The 17th Minerva Conference on International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

The War against Ukraine and IHL

An International Conference: Jerusalem, November 13-14, 2022

Beit Maiendorf, Mt. Scopus Campus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Day One: Sunday, November 13th

09:45-10:00 Refreshments and Registration
10:00-10:15 Greetings and Introductory Remarks
Greetings:
Prof. Tomer Broude / Dean, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Dr. Einat Albin / Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Introductory Remarks:
Prof. Yuval Shany / Hersch Lauterpacht Chair in Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; IHL Conference Committee Chair

10:15-11:15 Session 1 – Conference Keynote Address
Chair / Respondent:
Prof. David Kretzmer / Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Founding Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights

Session 2 – Third-Party Status
Speakers:
Dr. Alexander Wentker / Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg
“Party Status and the War in Ukraine”
Prof. Yair Ronen / Academic Center for Science and Law, Hod Hasharon, Israel; Academic Editor, Israel Law Review, Minerva Center for Human Rights
“Belarus and Belarus Nationals in the Russia-Ukraine Conflict”

Chair / Respondent:
Prof. Eliav Lieblich / Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

14:00-15:30 Session 3 – Sieges, Blockades and Starvation
Speakers:
Dr. Roger Bartels / Legal Officer in the Chambers of the International Criminal Court
“The Legality of Sieges and Starvation under Contemporary IHL”
Dr. Anna Mykntenko / Senior Advisor, Ukraine Country Manager, Global Rights Compliance
“Mined Fields, Burnt Crops, Seized Agricultural Equipment and Other Patterns of Starvation as a Method of Warfare in Ukraine”
Adv. Shani Friedman / PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“To Blockade or Not to Blockade? The Legal Status of Russia’s Suspension of Shipping in the Sea of Azov”

Chair / Respondent:
Dr. Tamar Hostovsky Brandes / Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College

15:45-17:15 Session 4 – Environmental Harm
Speakers:
Dr. Anne Dienelt / Faculty of Law and Institute for International Affairs, University of Hamburg
“The Environment and Russia’s War against Ukraine”
Dr. Nataliia Hendel / Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights; and Prof. Tymur Korotkiy / National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine
“On a Razor’s Edge: Attacks and Seizure of Nuclear Electrical Generating Stations in Ukraine”
Dr. Saba Pvipa / Georgian-American University
“How Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine Affected Non-Human Animals: IHL Perspectives”

Chair / Respondent:
Adv. Dr. Tom Gal / Office of the Deputy Attorney General (International Law), Ministry of Justice, Israel

17:45-19:00 Session 5 – Aggression and Morality
Speakers:
Mr. Steven Van De Put / PhD Candidate, Maastricht University; Netherlands Defence Academy
“The Ukraine Conflict: Challenges Posed to the Relationship between IHL and jus ad bellum”
Dr. Maria Varaki / Department of War Studies, King’s College London
“Aggression as a Game Changer?”

Chair / Respondent:
Adv. Yuliya Mik / PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Day Two: Monday, November 14th

10:00-10:15 Refreshments and Registration
10:15-11:30 Session 6 – Fake News and Digital Evidence
Speakers:
Adv. Diletta Marchesi / PhD Candidate, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), KU Leuven
“Fake News in Real Wars: The Regulation of Fake News as a Method and Means of Warfare under International Humanitarian Law”
Mr. Raphael Oldtmann / University of Mannheim; PhD Candidate, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
“Fact-Finding and Digital Evidence in the War Against Ukraine – Towards a Revolution in Documenting Violations of IHL?”

Chair / Respondent:
Dr. Tal Mimran, Research Director, Federmann Cyber Security Research Center, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11:45-13:00 Session 7 – Prisoners of War
Speakers:
Dr. Oleg Guschyn / Military Institute, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
“I never thought I’d get out alive: Torture as a Commonplace Phenomenon and Prisoners of War Legal Regime in the Russia-Ukraine Conflict”
Dr. Mykola Pashkovsky / National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine
“Ukraine: Exchange of Prisoners of War and Punishment For War Crimes”

Chair / Respondent:
Dr. Magdalena Pacholska / Marie Curie (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellow, T.M.C. Asser Institute

14:15-15:30 Session 8 – Sexual Violence
Speakers:
Dr. Iulia Anosova / Legal expert of the civil society organization “La Strada-Ukraine”, Kyiv
“When Terminology Matters: Challenges in Qualification of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in the War against Ukraine”
Dr. Inna Zavorotko / Legal Department of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine
“Conflict-related Sexual Violence against Ukrainians during Captivity”

Chair / Respondent:
Dr. Renana Keydar / Law and Digital Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

15:45-17:00 Session 9 – Accountability and Sanctions
Speakers:
Prof. Geoffrey Corn / Texas Tech University School of Law; Director of the Center for Military Law and Policy
“Conduct Crimes, Attack Results, and Probative Value”
Adv. Emanuela-Chiara Gillard / Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict
“The Role of Sanctions in Responding to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”

Chair / Respondent:
Prof. Guy Harpa / Faculty of Law and Dept. of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

17:30-19:00 Session 10 – Summing Up: Concluding Discussion
Discussants:
Prof. Noam Lubell / School of Law, University of Essex; Director of the Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub
Dr. Diletta Marchesi / PhD Candidate, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), KU Leuven
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Moderators:
Prof. Yuval Shany / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Chair, Conference Committee

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