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**The Subaltern Strikes Back, or How
Ukraine Is Claiming Agency from
Russia and the EU**

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This talk will argue that Russia's full-scale invasion has acted as a critical juncture for Ukraine, to the point that effective agency has emerged from a state of ontological anxiety. From the EU's side, Ukraine has finally been embraced within the European family by receiving candidate status. From Russia's side, Ukraine's successful application for EU candidate status has consolidated Ukraine's departure from Russia's perceived sphere of influence. Along with Ukraine's nationwide resistance against the invasion, this destabilises Russia's projected identity discourse around the Slavic brotherhood and the "Russian world".

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