

The EU's Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: International and European Perspectives

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TOPIC

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the European Union (EU) and its Member States have adopted wide-ranging legal and political measures to support Ukraine in its struggle. This has included political support, financial, military and humanitarian assistance in solidarity with Ukraine and its people. Beyond their impact on the war, these measures also raise important questions for the EU's role in international relations and under EU law, human rights law, and various branches of public international law.

The aim of this conference is to discuss the legal and political issues associated with these EU measures. Rather than discussing the illegality of Russia's invasion, panels will focus on current and future developments, mostly from an international law perspective, but also from International Relations and EU studies perspectives. Bringing together legal and political experts from academia and practice, the conference will explore and discuss these multifaceted questions.

LOCATIONS

The conference is hosted at the Law School of Leiden University:

Kamerlingh Onnes Gebouw
Steenschuur 25
2311 ES Leiden

Main Conference: Cleveringazaal (C.1.31)

PhD Workshop: Room B.0.25

This is an in-person event without a possibility to participate online.

REGISTRATION

Please register using the following link:

<https://www.formdesk.com/universiteitleiden/Ukraine2>

Attendance is free, but due to a limited amount of space registration is required.

Registration is open until Monday, 12 June 2023.

Pre-Conference PhD Workshop - PROGRAMME

8.30-9.00 | Registration

9.00-10.30 | Panel 1 | Russia's invasion of Ukraine: Framing & implications for EU law

Chaired by Teresa Cabrita (KU Leuven)

Discussants: Darinka Piqani and Larissa van den Herik (Leiden University)

Joris van de Riet & Femke Klaver (Leiden University)

The EU and Russian aggression: Perspectives from Kant, Hobbes, and Machiavelli

Benedetta Lobina (University College Dublin)

Between a rock and a hard place: The impact of rule of law backsliding on the EU's response to the Russia-Ukrainian war

Francesca Finelli (University of Luxembourg / University of Pisa)

Restrictive measures and the unprecedented response to circumvention in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Alina Carrozzini (Kings College London / VU Amsterdam)

The impact of sanctions in favour of Ukraine over derivative illegality in CFSP

10.30-10.45 | Coffee-break

10.45– 12.15 | Panel 2 | Russia's invasion of Ukraine: Prospects & implications for international law

Chaired by Veronika Yefremova (Leiden University)

Discussants: Veronika Bilková (Charles University) and Jason Rudall (Leiden University)

Gergely Ferenc Lendvai (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

Media in war: A comprehensive overview of the European restrictions on Russian media

Illia Chernohorenko (University of Bristol)

The human rights-based approach to constraints on State-affiliated property

Sahar T. Sadoughi (City, University of London)

Ukraine v Russia at the ICJ and the ECtHR: State responsibility for atrocity crimes and the EU as a global actor through the use of third party interventions

Suhong Yang (Georgetown University)

The Joint Investigation Team in Ukraine: An opportunity for the International Criminal Court?

12.15 | Light Lunch

Main Conference - PROGRAMME

Day 1 | Thursday, 22 June 2023

12.00-12.45 | Registration

12.45 | Welcome

Welcome address by Stefaan Van den Bogaert (Acting Dean, Leiden Law School)

13.00-13.30 | Keynote address

Vsevolod Chentsov (Head of Mission of Ukraine to the EU)

13.30-14.30 | Panel 1: Human Rights

Chaired by Jorrit J Rijpma (Leiden University)

Iuliia Anosova (Ghent University / CSO 'La Strada-Ukraine')

Battle on different fronts: The role of the EU in strengthening the response to gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, in Ukraine since Russia's invasion

Veronika Bilkova (Charles University)

The effects of the conflict in Ukraine on the human rights situation within the EU

Alina Cherviatsova (Ghent University)

Culture Weaponized: Russia's Cultural Warfare and Ukraine's Self-Defense

14.30-15.00 Coffee Break

15.00-16.00 | Panel 2: International Justice and Accountability

Chaired by Jed Odermatt (City, University of London)

Beatrice Bonafé (Sapienza University of Rome)

Protecting collective interests before the ICJ

Iryna Marchuk (University of Copenhagen)

The ICC's investigation in the situation of Ukraine and its relationship with national war crimes trials

Stephan Marquardt (European External Action Service)

Current efforts to establish a special tribunal on the crime of aggression

Cecily Rose (University of Leiden)

The ICJ Genocide Case (Ukraine v Russia) from an International Dispute Settlement Perspective

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.30 | Panel 3: EU Restrictive Measures

