

Conference

# **UKRAINE RESISTING: HOW TO ACHIEVE A DURABLE PEACE?**

## **ON THE ROAD TO URC 2025: EXPERT DISCUSSION**

**ROME, 25 NOVEMBER 2024**  
**14.00-17.30**

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# PROGRAMME

13.30-14.00	Registration of participants
14.00-14.15	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>DAVIDE LA CECILIA</b> , Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of URC 2025 Task Force <b>NATHALIE TOCCI</b> , Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
14.15-15.45	<b>SESSION I – Current trajectory of war and what are the implications for Ukraine?</b> <i>Questions:</i> <i>Who is winning? Did we pass the turning point in the war?</i> <i>How does Kyiv see a pathway to durable peace? What role for diplomacy?</i> <i>What are the implications of various end states (protracted war, frozen conflict, Russian victory, Ukraine's victory) on Ukraine's domestic developments?</i> <i>What kind of security arrangement will allow fast and effective recovery?</i> <i>How effective is overall Western assistance? Is there a common endgame?</i>
Speakers	<b>OLGA AYVAZOVSKA</b> , Chair of the Board, Opora <b>JOHN LOUGH</b> , Associate fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House <b>ALINA FROLOVA</b> , Deputy Chair, Centre for Defence Strategy, Deputy Minister of Defence (2019-2020) <b>PIETRO BOMPRESZI</b> , Project Lead, Ukraine Support Tracker, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
Moderator	<b>NONA MIKHELIDZE</b> , Senior fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00-17.30	<b>SESSION II – What does rebuilding Ukraine in wartime mean? How to sustain Ukraine's resilience?</b> <i>Questions:</i> <i>What kind of recovery is taking place today? Who are the key actors?</i> <i>What are Ukraine's domestic drivers of resilience? What are the risks to resilience?</i> <i>How does integration with the EU support resilience?</i> <i>How well is the country prepared to weather the storm of lack of energy this winter?</i> <i>Is Ukraine ready internally to manage large reconstruction projects? What are its strengths and weaknesses?</i>
Speakers	<b>DAVIDE LA CECILIA</b> , Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation <b>INNA PIDLUSKA</b> , Deputy Executive Director, International Renaissance Foundation <b>VOLODYMYR SHEIKO</b> , General Director, Ukrainian Institute <b>CLARE LOCKHART</b> , Director, Institute for State Effectiveness
Moderator	<b>ORYSIA LUTSEVYCH</b> , Head of the Ukraine Forum, Chatham House