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# “International humanitarian law: current challenges and solutions”

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### VIII Kharkiv International Forum



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The discussion panel is dedicated to the consideration of topical issues of contemporary international humanitarian law (IHL), taking into account the ongoing full-scale Russian Federation’s military aggression against Ukraine.

The following issues will be discussed: the legal regime for the protection of persons who are not or are no longer participating in the hostilities; the legal regime of occupation; the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare; the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross; the qualification of armed conflicts and their distinction from related situations; the application of IHL sources; responsibility for violations of IHL; and the activity of international criminal courts and tribunals.

The speakers are Ukrainian and foreign scholars, representatives of Ukrainian government agencies and human rights organizations.

#### MODERATORS

**Volodymyr STESHENKO**, PhD, Professor, Chair of the Department of International Law, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Kharkiv city), head of the National Delegation of Ukraine to the meetings of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee on the Revision of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education (UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 2023).

**Olga BUTKEVYCH**, President of the Ukrainian Association of International Law; Chief editor of the Ukrainian Journal of International Law; Doctor of international law (Dr. hab), Professor of the chair of international law of Institute of international relations of Kyiv’s national University of Taras Shevchenko.

#### SPEAKERS

**Oleh TARASOV**, Doctor of Juridical Science (Dr. hab), Associate Professor of the Department of International Law, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University.

Topic of speech: **«Object and System of International Humanitarian Law»**

**Mykola GNATOVSKYY**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Topic of speech: **«Systemic integration of international humanitarian law and international human rights law: necessity, limitations, challenges»**

**Romarc FERRARO**, Head of the Legal Department of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Ukraine

Topic of speech: **«The contribution of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in the development of international humanitarian law»**

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**Maksym DOTSENKO**, Director General of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society

**Tymur KOROTKYI**, Vice-president of the Ukrainian Association of International Law, leading researcher of the State Scientific Institution “Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine”, Doctor of Laws, Associate Professor

Topic of speech: **«International humanitarian law and the activities of the National Society: old challenges in new conditions»**

**Viktoriia POLIULIA**, Leading specialist in the protection of the emblem of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society

Topic of speech: **«Protection and use of the Red Cross emblem»**

**Zakhar TROPIN**, Director of the International Cooperation and Representation Department of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, PhD, Associate Professor of international law chair with Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Topic of speech: **«Ratification of ICC Rome Statute and implementation of its provisions within the national legislation during the active hostilities»**

**Tamar TOMASHVILI**, Associate Professor at Free University of Tbilisi / IHL Expert at IDLO

Topic of speech: **«Law of occupation and War Crimes: Russia’s policy in Ukraine»**

**Vitalii GUTNYK**, Doctor of Juridical Science (Dr. hab), Professor of the International Law Department and member of the Scientific and Technical Council of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Topic of speech: **«War crimes during the Russian-Ukrainian war: Lessons for the World or what should be rethought»**

**Anna STAKHANOVA**, Key Expert on Fight against International Crimes of EU Project Pravo-Justice

Topic of speech: **«The importance of understanding international humanitarian law for criminal justice actors»**

**Oleksandr BANNYK**, Prosecutor of the Department of International Cooperation of the Prosecutor General’s Office

**Brenda J. HOLLIS**, Principal Trial Lawyer (D-1 level), Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Topic of speech: **«Investigation of the crime of aggression of the Russian Federation and its war crimes committed on the territory of Ukraine»**

**Oleg GUSHCHYN**, PhD, Ukrainian lawyer with experience within Armed Forces, academia and international relations

Topic of speech: **«Conditions of prisoners of war and civilians’ detention by russia as an example of systematic violations of IHL and IHRL»**