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UMass Amherst and Kyiv School of Economics Partnership Continuing to Deliver Global Impact

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The University of Massachusetts Amherst's partnership with the [Kyiv School of Economics](#) (KSE) continues to demonstrate the transformative impact that international academic collaboration can achieve, even in the most challenging circumstances.

Since launching the Virtual Scholar in Residence initiative and related collaborative efforts, UMass Amherst and KSE have fostered a growing network of scholars, researchers, and students working together on issues of global significance. The partnership has produced joint research, faculty collaborations, scholarly exchanges, and opportunities for Ukrainian academics to remain connected to the international research community.

The latest example of the partnership's impact comes from research led by Professor [Anna Nagurney](#), Eugene M. Isenberg Chair in Integrative Studies at the [Isenberg School of Management](#), [Ismael Pour](#), an Operations Management doctoral student in the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, and Professor [Borys Kormych](#), an Odesa-based legal scholar who participated as a non-resident Virtual Scholar. Their research on integrated cargo and war-risk insurance has been prominently cited in a recent OECD report on financing mechanisms for Ukraine's infrastructure reconstruction.

"This recognition by the OECD highlights the real-world impact that can emerge when scholars from different countries collaborate to address urgent global challenges," said Nagurney. "The partnership with KSE has created opportunities for meaningful research that contributes directly to Ukraine's recovery reconstruction and economic resilience."

The citation represents another milestone in what has become one of UMass Amherst's most productive international partnerships. By connecting UMass faculty and students with leading Ukrainian scholars, the collaboration has advanced research, strengthened institutional ties, and generated knowledge that is informing policy discussions at the international level.

"The success of our partnership with KSE demonstrates the power of higher education to build bridges, support scholars in times of crisis, and produce research with global impact," said [Kalpen Trivedi](#), Vice Provost for Global Affairs at UMass Amherst. "We are proud of what this collaboration has achieved and excited about its continued growth."

As Ukraine continues its reconstruction efforts, the UMass Amherst-KSE partnership stands as a model for how universities can leverage international cooperation to address pressing societal challenges while creating lasting academic and research connections.

Read more

OECD Report, ["Exploring financing mechanisms for Ukraine's infrastructure reconstruction."](#)

ITOR Paper: Nagurney, A., I. Pour and B. Kormych (2025), "Integrated crop and cargo war risk insurance: application to Ukraine", International Transactions in Operational Research, Vol. 33/1, pp. 5-37, <https://doi.org/10.1111/itor.70038>.

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