

SYMPOSIUM IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR LEONID BILETSKYI

On the 70th Anniversary of his Passing

University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities (UMIH, Canada)
In collaboration with:

Kyiv National Linguistic University (Ukraine)
H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University (Ukraine)
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Saarland University (Germany)
Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Manitoba)
"Oseredok" Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre (Winnipeg)

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Venue: University of Manitoba, Tier Building, Room 409, and online via Zoom:

<https://umanitoba.zoom.us/j/61961511998?pwd=gUoTFCabW46bS9QqIbIblXZz6pOY.1>

Start: 12:00 PM (CST)

NOTE: most of the presentations will be delivered in Ukrainian

Opening remarks

Mariya Shymchyshyn, Kyiv National Linguistic University/ University of Manitoba, Chair of the Organizing Committee

Jorge Nallim, Director of the Institute for the Humanities, University of Manitoba

Serhii Sorokin, Acting Rector of Kyiv National Linguistic University

Yurii Boychuk, Rector of H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University

Astrid Fellner, Director, Center for Canadian and Quebec Studies / Centre d'Études Canadiennes et Québécoises, Saarland University (Germany)

Joanne Lewandowski, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Manitoba)

Glen Knapp, Executive Director, "Oseredok" Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre (Winnipeg)

Session: Reception of Leonid Biletskyi's Work

Leonid Biletskyi and Yuri Shevelov: Professional Points of Scholarly Contact (in English)

Serhii Vakulenko & Kateryna Karunyk

PhD (Philology), Associate Professors, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University and V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University

The Hero and the Archetype: Biletskyi's Poetics of the National Hero in the Context of Contemporary Military Poetry (in English)

Tetiana Starostenko

Doctoral Student, Department of Ukrainian Literature and Journalism named after Professor Leonid Ushkalov, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University

Leonid Biletskyi and Oleksandr Oles: At the Intersection of Fates and Literary Paths

Kostiantyn Holoborodko

Doctor of Science (Philology), Professor, Director of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Ukrainian Philology named after H.F. Kvitka-Osnovianenko, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University

Leonid Biletskyi and Oleksandr Potebnia: On the Issue of Methodology

Artur Malynovskyi

Professor, Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University

Leonid Biletskyi: Prolegomena to the Systemic Study of Oleksandr Potebnia's Hermeneutics

Nataliia Levchenko

Doctor of Science (Philology), Professor of the Department of Ukrainian Literature and Journalism named after Professor Leonid Ushkalov, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Higher School of Ukraine

Kamianets-Podilskyi Pages of Leonid Biletskyi's Biography

Nina Bernadska

Doctor of Science (Philology), Professor, Department of the History of Ukrainian Literature, Theory of Literature, and Literary Creativity, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

Leonid Biletskyi as a Literary Historian

Stepan Khorob

Professor, Head of the Department of Ukrainian Literature, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University

Leonid Biletskyi & Ivan Franko: Intersections of Criticism and Literature

Olena Malenko

Doctor of Science (Philology), Professor, Head of the Department of Ukrainian Studies and Linguodidactics named after Professor O.H. Muromtseva, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University, Member of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine

Shevchenko's Work in the Scientific Reception of Leonid Biletskyi

Olena Varenikova

Doctoral Student, PhD (Philology), Associate Professor of the Department of Ukrainian Literature and Journalism named after Professor Leonid Ushkalov, Deputy Director of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Ukrainian Philology named after H.F. Kvitka-Osnovianenko, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University, Member of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine

Meter and Rhythm in Leonid Biletskyi's Versification System

Andrii Piskun

PhD Student, T. H. Shevchenko Institute of Literature, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Break (2:20pm): Coffee and Networking Break (10 minutes)

Keynote address

The Great Absent One: Leonid Biletskyi as a Scholar and Educator

Rostyslav Radyshevskyi

Professor, Head of the Department of Polish Studies, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Concluding remarks

Prof. Mariya Shymchyshyn

The symposium is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the death of the prominent Ukrainian literary scholar, critic, and educator Leonid Biletsky (1882–1955)

Honoured Guests of the Symposium: Leonid Biletskyi's grandson, Bohdan Kozoris, and his partner Calla Grabish