

Economic frontlines: Ukraine and Russia's war economies

Tuesday 25 June 2024
17:00 PM - 20:00 PM (CEST)

Venue in Berlin (Mitte) TBC

[The Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Berlin](#) and the [Centre for Economic Policy Research \(CEPR\)](#) would like to cordially invite you to a high-level briefing on "Economic frontlines: Ukraine and Russia's war economies", with Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Polina Ivanova, Elina Ribakova, and Christoph Trebesch, scheduled for 25 June 2024 from 17:00 - 20:00 in person in Berlin.

Please note this meeting will be an in-person meeting. The capacity of this event is limited. This invitation is strictly and solely for the benefit of the intended recipients.

Schedule

17:00 – 19:00 Presentations by Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Elina Ribakova and Christoph Trebesch
Comments and open discussion led by Polina Ivanova

19:00 – 20:00 Reception

Blurb

After more than 800 days of Russian aggression, the war in Ukraine has turned into a war of attrition that is depleting resources on both sides. New research by our speakers provides critical economic insights and data to gauge Russia's capacity to sustain its warfare. Understanding the economic realities of both Russia and Ukraine is essential as Europe continues to debate strategies to support Ukraine. By juxtaposing Russia's economic endurance with Ukraine's resilience, and incorporating data from the Ukraine Support Tracker, the event aims to inform and guide economic measures to back Ukraine and beat the Russian war economy.

Elina Ribakova (Peterson Institute for International Economics, Kyiv School of Economics) will present the latest findings on the state of the Russian economy, as published in the [CEPR Policy Insight 131](#) "Russian economy on war footing: A new reality financed by commodity exports" (May 2024). **Yuriy Gorodnichenko** (University of California – Berkeley) will present the latest findings on the Ukrainian economy and **Christoph Trebesch** (Kiel Institute) will present the June updates for the [Ukraine Support Tracker](#), followed by comments from **Polina Ivanova** (Financial Times correspondent Ukraine and Russia) and an open discussion.

Presenters

[Yuriy Gorodnichenko](#), a native of Ukraine, is a Quantedge Presidential professor at the Department of Economics, University of California – Berkeley. He received his B.A. and MA from the EERC/Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Kyiv, Ukraine) and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. A significant part of his research concerns monetary policy (its effects, optimal design, or inflation targeting), fiscal policy (countercyclical policy, government spending multipliers), taxation (tax evasion, inequality), economic growth (its longrun determinants, globalisation, innovation, financial frictions), and business cycles. Yuriy serves on many editorial boards, including the American Economic Review and VoxUkraine (<http://voxukraine.org/>). He is the leader of the CEPR's Ukraine Initiative. Yuriy is a prolific researcher. His work has been published in leading economics journals and cited in policy discussions and the media. Yuriy has received numerous awards for his research.

[Elina Ribakova](#) has been a nonresident senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics since April 2023. She is also a nonresident fellow at Bruegel and a director of the International Affairs Program and vice president for foreign policy at the Kyiv School of Economics. Her research focuses on global markets, economic statecraft, and economic sovereignty. She has been a senior adjunct fellow at the Center for a New American Security (2020–23) and a research fellow at the London School of Economics (2015–17).

[Christoph Trebesch](#) is head of the Research Center International Finance and Macroeconomics at the Kiel Institute since April 2017, as well as Professor of Macroeconomics at Kiel University. Trebesch works at the intersection of international finance and macroeconomics, economic history, and political economy. He did his doctorate at the Free University Berlin and then moved to the University of Munich as assistant professor before joining the Kiel Institute. He has been a consultant and advisor for the IMF, the World Bank, the United Nations, the US Treasury as well as the German Ministry of Finance. His work is regularly cited in leading international media such as the New York Times, The Economist, or the Financial Times.

Commentator and Moderator

[Polina Ivanova](#) is a foreign correspondent for the FT covering Russia, Ukraine, and Central Asia. Her reporting is focused on Russia's invasion of Ukraine and on developments inside Russia, from the Kremlin's crackdown to the effect of sanctions and attempts to evade them.

Previously, she covered Russia and Ukraine for Reuters as a Special Correspondent on the investigative team. She joined the FT in 2021 and was shortlisted for the George Orwell Prize for Political Journalism in 2022.