

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY THROUGH THE PRISM OF WAR: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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The purpose of this article is to research current aspects of international cooperation of institutions of higher education of the system of internal affairs (the practice of the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs) in the field of educational activity through the prism of war, as well as to reveal the national strategy of internationalization of higher education in Ukraine. The article examines the prerequisites for the involvement of foreign scientists in teaching in Ukrainian institutions of higher education. Methods of attracting foreign persons with academic degrees to the educational process in Ukraine were determined and the practice of the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs during military operations on the territory of Ukraine was considered. In this study, the authors determined that the internationalization of higher education is taking on the signs of a qualitatively new stage – integration, which accumulates the potential to solve a threefold task: achieving a level of higher education that would meet the needs and demands of modern international society; equalization of the level of national education systems; training of qualified personnel. It is substantiated that the most important manifestation of the internationalization of higher education is international cooperation between universities in the provision of educational services. The processes of globalization, which require a collective mind, consolidation of knowledge and world experience, which is considered as one of the effective ways of developing national education systems, make it difficult to ensure the proper level of cooperation between various institutions and the achievement of the tasks set before educational activities, and therefore require improvement and new approaches to solving urgent problems. The conclusions state that cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations for the purpose of studying and implementing the experience of foreign countries in the field of training police personnel, implementing a mutual exchange of experience on issues of national priority interest of the state, mutual participation in scientific and practical conferences and seminars, implementing exchange of specialists for lecturing, accumulation of educational, methodical

and scientific literature, as well as internships with the aim of increasing the level of training of police personnel are important, but not the only areas that need development and improvement in order to establish international cooperation in the Police Department.

**Key words:** internationalization of higher education, involvement of foreign scientists-teachers in the teaching process, international cooperation, globalization of higher education, international cooperation in the field of educational activity.

**Боксгорн А. В., Волошанівська Т. В. Міжнародне співробітництво у сфері освітньої діяльності крізь призму війни: виклики і можливості**

Метою цієї статті є дослідження актуальних аспектів міжнародного співробітництва закладів вищої освіти системи внутрішніх справ (практика Одеського державного університету внутрішніх справ) у сфері освітньої діяльності крізь призму війни, а також розкриття національної стратегії інтернаціоналізації вищої освіти в Україні. У статті досліджено передумови залучення іноземних науковців до викладання в українських закладах вищої освіти. Визначено способи залучення іноземних осіб із вченими ступенями до освітнього процесу в Україні та розглянуто практику Одеського державного університету внутрішніх справ під час ведення воєнних дій на території України. У цьому дослідженні авторками визначено, що інтернаціоналізація вищої освіти набуває ознак якісно нового етапу – інтеграції, що акумулює потенціал для вирішення триєдиного завдання: досягнення такого рівня вищої освіти, який би відповідав потребам і запитам сучасного міжнародного суспільства; вирівнювання рівня національних систем освіти; підготовка кваліфікованих кадрів. Обґрунтовано, що найважливішим проявом інтернаціоналізації вищої освіти є міжнародна співпраця між університетами щодо надання освітніх послуг. Процеси глобалізації, які вимагають колективного розуму, консолідації знань і світового досвіду, що розглядається як один із ефективних шляхів розвитку національних систем освіти, ускладнюють забезпечення належного рівня співробітництва між різними інституціями та досягнення поставлених

завдань перед освітньою діяльністю, а отже, потребують вдосконалення та нових підходів до вирішення нагальних проблем. У висновках сформульовано, що співпраця із міжнародними та неурядовими організаціями з метою вивчення і впровадження досвіду зарубіжних країн у сфері підготовки поліцейських кадрів, реалізація взаємного обміну досвідом з питань, що становлять загальнонаціональний пріоритетний інтерес держави, взаємну участь у науково-практичних конференціях та семінарах, здійснення обміну фахівцями для читання лекцій, накопичення навчальної, методичної і наукової літератури, а також проходження стажування з метою підвищення рівня підготовки поліцейських кадрів є важливими, однак не єдиними напрямками, які потребують розвитку та вдосконалення задля налагодження міжнародного співробітництва в ОДУВС.

