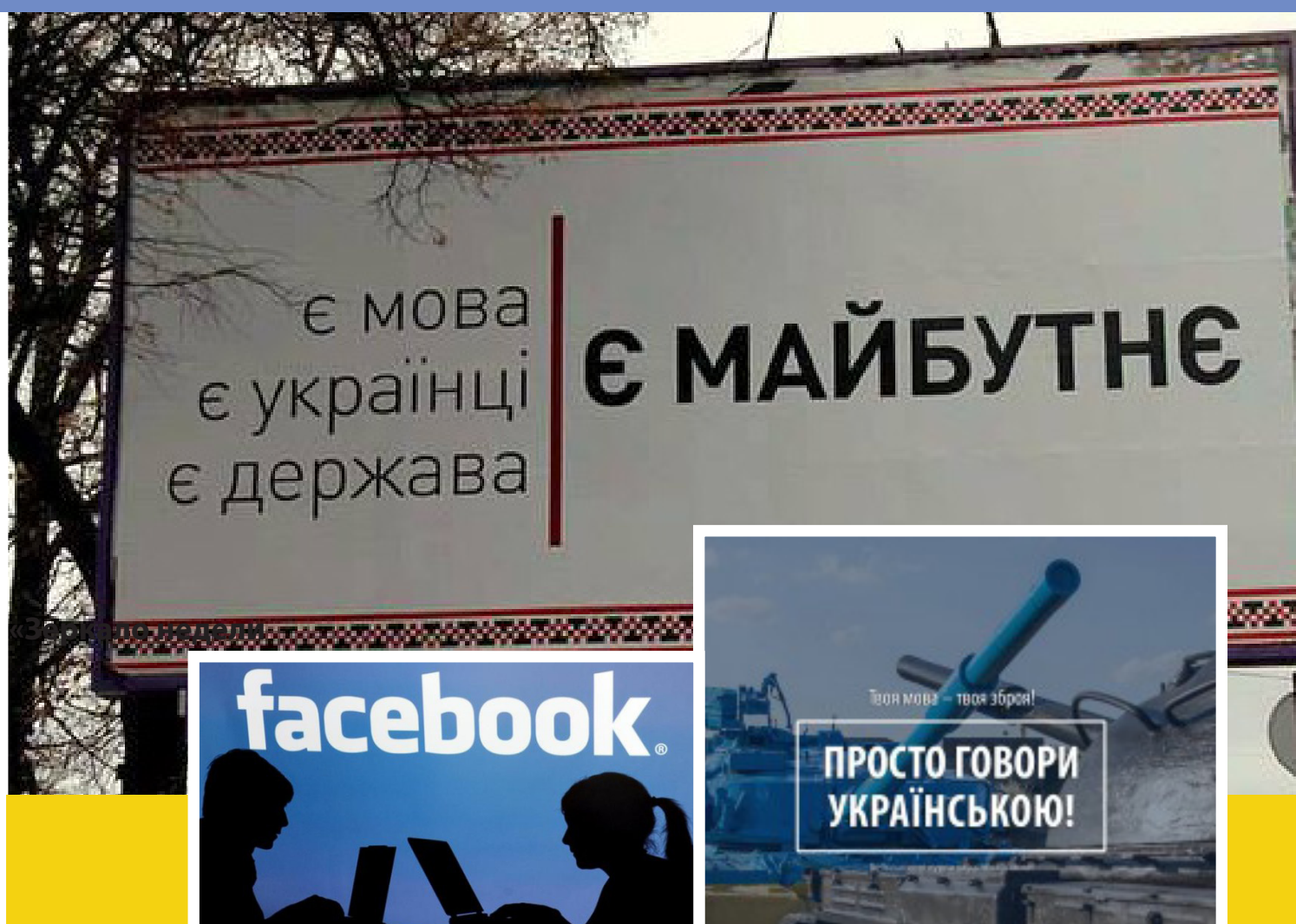


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This lecture will discuss linguistic choices and interaction strategies of Ukrainian Facebook users and their underlying language ideologies. Post-Maidan democratic change and Russian aggression contribute, on the one hand, to the social legitimacy of Russian as one of the languages spoken by Ukraine's citizens and, on the other, to the acknowledgment of the special role of Ukrainian as the national language. Accordingly, both languages are actively used and mostly accepted by Ukrainians as appropriate for social-network communication. At the same time, in many situations the choice of Russian is challenged, thus provoking heated discussions.



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