

## Seminars



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The Fulbright Humanities Seminars “New Criticisms” were initiated in 2002 as a discussion group that focused on issues in the humanities, politics and education. This interdisciplinary seminar has become a meeting place for Fulbright alumni and others to discuss topics related to the humanities.

Three seminars were held at the end of last year. Professor Yaroslav Hrytsak from Lviv presented his recent research on the intellectual biography of Ivan Franko. He offered new evidence from Franko’s family life and wedding ceremony, whose non-traditional character suggests Franko’s contribution to the modernization of Ukrainian society at the end of the 19th Century. His relationships with women and attempts to

redefine traditional views of successful family life can be understood as a part of his broader social enlightenment project.

The second seminar focused on the development of Ukrainian Studies in North America. Oleksiy Tolochko, Volodymyr Kulyk and Eleonora Solovey shared their assessment of the teaching of Ukrainian studies in the United States.

Vsevolod Rechytskyj began the third seminar by presenting his understanding of “symbolic reality,” its functions, limits and possibilities. The lively discussion that followed demonstrated the relevance of the topic.



Oleh Bilij, Natalia Viatkina, Volodymyr Kuznetsov and Iryna Valiavko at a Fulbright Seminar