**Ключові слова:** інтернаціоналізація вищої освіти, залучення до процесу викладання іноземних науковців-викладачів, міжнародне співробітництво, глобалізація вищої освіти, міжнародне співробітництво у сфері освітньої діяльності.

#### **Statement of the problem and its relevance.**

The introduction of martial law as a special regime introduced on the territory of Ukraine by the Decree of the President of Ukraine dated February 24, 2022 No. 64/2022 due to the act of military aggression of the Russian Federation became a test for the entire people of Ukraine.

The full-scale war currently underway requires the training of qualified, educated law enforcement personnel. Odesa State University of Internal Affairs (hereinafter – OSUIA) is a leading institution of higher education of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine with specific study conditions, which provides graduate training and professional training of personnel for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the National Police of Ukraine. It is a modern institution of higher education of the European model, which implements innovative educational activities, taking into account the best experience of foreign partners, conducts fundamental and applied scientific research, and for many years has been an integral part of the personnel training system for various divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

Given the fact that today the education system in Ukraine is in a state of transformation, it is extremely important to take into account and use the experience of foreign specialists in the field of educational activity, even through the prism of war, taking into account innovative methods of teaching and learning in institutions of higher education.

#### **Analysis of recent research and publications.**

The analysis of current aspects of international cooperation in the field of educational activity and the problems of internationalization of higher education was carried out by both Ukrainian and foreign scientists. Among important studies devoted to the internationalization of higher education, attention should be paid to the scientific work of M. Debych, who conducted a systematic study of the trends and features of the internationalization of higher education in foreign countries [10].

Analysis of the strategy of internationalization of higher education in European countries, determination of their features and differences was carried out by a team of Ukrainian authors (L. Horbunova, M. Debych, V. Zinchenko, I. Stepanenko and O. Shipko) [9]. Worthy of attention for understanding concepts and a comprehensive approach to the internationalization of research by foreign experts on issues of international higher education, in particular: J. Knight, the author of the generally accepted definition of internationalization [1]; F. Altbach and G. de Wit, who examined internationalization through the prism of a global phenomenon in historical retrospect [3], J. Knight, S. Robertson, P. Scott, and others [2-5].

Theoretical and methodological issues of internationalization of higher education were highlighted in the works of the following scientists: M. Boychenko, A. Verbytska, V. Voronkova, O. Nitenko, M. Trebin, and others [6-12]. Given the analysis of scientific research on international cooperation in the field of educational activity and various problems of internationalization of higher education, a number of topical questions that require further scientific research and discussions remain debatable.

**The purpose of this article** is to research current aspects of international cooperation of institutions of higher education of the system of internal affairs (the practice of the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs) in the field of educational activity through the prism of war, as well as to reveal the national strategy of internationalization of higher education in Ukraine.

**Presenting main material.** The internationalization of higher education acquires the characteristics of a qualitatively new stage – integration, which accumulates the potential to solve a threefold task: achieving a level of higher education that would meet the needs and demands of modern international society; equalization of the level of national education systems; training of qualified personnel.

By its content, the integration of higher education is a comprehensive convergence of national

education systems, their mutual complementation, the transformation of higher education into a global open social system with civilizational values and goals, flexible connections between its components and elements, the systematicity of the elements themselves, the integrity of higher education, the integrity higher education and the variability of regulatory regulation.

Ensuring a higher education system integrated into the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area is one of the goals of reforming the higher education system in Ukraine. The formation and improvement of normative and legal regulation of the sphere of higher education, in particular ensuring the quality of education in Ukraine in accordance with European standards, is one of the priorities of the activity of both higher authorities in the field of education and the institutions of higher education.

