

# Ukraine's (Post)War Economy

## Sustainability, International Relations, and EU Integration



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The Russian aggression against Ukraine since February 2022 shook the world and has caused immense suffering and destruction in the invaded country. Aggravating the damage caused since the invasion of 2014, adding to the pre-existing economic problems, pandemic socio-economic damages, the war drags on and with it grows the scope of destruction of human life, livelihoods, and future prospects. How does Ukraine link building an economy to secure victory in the war with long-term goal of sustainable development and strengthening the resiliency of its democracy? How can its EU candidate status be leveraged by Ukrainian opponents of neoliberal frameworks and policies? The economic reform and their nature and the role of the EU do and will play a crucial role in determining the shape of Ukraine to come. The new important volume published by FEPS - ***Europe and the war in Ukraine: From Russian aggression to a new eastern policy*** - aims to answer many of those fundamental questions.

The London Ukraine Recovery conference 2023 is upon us. The principles of recovery embedded in the Recovery Plan presented in Lugano last summer sound promising and hopeful while many questions remain to be answered about the means to achieve those aims – from reform type to the forms of financing to regional and demographic policies while embedding EU membership aspirations and sustainability principles: economic, social, and environmental; in the vein similar to the European Green Deal. The joint events by FEPS, LSE, and PEGFA set out to assess the state of Ukraine’s economic, social, and environmental losses and prospects for recovery to date. We will discuss the book, study some of the core principles of the UA Recovery Plan and discuss concrete additional and/or alternative policies for a deep sustainable (re)development and rebuilding of Ukraine including the role and form of fiscal and monetary measures, role of private and public sector, civil society (NGOs and labour associations) and the state as an institution, its shape and the role it can play to support the recovery.

Whither Ukraine and/in Europe? Our roundtable will aim to deliver some crucial answers and set out trajectories for the future.

# SPEAKERS

**Uwe Optenhögel** is the Vice President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies.

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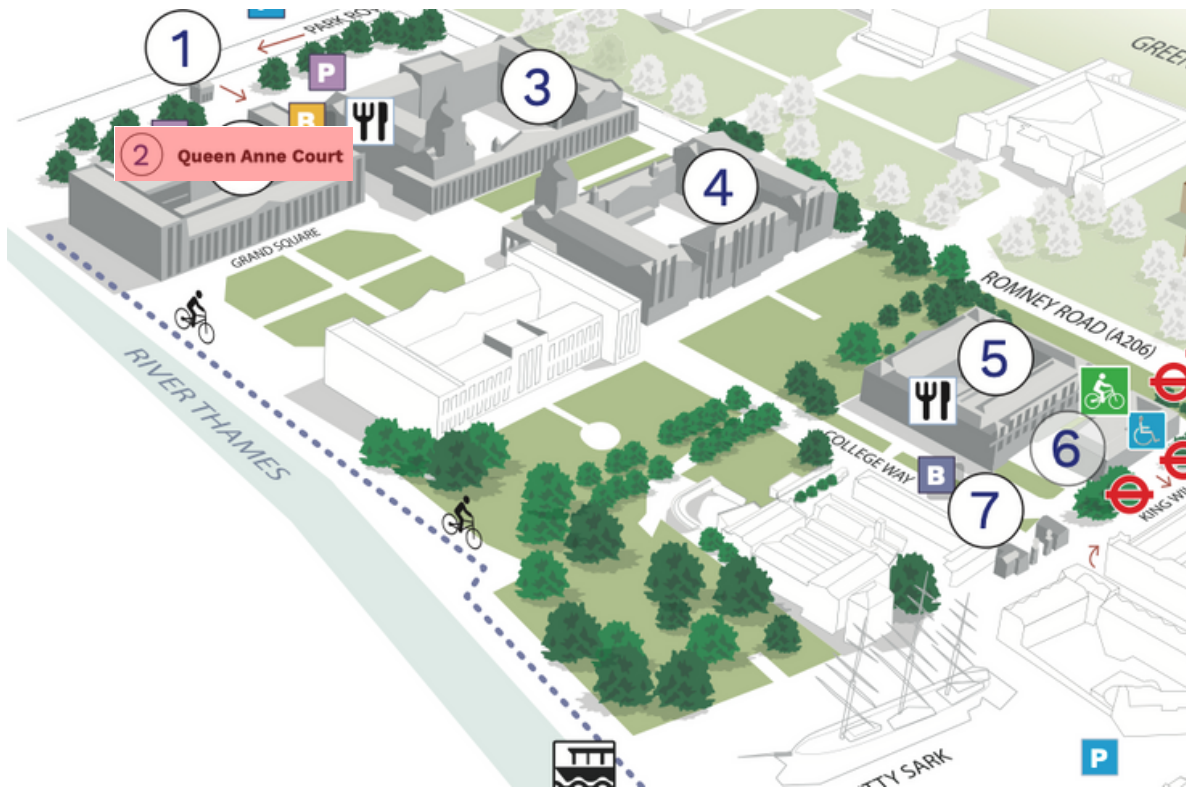
**Luke Cooper** is Director of PeaceRep's Ukraine programme at the LSE.

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