Pavlo Lazarenko and the Current Political Situation in Ukraine
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with

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At this presentation Leshchenko will present his new book, *The American Saga of Pavlo Lazarenko* (book in Ukrainian), and discuss the current situation in Ukrainian politics. The book is based on the investigation conducted on the former Ukrainian prime minister and his close ally Yulia Tymoshenko by the U.S. law enforcement agencies. Leshchenko spent several weeks working in the archives of California’s Northern District Court studying the case file. Lazarenko seemed likely to replace Leonid Kuchma in 1999 and become the third president of Ukraine. But greed and corruption, a curse of Ukrainian politicians, ruined his career. The echo of Lazarenko's case has been following Tymoshenko for the last 17 years.

Sergii Leshchenko is a Ukrainian journalist, blogger, and press freedom activist. Since 2000, he has worked for the internet-newspaper Ukrainska Pravda, where he specializes in anti-corruption investigations and other political reporting. In 2013, the Norwegian Fritt Ord Foundation and the German ZEIT Foundation awarded Leshchenko their Press Prize. Now Leshchenko is based in Washington, DC, as a Reagan-Fascell Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy.

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