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# MODERN HISTORY OF UKRAINE

## THE PATH TO EUROINTEGRATION

Beginn: 17.15 Uhr  
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**This presentation highlights the political dialogue between the EU and Ukraine since 1994 as well as its struggle for EU membership.**

**The second year of the Russian military brutal invasion of Ukraine is going on. But the war began already several years ago in 2014 when Russia decided to redirect Ukraine from the European Union-Ukraine Association Agreement. This political dialogue between the EU and Ukraine began in 1994, when the Partnership and co-operation agreement between the European community, and Ukraine was signed. And although Putin chose to disrupt this process in several ways, e.g., the occupation of the Donbas region and annexation of Crimea, the Ukrainian people have chosen the European way of further development.**

**Russia brutally invaded Ukraine on the 24th of February 2022 in reaction to the Ukrainian steadfast European aspirations. Since then, Ukraine fights its way to EU membership. Informing the Europeans about this entangled history of the path of Eurointegration is important. In order to evaluate this whole process, it is necessary to understand the causes, course, and consequences of these historical and political events.**

**Finally, an empirical analysis by Dr. Muhammad Muhammad will be presented regarding the effectiveness of EU Investments in increasing support for European integration among Ukrainians.**