The formation, taking into account European standards and international experience of a progressive legal framework, primarily regarding the quality of education, is primarily one of the main factors that will ensure the realization of human rights to quality education and one of the main factors of training a qualified specialist.

Institutions of higher education have one of the main missions – this is the creation of the necessary conditions for students of higher education to implement the educational process and obtain knowledge, best experience, as well as qualifications. It is in order to achieve the specified goals of reform in the field of higher education that institutions of higher education need to apply innovative teaching methods and training, taking into account the experience of international partners, while actualizing the implementation of academic mobility and raising the level of training, which meets the needs of modern international society.

International cooperation is an integral part of the activities of the OSUIA. The following are the priority areas of activity of the institution of higher education: preparation of projects and signing of agreements (memorandums, protocols) on cooperation in the field of educational activities with foreign educational institutions, institutions, foundations, international and intergovernmental organizations; expanding contacts in the field of joint implementation of scientific and practical projects, in particular by holding joint international scientific and practical conferences, seminars, trainings, workshops, webinars, round tables; searching and disseminating information on international exchange

programs, providing scholarships and grants, establishing an effective exchange of employees and students of higher education with foreign institutions of higher education in order to improve their professional level; achievement of international quality standards in the field of education; formation of a culture of international cooperation among students and teaching staff; cooperation with foreign educational institutions in order to conduct joint scientific research for the needs of the internal affairs bodies of both countries; cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations in order to study and implement the experience of foreign countries in the field of training police personnel; implementation of mutual exchange of experience on matters of national priority interest of the state, exchange of specialists for lectures, accumulation of educational, methodical and scientific literature, as well as internships in order to improve the level of training of police personnel; exchange of scientific and methodical materials.

Despite the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine, the OSUIA actively continues to carry out international cooperation with foreign partners in order to obtain advanced teaching experience and improve the qualifications of teachers, as well as students of higher education. Since the introduction of martial law, the following international events have been held at the university:

– online lecture on the topic: “Domestic violence”, organized by the OSUIA together with the Lithuanian Police School (the speaker of the event was Mindaugas Baranauskas, head of the police activity department of the Lithuanian Police School);

– Speaking Club meeting on the topic “Maintaining human rights during the time of emergency and martial war” (guests of the event: representatives of the EUAM Georgios Pokas; senior adviser on general law enforcement activities of the Regional Representation of the EUAM in Odesa Christian Lippman; senior adviser on criminal investigation; Volodymyr Belenkyi, expert on prosecutor’s office reform);

– Speaking Club meeting on the topic “Activities of representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine within UN peacekeeping operations” (“Activities of representatives of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine in UN peacekeeping operations”), the speaker of the event was the professor of the Department of Cyber Security and Information Support, Doctor of Legal Sciences Volodymyr Pyadyshev;

– Speaking Club meeting on the topic of international law, which is relevant in the conditions of Russian aggression: “International crimes and protection of civilians” (guests of the event: representatives of the EUAM in Odesa – Christian Lippman, senior adviser on criminal investigation, and Volodymyr Belenky, expert on the reform of the prosecutor’s office);

– an online lecture with the participation of the adviser/trainer on proper human resource management of the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine (EUAM) Martins Tols on the topic “Management of conflicts”;

– Speaking Club meeting with native speaker Mark Barnard on the topic “Prospects of work at the FBI Academy in the USA”;

– optional online lecture on the topic “Introduction to the American civil legal system”. The event was conducted by Tom Glassman, a lawyer from the Ohio District of Kentucky in the United States of America;

– optional online lecture on the topic “Introduction to the US legal system”. The event was conducted by Janet K.G. Dickson, Associate Professor of the Department of Legal Sciences of Seattle University School of Law;

– optional online lecture on the topic “Fundamentals of police activity in Germany”. The event was conducted by Arndt Kunnecke, professor of public law and politics at the Federal University of Applied Sciences in Public Administration (Brühl) in Germany;

