

# RUSSIA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE: THE YEAR NOBODY EXPECTED

International Scientific Conference



Date & Time: 24 February 2023 10:00 a.m. (8:00 a. m. Newcastle, UK time)

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## Conference agenda

### FIRST SESSION

10:00 – 13:00 Panel 1 & Panel 2  
Chairperson Prof. Dr. Tomas DAVULIS  
Law Faculty of Vilnius University

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome and introductory remarks

### Panel 1: Ukraine Before International Organizations

10:05 – 10:20 **"The Year of the War in Ukraine: the Role of International Organisations"**  
Ambassador Vaidotas VERBA  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the International Organizations in Vienna

10:20 – 10:35 **"Accountability Mechanism and the Council of Europe"**  
Ambassador Andrius NAMAVIČIUS  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the Council of Europe

10:35 – 10:50 **"Legal Aspects of the Realization of Ukraine's Status as the EU Candidate State under War Conditions"**  
Prof. Dr. Mykhailo MYKIYEVYCH  
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of International Relations

10:50 – 11:05	<b>"UN Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting: Ukraine"</b> Prof. Dr. Rhona SMITH Newcastle University, Newcastle Law School
11:05 – 11:35	Discussion
<b>Panel 2: International Processes for Holding Russia Accountable for its International Law Violations</b>	
11:35 – 11:50	<b>"Lithuania's Participation in Legal Processes Instituted by Ukraine Against Russia"</b> Dr. Gabija GRIGAITĖ-DAUGIRDĖ Vice-Minister at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania, Law Faculty of Vilnius University
11:50 – 12:05	<b>"World Responsibility to Act in Russia's War Against Ukraine"</b> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ihor ZEMAN Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of International Relations
12:05 – 12:20	<b>"Turning Crisis into Opportunity: Expecting Legal Changes to Respond to Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine"</b> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Indrė ISOKAITĖ-VALUŽĖ Law Faculty of Vilnius University
12:20 – 12:35	<b>"The Use of Solidarity Measures for the Purpose of Protecting Fundamental International Community Interests"</b> Dr. Elena KATSELLI Newcastle University, Newcastle Law School
12:35 – 13:00	Discussion
<b>SECOND SESSION</b>	
14:00 – 16:00	Panel 3 Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Indrė ISOKAITĖ-VALUŽĖ Law Faculty of Vilnius University
<b>Panel 3: Russia's International Crimes in Ukraine: Prospects of Criminal Justice</b>	

14:00 – 14:15	<p><b>"The Armed Aggression of Russian Federation Against Ukraine: the Prospect of International Criminal Justice"</b></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Vitalii GUTNYK Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Faculty of International Relations</p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p><b>"Participation of Lithuania and Eurojust Support to Joint Investigation Team into Alleged Core International Crimes Committed in Ukraine"</b></p> <p>Margarita ŠNIUTYTĖ-DAUGĖLIENĖ Vice-President and National Member for Lithuania at Eurojust</p>
14:30 – 14:45	<p><b>"Lithuania's Cooperation with Ukraine's Prosecutors in Investigating Russia's Crimes in Ukraine"</b></p> <p>Irmantas MIKELIONIS Deputy Chief Prosecutor of Organised Crime and Corruption Investigation Department of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Lithuania</p>
14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>"The Commission of War Crimes in Ukraine Through Engagement in Unlawful Targeting Practices"</b></p> <p>Dr. Tanya KRUPIY Newcastle University, Newcastle Law School</p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p><b>"Russia's Cyber-attacks Against Ukraine: Ways to Respond"</b></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Linas BUKAUSKAS Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of Vilnius University</p>
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	Closing remarks