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Biography

Vitalii Kotsur was born on October 4, 1986 in Romny city, Sumy region in the family of educators Viktor Kotsur and Nadiya Kotsur. This family has deep roots of the genus, which dates back to the time of the Cossacks, has worked for several generations in the field of education and science. Particularly extensive and versatile information about the family is contained in the book written by the famous historian-ethnographer Petro Kotsur "The tree of my genus"¹, which tells about the history of the village of Sakunyha and the village of Kotsurove, Nedryhailiv district, Sumy region, contains interesting, moving memories, essays, stories from the author's life, his

family, fellow villagers. Vitalii Kotsur spent his early childhood in the village of Sakunyha

Education

In 1992, he began to study at the secondary school number 1 in Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi in Kyiv Region. He took an active part in education and sport events both at the local and national levels. He is the winner of art and literature competitions, all-Ukrainian school Olympiads² and research works competitions held by the Minor Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in History (2000-2003)³⁴⁵. In 1999, he graduated with honors children's art school. In 2002, he completed computer operator's courses at the SHEI "Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University". In 2003, he graduated Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi school number 1 with a gold medal.

Following his father's example, famous historian Viktor Kotsur and his grandfather Petro Kotsur, he entered the historical faculty at the SHEI «Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University» and graduated it with honors in 2006, received a specialty in History and Law. During 2003-2007, he was studying at the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University, specializing in international information. In 2006, he trained in Bremen in the Deutsche Angestellten-Akademie, as well as in CASA Internationale Sprachschule Bremen. In 2009, he graduated Khmelnytsky National University, specialty "International Information" and obtained the specialization "information analyst-internationalist, translator". In 2010, he graduated Khmelnytsky National University, specialty "Finance".

From 2007 to 2010, he was postgraduate student at the SHEI «Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University». On June 7, 2011 he defended his Ph.D. thesis on "Ethnopolitical Conflict in Transnistria in the Context of Ukrainian-Moldovan Interstate Relations" at the I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethno-National Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and obtained a Ph.D. in Political Science in specialty 23.00.05 - Ethnopolitics and Ethno-state studies.

Work

In 2003, he worked as a leading specialist at the SHEI «Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University».

In 2010, due to the creation of the department of political science at the SHEI «Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University», he began its scientific and pedagogical activity in this structural unit of the university.

In 2011, after defending his Ph.D. thesis, he began working at the Department of National Minorities of I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethno-National Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Since 2011 he has been working as a teacher, senior lecturer and associate professor of political science department at the SHEI «Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi Hryhorii Skovoroda State Pedagogical University» (part-time job), in the city of Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi.

¹ Коцур П.М. Дерево мого роду. Переяслав-Хмельницький.: Книги XXI, 2005. 408 с.

² Обдаровані діти – майбутнє України. Переяславська Рада. Газета міської ради № 21(72). 1 червня 2002. С.7

³ Високі досягнення малих академіків. Переяславська Рада. Газета міської ради № 10(15). 20-26 квітня 2001. С.2

⁴ І олімпійці, і академіки. Переяславська Рада. Газета міської ради № 12(17). 4-10 травня 2001. С.2

⁵ Нагороди юним науковцям. Переяславська Рада. Газета міської ради № 13(115). 28 березня 2003. С.1

After the Revolution of Dignity in 2014-2015, he worked as the Chief consultant at the Office for Interaction of the President of Ukraine with the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of the Presidential Administration in Kyiv.

Since 2015, he has been working as a Senior Research Scientist of the Department of National Minorities of I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethno-National Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine⁶.

From 2015 - consultant of the People's Deputy of Parliament of Ukraine.

Hobby

In his spare time, Vitalii Kotsur he paints exquisite paintings. He has been playing football for many years (football championship of Pereiaslav-Khmelnyskyi district of FC "Grand"⁷ in the village of Studenyky), he likes skiing, snowboarding, and he is also a fan of glorious football club Dynamo Kyiv.

