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The change of power command in Ukraine: what will be then – development or balancing?

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Schedule Information:

Scheduled Time: Mon, Jul 11 - 9:00am - 10:30am **Building/Room:** Bilgi University building A, Room Z39

In Session Submission: 4F Group Membership, Prejudice, and Trust

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Abstract:

The data of representative survey of public opinion about actual questions of social-political life made by the Institute of Social and Political Psychology of National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine are analyzed. The period from 2004 till 2010 especially the initial times of the new powerful commands acting (may, 2005 and august, 2010) is investigated. The data of seven surveys are compared. The numbers of respondents in each of these surveys are not less 2000 persons. The ratings of trust to the central government bodies during the first months after presidents` elections in 2004 and 2010 are compared. The data about the electoral activity, support by Ukrainians of different political forces in its dynamics, theirs evaluations of the changes in the election laws, the government`s actions in the economic and foreign affairs spheres, national identity feelings are analyzed too with the purpose of deeper understanding of the situation. The conclusions about essential lowering of the level of the Ukrainians citizens involveness in the political process that take place on the background of increasing meaning of economic factor in the relations of the government bodies and society and importance of geopolitical factor are made. The prognosis about leading tendency in government bodies self-realization as

determined by the need to keep the balance in the electoral field and so don't promote the policy of principal changes is made too. The question whether the accumulation of positive changes in the society, its development take place remain without answer: in 2005 and 2010 (the years of government command changes) the part of the Ukrainians who were proud of their country in the day of celebration of the independency of Ukraine were practically the same. The research aiming the answer to this question is in the agenda.

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