Ukraine in Anticipation of the October 2012 Parliamentary Elections
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with

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On October 28, 2012, Ukraine will elect a new parliament. The elections will test the strength of President Victor Yanukovych’s increasing authoritarian and unpopular regime. It will also measure the resilience of the opposition when key anti-Yanukovych leaders like Yulia Tymoshenko are in jail. To provide an overall picture of the current situation, Serhiy Kudelia will discuss domestic politics, the Yanukovych administration, the state of the opposition and the first stages of the election campaign. Taras Kuzio will discuss Ukrainian foreign policy towards Russia and the West, energy, threats of a visa black list and Ukraine’s international isolation.

Serhiy Kudelia is the IERES Petrach Post-Doctoral Fellow in Eurasian Studies. His research interests include the sources and outcomes of the constitutional changes in Ukraine under the presidencies of Kuchma, Yushchenko, and Yanukovych and conflict in Western Ukraine following the Soviet take-over in 1944. He was previously an assistant professor at the National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine. Taras Kuzio is now a visiting fellow at the Slavic Research Center of Hokkaido University. He has analyzed Soviet, post-Soviet and Ukrainian affairs for the last two decades in various positions and edits the monthly Ukraine Analyst. He is currently writing a contemporary history of Ukraine.

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