (Kyiv), Radio Svoboda (Prague-Kyiv), *Politychna Dumka* (Kyiv), [www.dialog.ua](http://www.dialog.ua), [www.proua.com](http://www.proua.com), [www.context-ua.com](http://www.context-ua.com), [www.for.com.ua](http://www.for.com.ua), [www.pravda.com.ua](http://www.pravda.com.ua).

## Quotes on Taras Kuzio

'I would like to thank you for including me on the distribution list of your articles. Not only did they offer insightful thoughts on a country which was of professional interest to me, they were a pleasure to read. You also have a very good feel for the place. Time after time, you would pick seemingly small and out of the way events and focus on them for analysis and they would turn out to be harbingers of important new trends. Your pieces were a professional and literary treat'.

**John McNeish, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa**

'Excellent articles!'

**Robert M. MacMullen, U.S. State Department**

'Taras Kuzio has a (1) in-depth knowledge of most aspects of Ukraine's political scene (2) the institutions and 'technologies' of political power (3) an astute analytical mind and (4) wide respect'.

**James Sherr, Lincoln College, Oxford University and Conflict Studies Research Centre, Royal Military College Sandhurst.**

'Great insight as always'.

**Tim Ash, Bear Stearns.**

'I enjoyed reading this. Very punchy summary!'

**John Lough, TNK-BP.**

'I frankly think you are the best source for explaining the situation in Ukraine in a larger sense'.

**Alan Cullison, Wall Street Journal.**

'Please be assured I have the highest regard for you and read your analyses with great care'.

**Professor Roman Szporluk, Harvard University.**

'I regularly receive your analyses on Ukrainian affairs. I read your pieces with interest and attention. I find them most valuable'.

**Gerhard Simon, University of Koeln.**

'Fantastically interesting piece, Taras'.

**Professor Lucan Way, University of Toronto.**

'I liked your comments on CNN International. Such clear and timely comments are worth millions'.

**Andriy Veselovsky, Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

'I enjoy reading your reports on Ukraine. They are a good source of thoughtful sophisticated analysis about our troubled homeland'.

**Roman Petyk, Associate General Consul of Ukraine, Philadelphia.**

‘Read your brilliant piece in the Ukraine Action Report. Congratulations with the new initiative!’

**Dmytro Potekhin, Znayu NGO, Kyiv.**

‘Thank you very much for your articles and for the job you are doing for Ukraine. We do appreciate it’.

**Pora youth NGO, Kyiv, Ukraine.**

‘You were one of the very few people whom I had met that both knew history and understood current day politics and how the two were connected’.

**Petro Tyma, President of the Organization of Ukrainians in Poland.**

‘I have to tell you, you offer the best analyses of the situation in Ukraine. My friends in Ukraine agree. Keep up the good work. I love reading your stuff’.

**Myron Kuropas, *The Ukrainian Weekly*.**

‘A fascinating yet profoundly troubling account’.

**Bohdan Vitvitsky, Ukrainian Professional and Businesspersons Association, New York-New Jersey.**

# Publications

## Academic

Taras Kuzio has been Guest Editor of six special issues of scholarly journals on post-communist politics. These have included a special issue of the *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* on 'Elections and Democratisation in Ukraine', a special issue of *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* on 'Democratic Revolutions in Post-Communist States', a special issue of *Demokratizatsiya* on 'Democratic Revolutions in the CIS', a special issue of *Problems of Post-Communism* on 'A Decade of Leonid Kuchma in Ukraine', a special issue of *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* on 'Regime Politics and Democratisation in Ukraine' and a special issue of the *Journal of Ukrainian Studies* on a 'Decade of Ukrainian Independence'.

Taras Kuzio has published academic articles on Ukrainian politics, economics, national identity and foreign policy, post-Soviet politics and European security in *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Politics*, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Religion, State and Society*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism*, *Ethnicities*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Armed Forces and Society*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *SAIS Review*, and *European Security*.

## Media

An updated and complete list of articles by Taras Kuzio in media publications can be found at: <http://www.taraskuzio.net/media/index.shtml>

Taras Kuzio's media articles cover Soviet politics, post-communist politics in Ukraine, Russia and the CIS, EU and NATO enlargement, soft security threats, arms exports, and post-communist civil-military relations.

Taras Kuzio's media articles have been published in a wide range of publications:

- Newspaper Opinion Editorials: *International Herald and Tribune*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *United Press International*, *Globe and Mail*, *La Presse*, *Die Welt*, *Der Standard*, *Moscow News*, *Kyiv Post*, *Kyiv Weekly*.
- Magazines: *The World Today* (Royal Institute for International Affairs), *Foreign Policy* (Carnegie Endowment), *Freedom Review* (Freedom House), *Transitions*, *Elections Today* (International Foundation for Electoral Systems), *Central European* (Euromoney Publications), *Le Courier des Pays de L'Est*, *Arabia*, *The Islamic World View*, *Jane's Intelligence Review*, *Jane's Intelligence Digest*, *Jane's Foreign Report*, *Jane's Islamic Affairs Analyst*, *European Security Analyst*, *Conflict International*, *Labour Focus on Eastern Europe*, *Ukrainian Observer*, *Report on the U.S.S.R*, *RFERL Research Report*, *East European Reporter*, *Soviet Analyst*.
- Web-Based Publications: [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk), [www.opendemocracy.net](http://www.opendemocracy.net),

*Transitions-on-Line, Eurasian Daily Monitor* (Jamestown Foundation), *Russia and Eurasia Review* (Jamestown Foundation), [www.eurasianet.org](http://www.eurasianet.org) (Open Society Foundation), *Ukraine Analysen, New Europe Review* (Voice of America), *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFERL) Newslines, RFERL Poland, Belarus and Ukraine Report, RFERL Uncivil Societies, RFERL Media Matters, RFERL Organized Crime and Terrorism Watch.*

- Specialist Web-Based Information Services: Jane's Information Group, *Sentinel Security Assessments* (entries on Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova).
- Annual Yearbooks:
  1. Europa Publications, *Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States* (entries on Ukrainian politics and economics).
  2. Freedom House, *Nations in Transit. Civil Society, Democracy and Markets in East Central Europe and the Newly Independent States* (entries on Ukraine and Belarus).
  3. Freedom House, *Freedom in the World* (entries on Ukraine and Belarus).

### **Editorial**

Taras Kuzio has served as editor of the Economist Intelligence Unit's *Ukraine, Country Forecast*, Business Monitor International's *Eastern Europe Monitor*, the Ukraine Business Agency's magazine *Ukraine Business Review* and as deputy editor of *Soviet Nationality Survey* and *Soviet Ukrainian Affairs*, both published by the Ukrainian Press Agency.

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