
Invitation | Twenty-First Annual Lipset Lecture: Serhii Plokhii on "David vs. Goliath: Democracy and Autocracy in the Russo- Ukrainian War"

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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

**AN INVITATION! WEBINAR: DAVID VS. GOLIATH – WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

In cooperation with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the Embassy of Canada, below please find an invitation for the Seymour Lipset lecture series "Democracy in the World." The webinar, entitled "*David vs. Goliath*," will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30pm EST and will feature remarks by Prof. Serhii Plokhii, Director of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI). The lecture series will prove to be quite interesting and informative.

Please register at the link below and join in the discussion with Prof. Plokhii.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at: unis@ucca.org.

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**The Embassy of Canada and
The National Endowment for Democracy**

invite you to the livestream of the Twenty-First Annual

**SEYMOUR MARTIN LIPSET LECTURE
ON DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD**



**David vs. Goliath:
Democracy & Autocracy
in the Russo-Ukrainian War**



Serhii Plokhii

**Mykhailo S. Hrushevs'kyi Professor of Ukrainian History, and
Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024
5:30 p.m. Eastern Time**



followed by a conversation with

Damon Wilson

**President & CEO
National Endowment for Democracy**

Please email press@ned.org to register as a member of the press.

[Click Here to Watch the Livestream on Dec. 11](#)

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Serhii Plokhii is the Mykhailo S. Hrushevs'kyi Professor of Ukrainian History and the Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University. His interests include the intellectual, cultural, and international history of Eastern Europe, with an emphasis on Ukraine. He is the author of, among others, *The Russo-Ukrainian War: The Return of History* (W.W. Norton, 2023); *Atoms and Ashes: A Global History of Nuclear Disasters* (W.W. Norton, 2022); *The Frontline: Essays on Ukraine's Past and Present* (HURI, 2021); *Nuclear Folly: A History of the Cuban Missile Crisis* (W. W. Norton, 2021);

Forgotten Bastards of the Eastern Front: American Airmen behind the Soviet Lines and the Collapse of the Grand Alliance (Oxford University Press, 2019); *Chernobyl: The History of a Nuclear Catastrophe* (Basic Books, 2018); *The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine* (Basic Books, 2015); and *Chernobyl Roulette: War in the Nuclear Disaster Zone* (New York, 2024). His books have won numerous awards, including the Ballie Gifford Prize and the Shevchenko National Prize (2018).



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- 2008 **Jean Bethke Elshtain**, *Religion and Democracy: Allies or Antagonists?*
- 2009 **Nathan Glazer**, *Democracy and Diversity: Dealing with Deep Divides*
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- 2011 **Abdou Filali-Ansary**, *The Arab Revolutions: Democracy and Historical Consciousness*
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