Since the beginning of 2014, Ukraine has experienced a popular revolution to overthrow a corrupt leader, held presidential and parliamentary elections, and suffered an invasion by Russia. Yevgeny Kiselev, a leading journalist in Ukraine, will provide an overview of the situation there from his unique perspective. He will also share his observations on the media environment in Ukraine today and explain the challenges that journalists face as the country attempts to break with its Soviet past, while fending off a hostile neighbor.

Yevgeny Kiselev is a well-known and respected journalist. Originally from Russia, he gained popularity in the 1990s and early 2000s as one of the co-founders of NTV, then Russia’s only independent television news channel. Kiselev served as NTV’s last general director before Gazprom Media took it over in 2001. Under Putin, Kiselev was harassed by the government, forcing him to continue his journalistic career in Ukraine. Since 2008 Kiselev has been working in Kyiv, hosting several prime-time political shows on Inter, one of the most popular channels in Ukraine. He is also an active public speaker, columnist, and blogger, and contributes to a number of Ukrainian and Russian print media outlets. Kiselev is a recipient of many journalistic awards, including the prestigious International Press Freedom Award (1995) from the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists.

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