USA UA HES SPECIAL EVENT

REVISITING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S RIGHT TO A VETO ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

DATE	VENUE	FORUM SITE
December 01, 2026	**CUNY Graduate Center** 365 5th Ave, New York, NY 10016	**Segal Theater** 1st Floor

12:10 – 12:30 PM — **Registration**

12:30 – 12:40 PM — **First Word**

EVENT HOST **Dr. Eli Karetny** Deputy Director / Ralph Bunche Institute of International Studies

12:40 – 1:50 PM — SESSION ONE

Russian Federation's Right to Veto Power Re-examined — The Legal Dimension

CHAIR **Dr. Olena Lennon** Practitioner in Residence / Nat. Security Dept. / University of New Haven

PANELISTS

Maksym Baryshnikov Legal Counsel / Pylyp Orlyk Foundation
Hon. Mykola Stefanchuk People's Deputy – SNF / Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Dr. Bohdan Vitvitsky Former Federal Prosecutor with the US Department of Justice

1:50 – 1:55 PM — **Coffee Break**

1:55 – 3:05 PM — SESSION TWO

Russian Federation's Right to Veto Power Re-evaluated — The Moral Dimension

CHAIR **Adrian Karatnycky** Senior Fellow / Atlantic Council of the United States

PANELISTS

Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko Head of International Policy Research / Pylyp Orlyk Foundation
Hon. Volodymyr Viatrovych People's Deputy – ESF / Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Dr. Lesya Yastrubetska Visiting Scholar / Chicago-Kent College of Law

3:05 – 3:10 PM — **Coffee Break**

3:10 – 4:20 PM — SESSION THREE

Russian Federation's Right to Veto Power Reassessed — The Political Dimension

CHAIR **Dr. Kateryna Shynkaruk** Senior Lecturer / Texas A&M Bush School of Government

PANELISTS

Amb. Andrij Melnyk Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations
Amb. Roman Popadiuk President / Diplomacy Center Foundation
Victor Rud, Esq. Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs / UABA

4:20 – 4:30 PM — **A Final Word — About Challenging the RF's Right to a Veto at the UNSC**

REMARKS

Kateryna Sidash Projects Advisor / Pylyp Orlyk Foundation
Andrij Dobriansky Global Security Fellow / Center for US-Ukrainian Relations

4:45 – 6:30 PM — **Sponsors' Reception** Ralph Bunche Institute — 7th Floor

EVENT MODERATOR **Dr. Walter Zaryckyj** Executive Director / Center for US-Ukrainian Relations

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