Reforms in Ukraine: Can They Succeed?
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As Ukraine faces Russian aggression in the East, its internal governance presents an even greater threat to the country’s sovereignty. Ukraine’s economy is on the edge of collapse, the progress in corruption reforms is slow, and further austerity measures lead to greater dissatisfaction among Ukrainians. This presentation will examine the progress of reforms, role of civil society and potential for the reforms to succeed in the current situation. The presenters have extensive experience in efforts to promote democracy and strengthen civil society in Ukraine and its regions. Please join us as we learn about the findings of the latest opinion polls on citizens’ engagement in civil society initiatives and about their assessment and support of the reform process.

Yulia Yesmukhanova has over ten years of experience working in international non-profit organizations focused on promoting democracy, supporting civil society, and advancing reforms.

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