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## Valentin Zelenyuk 2009 Bill Maynes Award



### Kyiv School of Economics

In 1995 Eurasia Foundation launched a multilateral donor initiative to modernize economics education and research in Ukraine – the Economics Education Research Consortium (EERC). Eurasia Foundation established a two-year English language Master's program in economics, taught in accordance with international standards. EERC became an independent institution in 2003, and has since grown into the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), offering an international caliber Master's degree program.

Today the school ranks among the top schools in Central and Eastern Europe, producing a future generation of world-class economists. In doing so, it helps to improve the economic, business and policymaking environments of Ukraine and neighboring countries.

The school offers internationally recognized two-year, full-time English language Master's programs: an M.A. in Economic Analysis and an M.A. in Financial Economics. The programs are taught by well-known international and western-trained Ukrainian faculty who have strong backgrounds in teaching and research.

- KSE has awarded 442 M.A. degrees since 1998; 56 KSE alumni have been awarded Ph.D.s abroad.
- This year, KSE reviewed 184 new research projects from countries throughout the Eurasia region and awarded 26 grants to individual researchers.
- A joint program with the University of Houston now provides KSE students with an M.A. in Economics accredited in the U.S. and recognized worldwide.



Dr. Valentin Zelenyuk was the first Ukrainian with a western Ph.D. to return to Ukraine as a full-time professor. He has been a professor at the Kyiv School of Economics since 2002 where he teaches econometrics with a focus on productivity analysis. Professor Zelenyuk has also been a visiting researcher at various institutions, including the Davis Center of Harvard University, the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Rice University and the University of Luxembourg.

Outside of academia, Dr. Zelenyuk serves as the CEO of Advisors, L.L.C., a Ukrainian consulting firm. Previously, he served as the chief economist and chief strategist at Millennium Capital, one of Ukraine's largest investment banks and is currently working for the Central Bank of Luxembourg on the theory and application of productivity analysis.

Professor Zelenyuk received his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in economics from Oregon State University and his B.S. from Donetsk State University of Economics and Trade. He was an Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellow, and has twice been honored with the Swedish Government Professorship Award.

