

The author embarks on a post-colonial analysis of short stories by two fin-de-siècle Ukrainian writers Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky and Mykhailo Hrushevskyi. He scrutinizes the content of utterances by characters in *For the Benefit of All* by Kotsiubynsky, and *Bekh-al'-Dzhuhur* by Hrushevskyi. These utterances are compared to a speech delivered by a former British Prime Minister James Balfour, who openly supported the colonial policy. In the abovementioned short stories the so-called "Balfourian speech" stands in a stark contrast to the narrated world, which turns makes them thoroughly anti-colonial.

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