

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

The War against Ukraine and IHL

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

Beit Maierdorf, 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**
Address: **Prof. Marco Sassoli** / University of Geneva
“Challenges and Opportunities for IHL Resulting from the Armed Conflict in Ukraine”
Chair / Respondent: **Prof. David Kretzmer** / Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Founding Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights
- 11:30-12:45** **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. Yaël 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. Rogier Bartels** / Legal Officer in the Chambers of the International Criminal Court
“The Legality of Sieges and Starvation under Contemporary IHL”
Dr. Anna Myktenko / 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 Korotkyi** / National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine
“On a Razor’s Edge: Attacks and Seizure of Nuclear Electrical Generating Stations in Ukraine”
Dr. Saba Pipia / 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 Oidtmann / 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 Pashkovskyi / 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. Iuliia 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 Harpaz** / 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. Gleb Bogush / Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts), University of Copenhagen
Moderators: **Prof. Yaël Ronen** / Academic Center for Science and Law, Hod Hasharon, Israel; Academic Editor, Israel Law Review, Minerva Center for Human Rights
Prof. Yuval Shany / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Chair, Conference Committee

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