– Speaking Club meeting with the participation of Mark Barnard on the topic “Features of the investigation of criminal cases in the USA”;

– an optional lecture with cadets of the faculties – participants of the Speaking club on the topic “The latest trends in the activities of the Lithuanian police in the fight against violence in the immediate environment” with the participation of the deputy head of the Department of Police Activities of the Lithuanian Police School Vilius Velicka;

– optional online class on the topic “Persuasion in normative analysis: the experience of the USA” (the event was conducted by an Associate Professor of the Department of Legal Sciences of Seattle University School of Law Janet K.G. Dickson);

– an optional online class on the topic “Common difficulties in drafting contracts” (the event was conducted by Professor Andrew Turner of the University of Wisconsin in Madison);

– online class on the topic “A brief introduction to the law of human rights” (the event was con-

ducted by an associate professor of the Department of Human Rights of the Faculty of Law and Administration of Nicolaus Copernicus University (Poland) Julia Kapelańska-Pręgowska);

– an optional online class with the participation of Professor Andrew Turner of the University of Wisconsin at Madison on the topic “Basic Components of Effective Contracts”;

– online meeting of the rector of the University of Applied Sciences with the rector of the Management Academy of Applied Sciences in the city of Warsaw (Republic of Poland);

– an optional online class with the participation of Associate Professor Paolo Butturini of the University of Verona on the following topics: “Legal education and professions in Italy (individual practice and associated companies)” and “Negotiations and conflict prevention in Italian corporate law”;

– training on the basic skills of mediation for cadets and students of the OSUIA, under the leadership of the adviser/trainer on management and personnel management of the EUAM Martins Tols;

– an optional online class with the participation of Professor of Legal Writing (International LLM Program) IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law Lurene Contento on the topic “Fundamentals of the US Legal System”;

– classes for police officers of the anti-domestic violence sector and precinct officers of the GUNP police in Odesa region with the participation of the representative of the Advisory Mission of the European Union Nekulai Oprea;

– an online lecture with the participation of professors from the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School for higher education applicants of the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School;

– online meeting of representatives of the European Union and the company Particip with representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs regarding cooperation with the NATO Integrity Education Program;

– meeting of a scientific and practical round table on the topic “Interaction of the police with the population on the basis of partnership: Current state and prospects for development” with the participation of representatives of the Consultative Mission of the European Union;

– a working meeting of the rector of the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs with the senior adviser on general law enforcement activities, acting Heads of the Regional Representation of the EUAM in Odesa;

– seminar-training under the program “Police urban warfare tactics and protection of police forces” with the participation of the instructor of police disciplines of the Mountain Police Department of the city of Golden, Colorado, Mr. Steven Tomberlin, for university employees;

– practical seminar-training “Tactics of providing pre-medical care to the wounded in battle” with the participation of the instructor of the volunteer movement “Ten men” project Adriel Stol-futs for students of higher education of the University;

– an optional online class with the participation of University of Wisconsin Law School Professor of Law, Director of the Indigenous Internship Program, Director of the Government and Legislative Clinic Erin Kelly McBride on the topic “Law and Law Enforcement Practice in the United States”;

– an optional online class with the participation of the associate professor of the Northeastern University School of Law Stevie Leahy on the topic “The US Legal System”;

– the annual international scientific and practical conference “Cybersecurity in Ukraine: legal and organizational issues”, in which more than 60 representatives from Ukraine, Turkey, Hungary, Italy, Ireland and Portugal took part;

– a meeting of the management and representatives of the OSUIA with the experts of the EUAM in the field of investigation and prosecution support for international and war crimes (special operational group on international crimes).

