Professional bio · Kingston, Ontario

Prof. Svitlana Chukut

Civic learning and public participation

Turning public decisions into opportunities to learn and participate

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Professional perspective

Prof. Svitlana Chukut connects public-administration research with civic learning, professional education and dialogue between institutions and communities. Her experience ranges from organising national E-Governance Days and developing civil-service training to local-government collaboration and Canadian digital course production. Through Chukut Civic Skills Studio, her Learning Lab presents four independent English–French simulations inspired by Ottawa neighbourhoods. They invite learners to consider competing perspectives, make choices and reflect on feedback. Her contribution is grounded in long-standing work on e-democracy, public communication, digital inclusion and the institutional realities of public services. For municipalities, educators and community organisations, she offers a basis for discussing facilitated workshops, locally adapted scenarios and structured learning programmes. These potential collaborations draw on an existing educational portfolio, alongside experience convening government, academia, technology companies and international participants.

4 bilingual simulations Independent Ottawa-inspired civic-learning portfolio

4 national forums Principal organiser of E-Governance Days, 2008–2011

1,000+ participants Participation across the 2011 forum programme

Potential contribution

- Use scenarios to structure discussion, compare evidence and examine stakeholder perspectives.
- Adapt learning activities to verified municipal processes and local priorities with relevant partners.
- Connect learning outcomes, accessible activities, feedback and assessment in professional or community education.

> **Relevant roles and partnerships**
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> Civic-learning designer · Public-service education partner · Workshop and scenario-development collaborator · Community-engagement learning adviser

Selected work and evidence

A civic-learning portfolio that employers can try

Learning Lab · Ottawa-inspired independent scenarios

Have Your Say: A City Decision, Barrhaven East, Kanata North and Bay Ward provide different entry points into civic participation and public decisions. The portfolio includes branching choices, feedback, reflective review and practice resources, with bilingual interfaces and return navigation. The scenarios provide concrete examples to discuss when planning a workshop or an adapted learning experience.

Try Have Your Say: A City Decision Explore all simulations

Convening across institutional boundaries

E-Governance Days · 2008–2011

She initiated and led four national forums connecting public authorities, local government, academics, business and international participants. More than 30 Ukrainian and international companies participated across the series; Microsoft was the general sponsor. The 2011 programme engaged more than 1,000 people. Programmes, photographs and recommendations document her role in connecting discussion, professional learning and policy proposals.

Forum programme and recommendations Sponsors and participating institutions

Public-sector practice informing learning design

Brovary, Kherson region and EGAP

Her record includes Brovary’s e-governance working group (2006–2009), government–public communication and research implementation in Kherson region, support for a pilot School of E-Governance, and expert work with the Swiss-funded EGAP programme (2015–2017). At the National Academy, she developed an Electronic Government master’s programme for public servants and 10 short training programmes.

Regional and international collaboration Professional learning for public servants

Credentials and practical details

Based in Kingston, Ontario. Doctor of Science (DSc) in Public Administration (1999); PhD in Social Philosophy (1993). International qualifications verified by WES Canada (2023). English: professional working proficiency; Ukrainian: native; French: beginner, with structured study in progress.

The full academic CV provides the detailed chronology, publications and professional record.

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