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## THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF UKRAINIAN CITIZENS IN THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION

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**Areas of scientific research:** problems of the democratic transformation of Ukraine and Volyn; the political participation of citizens in the context of the international experience of democratic transformation; the evolution of the legal framework for public participation in political processes.

**Scientific output of V. Bortnikov.** More than 100 research works (involving authorship or co-authorship) have been published, including individual-author and collective monographs.

**Research supervision of the following Ph. D. theses:**

*Pyvovarov Y.* The Influence of the Ethnic Factor on the Process of Democratic Transformation in Ukraine (2012).

*Trotsenko V.* Regional Particularities Relating to the Political Participation of Ukrainian Citizens in the Transition to Democracy (2012).

*Moisa B.* The Participation of Public Organizations of Disabled Individuals in Drafting Policies for People with Disabilities in Ukraine (2013).

*Bairak S.* Local Government in Poland: the Experience of Democratic Transformation (2013).

*Mel’nyk I.* The Electoral Participation of Citizens of Ukraine and of the Federal Republic of Germany (1990–2013) (2014).

**Summary.** A study was made of the problems involved in the democratic transformation of

Ukraine and of Volyn, as well as the evolution of the regulatory framework of citizen participation in political processes, and the participation of citizens in the context of international examples of democratic transformation, including Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany. Particular attention is devoted to regional features of the political participation of Ukrainian citizens, including their involvement in elections to the top organs of power; to the impact of ethnic factors on the process of democratic transformation in Ukraine; and to the process of forming and developing the institutional structures of national and local governments in Ukraine.

**Scientific activity of the school.** Publications include eight authorial or collective monographs and one doctoral thesis, “The Political Participation of Ukrainian Citizens in the Transition to Democracy” by V. Bortnikov. Ph.D. (Kandydat-level) theses have been defended by Y. Pyvovarov, V. Trotsenko, B. Moisa, S. Bairak, and I. Mel’nyk. Thesis topics have been approved and theses are now being written by post-graduate students V. Mel’nyk, I. Mirchuk, Mohammed Ali Belgasem, T. Lykhats’ka, O. Pakholok, and M. Rozik. Articles have been published in specialized journals and in books of abstracts of various levels of conferences.

### Members of the School

**Yurii Pyvovarov, Ph. D.** in Political Sciences, Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs of Ukraine, Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of the Defence of Ukraine.

**Area of Scientific Research:** the influence of ethnic factors on the the processes of democratic transformation in Ukraine.

**Valerii Trotsenko**, Ph. D. in Political Sciences, Senior Lecturer in the LUEENU Department of Political Science and State Governance.

**Areas of scientific research:** the political participation of the Ukrainian citizens in the processes of the transition to democracy; regional differences in the political participation of Ukrainian citizens.

**Bogdan Moisa**, Ph. D. in Political Sciences, Ukrainian expert in the Helsinki Human Rights Union.

**Area of scientific research:** the participation of public organizations for the disabled in the formulation of government policy connected with individuals with limited capacities/

**Serhii Bairak**, Ph. D. in Political Sciences, Senior Lecturer in the LUEENU Department of Political Science and State Governance.

**Areas of scientific research:** political participation in local government; local government; local democracy; decentralization of power in Poland.

**Iryna Melnyk**, Ph. D. in Political Sciences.

**Area of scientific research:** electoral participation of citizens of Ukraine and of the Federal Republic of Germany



