11:00-12:30 Church and Identity

On January 5, 2019 the tomos of autocephaly of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church was signed, thus granting independence for the Ukrainian church, after centuries of subjugation to Russia. This was a historic move for Ukraine on many levels, from its cultural significance to its role in fighting Russian propaganda as the churches under the Moscow Patriarchate were massively used for propaganda. Since then, at least 340 parishes that were formerly under the Moscow Patriarchate have joined with the newly independent church. The creation of an independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church is a watershed moment in the global understanding of Ukrainian identity. This panel, moderated by Mosbacher Director of the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law Francis Fukuyama will:

● Examine what the independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church means for Ukrainians all over the country;
● Debate the impact of the autocephaly on foreign relations;
● Explore the multifaceted nature of Ukrainian identity and how it is shifting in the modern era.

Yury Avvakumov
Associate Professor of Theology and History of Christianity at the University of Notre Dame

Yury P. Avvakumov is Associate Professor of Theology and History of Christianity at the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in the history of medieval and early modern Christianity, with a focus on Latin-Byzantine relations, and in the religious history of Ukraine and Russia of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His special research interest is the fateful history of Catholic and Orthodox Christians under Soviet totalitarianism and their role in contemporary post-communist societies.

Prof. Avvakumov completed his studies in Orthodox theology in St. Petersburg, Russia, and his doctorate in Catholic theology at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. Prior to coming to Notre Dame in 2010, he held numerous academic positions in Germany, Ukraine, and Russia, including six years at the
Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv where he served as Dean of Humanities and the founding chair of the Department of Classical, Byzantine, and Medieval Studies. He was also a member of the Board of Theological Experts at the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2007-2011.

Avvakumov’s publications include a monograph on the medieval controversies between Latins and Byzantines (*Die Entstehung des Unionsgedankens*. Berlin 2002), which appeared in Ukrainian translation in 2011; an edition of the documents related to the history of Catholic and Orthodox Christians in Ukraine and Russia from Ukrainian archives (*Mytropolit Andrei Sheptytsky i hreko-katolyky v Rosiji, 1899-1917*. Lviv 2004); and an edited volume on religion and society in the post-Soviet space (*Religion und Gesellschaft im postsowjetischen Raum*. Würzburg 1996). He has also contributed numerous chapters to volumes on history of Latin, Byzantine, and Slavic Christianity published with Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, Peeters, Palgrave-Macmillan, Brill, Schöningh, and École français de Rome, as well as articles to such scholarly journals as *Ostkirchliche Studien, Una Sancta, Communicantes, Kovcheh (Lviv), Bogoslovskie Trudy (Moscow), Bohoslovja (Lviv)*, and others.

**Hanna Hopko**

Member of Parliament, Head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Verkhovna Rada

Hanna Hopko is the head of the foreign affairs Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament. She has a PhD in political communications. She was one of the leading members of the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan during the Revolution of Dignity (21 Nov. 2013 – 22 Feb. 2014). There she launched with other activists a coalition of Ukrainian NGOs focused on implementing reforms in Ukraine and served as an expert on the inter-factional parliamentary group “Platform of Reforms”. During the parliamentary elections that followed the EuroMaidan revolution, Hanna headed the list of the Samopomich (SelfReliance) Party and was elected into the Parliament of Ukraine where she was appointed as Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee on 4
December 2014. Member of the Executive Committee of Reforms of the National Council of Reforms and the Anti-Corruption Action Centre (AntAC). Board member of Trustees of Okhmadyt National Children Hospital and Bog omolets National Medical University. In 2014, Hanna was also named a “Leading Global Thinker” by Foreign Policy magazine, she received the “Certificate of Merit” at the Georgetown University Leadership Seminar, and was honored with the National Democratic Institute Democracy Award for her efforts to further the cause of democracy in Ukraine. In her early career Hanna was active as an expert in advocacy, media and political communications, and also worked as a journalist.

Sevgil Musaeva
Nieman Fellow, Harvard University/Editor-in-Chief
Ukrainska Pravda

Sevgil Musaieva is a current Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. She is a Ukrainian journalist from Crimea. As the editor-in-chief of the online newspaper Ukrayinska Pravda, she manages a group of websites run by the newspaper covering areas such as the economy, politics and the political history of the country.

From 2008-2013, she served as the Ukrainian business reporter for the daily newspaper Delo, the weekly Vlast Deneg and Forbes Ukraine, specializing in oligarchic studies and corruption within the oil and gas industries. She is co-author of a book about Mustafa Dzhemilev, the leader of the Crimean Tatar people. She is a six-time winner of the Presszvanie, a prize given to the best economic journalists in Ukraine and received the Anthony Moskalenko Memorial Award for her contribution to the development of Ukrainian journalism.
Moderator: Francis Fukuyama, Mosbacher Director of the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Francis Fukuyama is the Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and the Mosbacher Director of FSI's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL). He is also a professor by courtesy in the Department of Political Science. He was previously at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University, where he was the Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy and director of SAIS' International Development program. Dr. Fukuyama has written widely on issues relating to questions concerning democratization and international political economy. His book, *The End of History and the Last Man*, was published by Free Press in 1992 and has appeared in over twenty foreign editions. His most recent book is *Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalization of Democracy*.

Francis Fukuyama received his B.A. from Cornell University in classics, and his Ph.D. from Harvard in Political Science. He was a member of the Political Science Department of the RAND Corporation, and a twice a member of the Policy Planning Staff of the US Department of State. From 1996-2000 he was Omer L. and Nancy Hirst Professor of Public Policy at the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. He served as a member of the President's Council on Bioethics from 2001-2004.