Uses of History and Regional Diversity in Ukraine’s Elections:  
The Contested Past as an Electoral Resource, 2004-2012  
Part of IERES’ Visiting Scholar Roundtable Series and Petrach Program on Ukraine  

with  
Alexandr Osipian  
Associate Professor of History and Cultural Anthropology, Kramatorsk Institute of  
Economics and Humanities  

Why do Ukraine’s electoral preference maps reflect persistent regional division in the 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2010 elections? How do politicians manipulate and divide society in Ukraine? Why are history and memory issues so important in Ukrainian political debates and the mass-media? What strategies will be used in the 2012 and 2015 election campaigns? Alexandr Osipian will address these questions in his presentation.

Alexandr Osipian is currently a visiting scholar at IERES. He is an Associate Professor of History and Cultural Anthropology at the Department of History and Cultural Studies at Kramatorsk Institute of Economics and Humanities, Ukraine. He has conducted research at the Central European University (Hungary), European University Institute (Italy), Warsaw University, Jagiellonian University (Poland), Deutsches Historisches Institut Warschau, and Universität Leipzig (Germany). His research interests include the politics of memory and national identity construction in Ukraine since 1991. Osipian’s current work is on the uses of history and memory in Ukrainian politics during electoral campaigns and in international relations with Russia, Poland, and the EU.

Thursday, March 15, 2012  
4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Voesar Conference Room  
1957 E Street NW, Suite 412  
Please RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/OsipianGWU

This event is on the record