International cooperation in the field of science and education:

Since 2010, he has been a member of the European Association for Security⁸

Since 2018, he has worked as the reporter of the UN advisory NGO - Cercles Nationaux de Réflexion sur la Jeunesse⁹

Participation in international projects:

The head of the working group in the Ukrainian delegation in the international EU Project 2017 "Strengthen Cross-Cultural Connections, Embrace the Differences." The project was implemented by the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture within the framework of the Erasmus Educational Exchanges + from 5.05 to 4.11.2017¹⁰

Danish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights - executant of the Danish-Ukrainian project "Human Rights, Democracy, Diversity and Internationalization of Ukrainian Society" 1.02. to 1.09.2017

Member of the EU program Erasmus + KA2. No. 586098-EPP-1-2017-1-UA-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP " Modernization of Pedagogical Higher Education by Innovative Teaching Instruments - MoPED" from October 15, 2017 to October 14, 2020

Public activity:

Active Member of the Ukrainian revolution of 2014 (also known as the Euromaidan Revolution or Revolution of Dignity). One of the organizers of the Pereiaslav Taras Tryasylo self-defense squad, which joined the protest actions during the Euromaidan and eventually was reorganized into a public organization for the protection of the public security and law "Self-Defense of Pereiaslavschna", headed by well-known public figure, doctor of historical sciences, professor Yaroslav Potapenko.

- Chairman of the Public Council under the Executive Committee of Pereiaslav-Khmelnyskyi City Council
- Secretary of the public organization for the protection of the public security and law "Self-Defense of Pereiaslavschna"
- Member of the public organization "Maidan Pereiaslavschny" and "Pereiaslav Treasure"
- Member of the National Union of Regional History of Ukraine
- Member of the NGO "Resource Center for Constant Development"

Vitalii Kotsur speaks Ukrainian, Russian, English. He also knows German (reads and translates with a dictionary).

Certification training:

Certificate of a training course on international humanitarian law organized by the Institute of Legislation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on December 4-8, 2017 as part of a joint project on the implementation of international humanitarian law.

Vitalii Kotsur obtained the Certificate of professional development № KU02070944/000586-17 after he completed the skills development program from January 26, 2017 till October 31, 2017, at the Institute of Postgraduate Education. He fulfilled the program "Practical course of English language" for civil servants, employees of Ukrainian security and defense institutions in accordance with the agreement with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO, Brussels) No. 2015/7082 of 9.11.2017.

He got the Certificate of advanced training № 12SPV182450 after he completed the skills development program from February 13, 2018 till June 14, 2018 at the Ukrainian School of Lawmaking of the Institute of Legislation of

⁶ Employees of the I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethno-National Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

URL: <http://www.ypiend.gov.ua/?mid=162>

⁷ Переяслав-Хмельницька районна федерація футболу. URL: <http://phrff.org.ua/player/kocur-vitalij/>

⁸ European Association for Security. Members. URL: <https://www.eas.info.pl/czlonkowie>

⁹ Cercles Nationaux de Réflexion sur la Jeunesse URL: http://cnrj.org/author/cnrj_vkotsur/

¹⁰ Kotsur Vitaliy. EU project 2017 «Strengthen cross-cultural connections, embrace the difference» URL: http://www.ypiend.gov.ua/?mid=16&action=news_detail&new_id=249

the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine under the program "European Parliament Law" for civil servants № 1570/18 dated June 19, 2018

Fields of scientific interests:

- national minorities of Ukraine, ethno-national policy;
- international security, national security;
- conflicts in the post-Soviet countries;
- educational management.

Scientific work:

He is the author of more than 100 publications on ethnic history, political sciences, Ukraine politics, ethnopolitics, state policy on national minorities in Ukraine, national security, conflicts. He is a member of the author's collective of monographs "Donbas in Ethnopolitical Dimension" (2014)¹¹ and "Galicia in the Ethnopolitical Dimension" (2017)¹². He researches contemporary ethnopolitical processes in Ukraine and the world, national minorities, their history, current condition, prospects of development, as well as contemporary problems of national security.

