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Big lie: Chernobyl 20 years on

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The Chernobyl disaster is the subject of the Fourth Annual Stasiuk Lecture in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies, which takes place this Friday (24 February).

Alla Yaroshinskaya, a member of Boris Yeltsin's President's Council from 1992 to 2000, will deliver a lecture on 'Big Lie: Chernobyl Twenty Years On', the title of her latest book.

Dr Yaroshinskaya, a former journalist, first came to international prominence after writing a series of investigative articles about the Chernobyl disaster and, in 1992, won the Alternative Nobel Prize for this work.

She has spent the last few years working on ecological issues and nuclear disarmament and has been a member of Russia's delegation to the United Nations to negotiate nuclear non-proliferation. Dr Yaroshinskaya also continues to champion the survivors of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident, which has its 20th anniversary this year.

Author of more than a dozen books, among them 'Chernobyl: The Forbidden Truth', Dr Yaroshinskaya is the president and founder of the Ecological Charity Fund, as well as the editor and publisher of the 'Nuclear Encyclopedia', the only

reference book of its kind.

The Fourth Annual Stasiuk Lecture in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies is open to the public. It takes place at 5.30pm on Friday (24 February) in the Umney Theatre at Robinson College, Grange Road.

The lecture has been organised by the Cambridge Committee for Russian and East European Studies, with the support of Cambridge University Ukrainian Society and the Stasiuk Programme for Contemporary Ukraine at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta.

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Image of Alla Yaroshinskaya.

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