During 2022, the employees of the OSUIA also actively participated in various international events, which were also organized by the partners of the OSUIA. Among them, the following can be noted:

– the head of the international cooperation department took part in the work of the International Conference “Modern educational process in the training of law enforcement personnel: innovations, challenges and opportunities” and the Meeting of the Board of the Association of European Police Colleges (Riga, Latvia);

– teachers of the department of tactical-special, fire and physical training of the faculty of training specialists for criminal police units took part in the international educational training “International police training with the use of weapons and tactics”, which was held on the basis of the Lithuanian Police School;

– specialists of the international cooperation department held an online lecture for students from the United States of America (Seattle University School of Law) on the topic “Educational process at the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs during the introduction of martial law” and partic-

ipated in the webinar “Fraud with online payments and skimming”, within the CEPOL TOPCOP project;

– the dean of the faculty of training specialists for criminal police units and the associate professor of the department of tactical-special, fire and physical training made a study visit to the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Republic of Bulgaria);

– the professor of the department of cyber security and information support took part in the online course “Protection of public places, critical infrastructure and cyber security”, which is conducted by the European Union Agency for the Training of Law Enforcement Officers (CEPOL) on the LEEEd CEPOL platform;

– psychologist of the psychological support department of the personnel support department of the State Security Service of Ukraine Victoria Dubinyak joined the online event “Day of Mental Health”, organized by the EUAM on Reforming the Civil Security Sector of Ukraine with the participation of international, European and Ukrainian experts.

Separately, it should be noted that on October 31, the Constituent Assembly of the Ukrainian Section of the International Police Association (International Police Association – IPA) was held.

During 2022, the following agreements were concluded on the cooperation of OSUIA with foreign institutions of higher education, in particular:

1) Memorandum on cooperation between OSUIA and E-SCIENCE SPACE;

2) Memorandum on cooperation between OSUIA and the Higher School of Management in Warsaw;

3) Agreement on cooperation between OSUIA and Batumi State University named after Shota Rustaveli;

4) Protocol on cooperation between OSUIA and the University of Administrative Service in Bavaria;

5) Agreement on cooperation between the OSUIA and the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Republic of Bulgaria);

6) Agreement on cooperation between the OSUIA and the State Police College of Latvia.

**Conclusions.** Today, the internationalization of higher education is taking on the signs of a qualitatively new stage – integration, which accumulates the potential to solve a threefold task: achieving a level of higher education that would meet the needs and demands of modern international society; equalization of the level of national education systems; training of qualified personnel. Its most important manifestation is international cooperation between universities in the provision of educational services. However, the processes of globalization, which require a collective mind, consolidation of knowledge and world experience,

which is considered as one of the effective ways of developing national education systems, make it difficult to ensure the proper level of cooperation between various institutions and the achievement of the tasks set for educational activities, and therefore require improvement and new approaches to solving urgent problems. In order to ensure a high level of knowledge of students of higher education and bring international cooperation to a radically new level, it is worth working in such areas as:

- organization and participation in the formation of the main directions of international cooperation of the university, taking into account the peculiarities of the modern state policy of the development of international relations;
- activation of participation in international cooperation of students, cadets and teaching staff;
- implementation of grant activities and participation in international grant competitions;
- achievement of international quality standards in the field of education;
- formation of a culture of international cooperation among students and teaching staff;
- cooperation with foreign educational institutions in order to conduct joint scientific research for the needs of the internal affairs bodies of both countries;
- cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations in order to study and implement the experience of foreign countries in the field of training police personnel;
- implementation of mutual exchange of experience on matters of national priority interest of the state, mutual participation in scientific and practical conferences and seminars, exchange of specialists for lectures, accumulation of educational, methodical and scientific literature, as well as internships with the aim of increasing the level of training of police officer's personnel;
- exchange of scientific and methodical materials;
- conducting bilateral (multilateral) scientific and practical events (conferences, seminars, round tables);
- preparation of draft agreements, protocols and programs of bilateral and multilateral cooperation of the university with foreign educational institutions, institutions, foundations, international and intergovernmental organizations in the field of legal education and law enforcement activities.

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