Since Ukraine became independent in 1991, popular interpretations have generally seen Ukraine as divided between a pro-Ukrainian west and a pro-Russian/pro-Soviet east. This talk suggests that the underlying reality is more complicated by looking at Soviet and post-Soviet discourses of identity in Kharkiv, a city 40 km from Ukraine's eastern border with Russia. In this city, pro-Ukrainian and pro-Russian discourses have co-existed for decades, and the Soviet legacy is critical in understanding Kharkiv's place in contemporary Ukraine.

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