Chaired by Teresa Cabrita (KU Leuven)

Madalena de Almeida Veiga (European External Action Service)

EU restrictive measures in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine: an EEAS perspective on arising legal issues

Larissa van den Herik (University of Leiden) and Evelien Campfens (University of Leiden)

The precedential effect of sanction innovation: a discussion of nationality-based sanctions, war propaganda sanctions and cultural heritage sanctions

Clara Portela (University of Valencia)

How the sanctions against Russia over Ukraine transformed EU decision-making

Charlotte Beaucillon (University of Lille)

Taking sanctions' effectiveness seriously: short term results vs long term consequences

17.30 | Closing Remarks

18.00 | Reception

20.00 | Dinner for speakers and invited guests

Day 2 | Friday, 23 June 2023

9.00-9.30 | Registration & Coffee

9.30-10.00 | Opening Address

Iryna Frankova (VU Amsterdam)

Psychosocial support for Ukraine's forcibly displaced people in the EU

10.00-11.00 | Panel 4: The EU and Ukraine

Chaired by Seda Gürkan (Leiden University)

Suzana Elena Anghel (European Parliament Research Service)

The impact of the Ukraine war on EU's quest for strategic autonomy

Petra Gombalova (European External Action Service)

The EU and Ukraine relationship in the changing geopolitical climate

Roman Petrov (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)

'Accession through War' of Ukraine to the EU

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 Roundtable: The ‘Day After the War’

Chaired by Tamás Molnár (FRA / Corvinus University of Budapest)

Antoaneta Dimitrova (University of Leiden)

Rick Lawson (University of Leiden)

Andrii Pasichnyk (Deputy Director, International Law Department, MFA of Ukraine)

12.30 | Closing

13.00 | Light lunch

LIST OF SPEAKERS

- Madalena de Almeida Veiga, *Legal Advisor at the European External Action Service*
- Suzane Elena Anghel, *Policy Analyst, Policy Foresight Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service*
- Iuliia Anosova, *Postdoctoral fellow, Ghent University / legal expert of the civil society organization (CSO) "La Strada-Ukraine"*
- Charlotte Beaucillon, *Professor of Law, University of Lille*
- Veronika Bílková, *Professor of International Law, Charles University*
- Beatrice Bonafé, *Professor of International Law, Sapienza Università Di Roma*
- Evelien Campfens, *Researcher, Leiden University*
- Alina Carrozzini, *Lecturer in EU-law, Vrije Universiteit / PhD-Candidate, King's College London*
- Vsevolod Chentsov, *Ambassador, Head of the Ukrainian Mission to the European Union*
- Illia Chernohorenko, *PhD-Candidate, University of Bristol / Legal Consultant, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*
- Alina Cherviatsova, *Research Fellow, Human Rights Centre, Ghent University*
- Antoaneta Dimitrova, *Professor of Comparative Governance, Leiden University*
- Francesca Finelli, *PhD-Candidate, Université de Luxembourg / University of Pisa*
- Iryna Frankova, *Research Associate, VU Amsterdam*
- Petra Gombalova, *European External Action Service*
- Larissa van den Herik, *Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University.*
- Femke Klaver, *Teacher and Researcher, Leiden University*
- Rick Lawson, *Professor of European Law, Leiden University*
- Gergely Lendvai, *PhD-Candidate, Pázmány Péter Catholic University / Visiting Lecturer, Corvinus University of Budapest and Károli Gáspár University*
- Benedetta Lobina, *PhD-Candidate, University College Dublin*
- Iryna Marchuk, *Associate Professor of International and Criminal Law, University of Copenhagen*
- Stephan Marquardt, *Deputy Head of the Legal Department of the European External Action Service*
- Andrii Pasichnyk (*Deputy Director, International Law Department, MFA of Ukraine*)
- Roman Petrov, *Professor of EU-Law, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla National Academy*
- Darinka Piqani, *Assistant Professor, Leiden University*
- Clara Portela, *Faculty Member of the Law School, University of Valencia*
- Joris van de Riet, *PhD-Candidate, Leiden University*
- Jorrit Rijpma, *Professor of European Law, Leiden University*
- Cecily Rose, *Associate Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University*
- Jason Rudall, *Assistant Professor, Leiden University*
- Sahar Sadoughi, *PhD-Candidate, City, University of London*
- Olha Stefanishyna, *Deputy Prime Minister of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine*
- Stefaan Van Den Bogaert, *Acting Dean, Faculty of Law, Leiden University / Professor of European Law, Leiden University*
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