

## Working Session # 8

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**Rafał Dutkiewicz**

Rafał Dutkiewicz is a politician, businessperson, academic lecturer and activist. From 2002 to 2018, Dutkiewicz was mayor of the city of Wrocław. During his presidency, Wrocław has seen the highest number of public investments in its post-war history and has won numerous awards and distinctions in Polish, European and global rankings on knowledge-based economy and implementation of a “smart city” model. Wrocław has also become an international city with over 170.000 foreigners from 124 countries. Further, it was the European Capital of Culture in 2016 and (co-)hosted the 2012 UEFA Euro Football Championship.

Prior to his presidency, Dutkiewicz gave lectures on logics and introduction to mathematics at several universities for more than ten years. During the martial law period, he was an activist in the underground movement “Solidarity” (Solidarność) in Wrocław. In the years 1989-90 he was co-leader and then leader of the Civic Committee in Wrocław, which, representing “Solidarity”, won the first partially free parliamentary elections in 1989 and the first democratic local elections in 1990.

He holds a master’s degree in applied mathematics and a PhD in formal logics. Rafał Dutkiewicz received numerous awards and distinctions, among others: Commander’s Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland, 2015), Legion of Honor (France, 2013); Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany 2017), National Prize of Germany (2017), Honorary Membership of Academia Europaea (2011).



**Olga Solovieva**

Olga Solovieva is Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Chicago. Her work brings into dialogue texts and concepts from numerous disciplines, including literature, film, religious studies, art history, philosophy and law. She is interested in what can “be done with words”: this leads her to focus on the history of rhetoric, performance, communication, interdisciplinary narratology, and media studies, particularly in their material and corporeal aspects. Her book, *Christ’s Subversive Body: Practices of Religious Rhetoric in Culture and Politics* (Northwestern University Press, 2017), is dedicated to the diachronic and interdisciplinary methodology of comparison. Her current book projects, “The Russian Kurosawa” and “Thomas Mann’s Russia,” examine the political, philosophical and mediating function of the reception of Russian literature in East and West.



**Mustafa Nayyem**

Mustafa Nayyem is a Ukrainian journalist, MP and public figure.

He worked as a reporter for the "Kommersant-Ukrainy" newspaper (2005-2007), Shuster LIVE, a political talk show on Ukrainian television (2007 to 2011), Ukrainian TV channel TVi (Sep 2011 - April 2013). After resigning he started a web project together with colleagues who also left the channel. Their project was named Hromadske.TV.

Mustafa has also been contributing news and articles to Ukrayinska Pravda.

Using Facebook, Nayyem was one of the first activists to urge Ukrainians to gather on the Independence Square in Kyiv to protest Viktor Yanukovych's decision to "pause" preparations for signing the association agreement with the European Union. His summons to rally on Facebook on November 21, 2013 were the start of the Euromaidan protests which led to the overthrow of the Yanukovych government.

Mustafa was elected to the Verkhovna Rada in the parliamentary elections on October 26, 2014.

Nayyem is currently a member of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada on the issues of European integration and is a member of the Democratic Alliance party.

He is also a co-founder of Global Office, an NGO aimed at promoting informational, political, economic, cultural and social spheres of Ukraine in the global community, as well as at internal integration.