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Foreword

This volume consists of the collected papers presented at the third Conference of the series "Towards a New Ukraine."

"Towards a New Ukraine III: Geopolitical Imperatives of Ukraine: Regional Contexts" organized by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa, was held on 27-28 October 2000, and examined a spectrum of issues pertaining to contemporary Ukraine in relation to its immediate neighbours, European integration, and foreign and security policy.

As with the Chair's two previous conferences, this one was a resounding success. Attendance stood at 137 registrants from Canada and abroad — scholars, students, representatives from embassies, government and NGO officials, professionals and business people, mass media, and community leaders.

The Conference clearly revealed that there is a large —and growing— number of non-Ukrainian specialists who are systematically studying Ukrainian issues. Ten speakers from Canada, Ukraine, Poland, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States presented a comprehensive overview and analysis of their respective topics. Their papers, revised for publication, are arranged here according to their listings in the Conference program.

The transliteration system used throughout the papers is that adopted by Ukraine's Legal Terminology Commission in 1996; exceptions include some proper names and institutions which appear as provided. Bibliographic references, however, are transliterated according to the simplified U.S. Library of Congress system.

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