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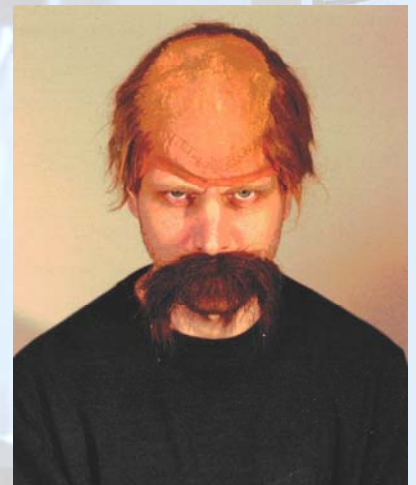
## «Taras Shevchenko in the Cultural Memory of Ukraine»

on **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at **16:30**  
in the Center for Polish and European Studies  
(Voloska str. 10, basement of the building 6 of NaUKMA)

*Scholars who have studied Taras Shevchenko's life often have been tied in a struggle to uncover the "real" poet. This lecture considers a different question: What is Shevchenko's role in contemporary "cultural memory" and "politics of history" in Ukraine and what are the main – sometimes quite contradictory – arguments put forward by writers, artists, scholars and politicians in negotiating their notions of Shevchenko? The lecture will emphasise that some interest groups portray Shevchenko as a "national genius" and as one of the founding spiritual fathers of independent Ukraine, whereas others depict him as a construction that changes due to processes and debates in society.*



*The lecture explores firstly the contrasting readings of Shevchenko in academic as well as in public controversies surrounding his personae and secondly, the purpose of these constructions in contemporary Ukraine.*



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