In November 2013, the European Union initialed an Association Agreement with Moldova and Georgia, while Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych turned his back on years of planning and declared that he would not sign his country’s agreement. Moldova is now moving closer to EU integration, while Ukraine is in limbo, having received a $15 billion credit from Russia. Yanukovych’s decision inspired Ukrainian supporters of closer ties with the West to occupy central Kyiv to protest his about face, and those demonstrations are continuing. Please join us for a discussion of the alternative trajectories of the two countries at the domestic and international levels.

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