

Serhiy Kvit

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Serhiy Kvit, a prominent commentator on educational issues, was born on 26th November 1965 in the city of Uzhhorod (Western Ukraine).

He completed his secondary education in 1982 in Lviv. In the years 1983-1985 he completed his military service in the Sports Company of the Carpathian military district. Upon conclusion of his military service he commenced a study course at the Faculty of Journalism in the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv which he completed in 1991. In 2001 he obtained his doctorate at the Free Ukrainian University, Germany (Munich).

He has continued his journalistic activities since his student days until the present. In 1992 he became editor of the newspaper "Tak" ("Yes") at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NUKMA), and headed the Journal "Ukrainian Problems from 1993 to 2003.

He commenced lecturing in 1997 in the Institute of Journalism (Taras Shevchenko National University) where he worked until 2001.

He headed the Press Department of the State Committee for Information Policy in the period 2000 – 2001.

He returned to NUKMA in 2001 when he founded the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Journalism and became president of the Media Reform Centre, set up to initiate open debate and promote more transparent media and government. He was dean of the university's social studies faculty from 2002-07.

He has been rector (president) of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy since his election in 2007.

He currently serves as chairman of the Consortium of University Autonomy. Dr Kvit's research focuses on mass communications, university management and philosophical hermeneutics; he has published several books and numerous articles. He has a PhD from the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and also holds a doctorate in philology. He subsequently held a Fulbright scholarship at Ohio University, US, a Kennan Institute scholarship at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre in Washington DC and a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship at the University of Cologne.

He is a Master in the sport of fencing.