Books: Ethnopolitical Conflict in Transnistria in the Context of Ukrainian-Moldovan Interstate Relations¹³

The monograph examines the dynamics of ethnopolitical conflict in Transdniestria and prospects of its regulation for state-to-state relations between Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. The author studies the historical and ethnopolitical essence of the conflict, defines the pre-conditions of the cooperation between Ukraine and Moldova and other state-to-state relations and analyzes the approaches of all the parties concerned with the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict.

Ukraine in the system of international security and Euro-Atlantic cooperation: a manual for independent study of discipline / Form. V. V. Kotsur. Pereiaslav-Khmelnitsky: Physical Person Pursuing Entrepreneurial Activity Y. M. Dombrovskaya. 2017. 180 p.

Brochures: Ukraine in the System of International Security and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation: Module-Controlling Tasks for Self Study of the Discipline / Form. V. V. Kotsur. Pereiaslav-Khmelnitsky: Physical Person Pursuing Entrepreneurial Activity Y. M. Dombrovskaya. 2017. 60 p.

Awards and honors:

Nagrada European Association for Security Vitalii Kotsur za razvoj nauk o bezpieczenstwie rozprawa doktorska pt. Konflikt w Nadniestrzu w kontekscie stosunkow ukraińsko-moldawskich. European Union. Krakow 12.05.2012

Certificate of honor to the participant of the Ukrainian revolution of 2014 (also known as the Euromaidan Revolution or Revolution of Dignity) to the Day of Prosperity and Freedom. Chairman of the Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi District State Administration Hryhorii Dubyna. November 21, 2014

Diploma of the I. F. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethno-National Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine for honest work and scientific achievements. Director of the Institute, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine O.O. Rafalskyi, Kyiv, December 11, 2016

Acknowledgment for personal contribution to the improvement of legislation in the field of national security and defense, information and methodological support to the activities of the Secretariat of National Security and Defense Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, for the feeling of high patriotism and civic stance. Chairman of the Committee S. Pashynsky, Kyiv. October 4, 2016

Order of St. Archangel Michael for merits on the revival of spirituality in Ukraine and the establishment of the Local Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus-Ukraine Filaret No. 2463 dated January 18, 2017

Certificate of Merits to the Chairman of the Public Council under the Executive Committee of the Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi City Council - Vitalii Kotsur for his active participation in the public life of the city on the occasion of the celebration of the Day of the City and the 1110th anniversary of the first mention of Pereiaslav. Mayor T. Kostin. Pereiaslav-Khmelnitskyi, September 2017

¹¹ Донбас в етнополітичному вимірі. – К.: ІПіЕНД імені І.Ф. Кураса НАН України, 2014. – 584 с. URL: http://www.ipiend.gov.ua/img/monograph/file/donbas_181.pdf

¹² Галичина в етнополітичному вимірі / авт. кл.: В.О. Котигоренко (керівник), В.А. Войналович, О.Я. Калакура, Л.Л. Ковач, В.В. Коцур, Н.І. Кочан, О.О. Ляшенко, Н.Ю. Макаренко, Ю.О. Нікалаєць, М.І. Панчук, О.В. Позняк, О.О. Рафальський, М.Ю. Рябчук. – К.: К.: ІПіЕНД імені І.Ф. Кураса НАН України, 2017. – 840 с. URL: http://www.ipiend.gov.ua/img/monograph/file/galychyna_218.pdf

¹³ Етнополітичний конфлікт у Придністров'ї у контексті українсько-молдовських міждержавних відносин. К.: ІПіЕНД ім. І.Ф. Кураса НАН України, 2013. 272 с. URL: http://www.ipiend.gov.ua/img/monograph/file/katsur_167.pdf