

“The War in Ukraine: the Human Rights Toll and Kyiv’s Future

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**Monday, October 16th, 9.00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (The University of
Warsaw)**

9.00 Introduction: John Kurowski

Opening welcome

Professor Maciej Ras

**Dean Daniel Przystek of the University of Warsaw Faculty of Political Science and
International Studies**

**Todd Waller, Director of the John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University
Chicago**

Peter Schraeder, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago

9:15 – 10:45 Documentary: “When Spring Came to Bucha”

In early 2022, the Russian army occupied the small Ukrainian city of Bucha near the capital, Kyiv, for several weeks. After a month of intense fighting, the Russian army withdrew, leaving the city destroyed in its wake. With beautiful cinematography, renowned photographer Mila Tessaieva captures stories of the residents as they clean their streets of debris and rebuild their shattered homes. Yuri, municipal services manager, struggles to keep people supplied with clean drinking water. Olenka is the only pupil in her classroom after two of her classmates are killed, the rest having left the country. Yet amid the suffering, a young couple gets married, and life must go on. This heart-rending yet empowering documentary tells stories of loss, hope, resilience and resistance, as the spring flowers of Bucha begin to bloom. It introduces us to the significant impacts of this 21st century war.

Content Advisory - This film contains images and audio from a war zone, including brief and partial images of covered bodies, mass funerals.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 The Current Status of Investigations of Russian Violations of Human Rights and Atrocities in History’s Most Documented War”

Richard Weir, Senior Researcher, Crisis and Conflict Division, Human Rights Watch

William Mahoney

Weir, an award winning senior researcher on the ground in Kyiv, returns to HRJS and will discuss and provide eyewitness accounts and video documenting HRW’s continuing efforts to document atrocities and war crimes in areas of Ukraine being retaken by Ukraine from Russia.

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH ON THE PREMISES

**1:00 – 2:30 Panel: Humanity’s Nightmare – atrocities and war crimes.
Bringing the Perpetrators to Justice**

Moderator: Maciej Ras, University of Warsaw

Patrycja Grzebyk, University of Warsaw

**Anton Korynevych, Ambassador at Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Ukraine.**

What should international justice look like? What are the realistic options?

Independent tribunal ala Balkans

The International Criminal Court (ICC)

Goals and ramifications of indictment of Putin and

Lvova-Belova

Prosecuting the crime of aggression

Ukraine courts

Status of prosecution, evidence gathering and organization today

Positive outcomes so far and to come?

2:30 – 2:45 Coffee Break

**2:45 – 3:40 Why Russia went to war? The aims and goals of Russian military
combat operations from Chechnya to Ukraine**

**Andrzej Szeptycki, Professor, Department of Strategic Studies and International
Security, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of
Warsaw**

One of the most defining characteristics of the Russian invasion of Ukraine is an incomparable number of credible reports and documentation of atrocities, and ongoing war crimes, sanctioned by superiors. Professor Szeptycki has carefully studied the lawlessness of warfare displayed by the Russians and will provide a

unique and fascinating perspective on this subject and in the context of the Ukraine War.

3:40 – 4:45 Panel: Forcible Transfers of Ukrainian Children and Others to Russia, the Displaced, and Refugees; Where are they Today? What Will Happen to Them?

Moderator: Michal Balcerzak, Nicolaus Copernicus University

Dr. Dorota Heidrich, University of Warsaw

Dr. Agnieszka Bińczyk-Missala, University of Warsaw

Over 8 million Ukrainians have crossed its borders and become refugees since the beginning of the war with some 5 million crossing into Poland. 1 million refugees remain in Poland today. An additional 7 million Ukrainians have been displaced by the war in their own country. This panel will explore the impact of the refugee influx on the European Union, particularly Poland and how it is impacting the demographics of the EU. What are they doing? How long will they stay? How many will stay permanently? Separately, beginning with the initial invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2014, the Russians initiated an involuntary relocation of Ukrainians, mostly children, from Ukraine. It has been estimated that some 20,000 children have been forcibly repatriated to Russia and dispersed throughout the country. University of Warsaw Professors, **Dorota Heidrich and Agnieszka Bińczyk-Missala**, will lead this panel and set the stage for these issues.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2023

9:00 – 10:30 Roundtable: The Geopolitical Issues Today: Global Impact; the Continuing Security Crisis in Europe and Beyond

Moderator: John Kurowski

Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf

Dr. Maciej Ras, University of Warsaw

William Mahoney

Alexandra Jarczewska, University of Warsaw

The clash of values, interests and institutions: the war in Ukraine from various perspectives

The West – NATO and the US

Poland at odds with Ukraine

Russia

The Global South and alleged ‘neutrals’

Feeding Ukraine and the world, impact of the end of the “grain deal” with Russia; coping with energy issues and more.

What will peace look like? Will the Russians concede (without conceding)?

Rebuilding? Will the Russians stay out of the way? What happens to sanctions?

Are China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Hungary, Saudi Arabia, India trying to leverage this crisis in their favor?

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Student Reflection Roundtable

Moderators: Professor Maciej Ras of the University of Warsaw and Dr. Anne Wingenter, Professor of History at the John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago

Professor Ras and Dr. Wingenter will facilitate a Roundtable reflection with three Loyola students and three University of Warsaw students on the issues touched in the symposium to close the program.

Symposium Planning Committee:

John Kurowski, Partner, MG+M law firm (John Felice Rome Center alumnus), **Maciej Ras**, Professor, University of Warsaw Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, **Anne Wingenter**, Professor of History, the John Felice Rome Center, **Michal Balcerzak**, Associate Professor of Political Science and Security Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun, Poland **Marcin Kaldunski**, Nicolaus Copernicus University, **William Mahoney** Retired attorney (John Felice Rome Center alumnus)

Faculty



John Kurowski received a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree in History from Loyola University Chicago and attended the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) in 1973-1974. He received his Juris Doctor from the St. Louis University School of Law.

He is an American lawyer who has been engaged in the private practice of law in the United States for over 40 years. He is a senior partner in the MG+M law firm based in Boston where his duties include managing the firm's international litigation and its European affiliation with the Naples, Italy law firm SLSLEX.

He has served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the School of Law and Administration of Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU) in Toruń, Poland teaching courses in Human Rights and American Civil Litigation in its Comparative Law program in 2006 and 2010. While teaching in Toruń in 2006 he began this symposium, which is in its 15th edition this year in cooperation with Loyola Chicago's John Felice Rome Center (JFRC). He has lectured at the John Felice Rome Center on Polish history and leadership. He received Loyola of Chicago's John Felice Award in 2013 in recognition of his contribution to the John Felice Rome Center, as well as to business and his community.

He is a member of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute with his wife Connie and the Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg. He and Connie are also members of the Ignatian Legacy Fellows. He has served on the Director's Advisory Council of the JFRC and as President of its Alumni Association Board. He lives in the St. Louis area with his wife Connie. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.



Michał Balcerzak, PhD is an Associate Professor of the Faculty of Political Science and Security Studies at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland and the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Szczecin in Poland. Michał specializes in human rights and international affairs. He obtained his Master's degree in Law in 2003 and his Ph.D. in 2007 from Nicolaus Copernicus University.

In 2004 he was awarded the Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. Apart from his academic activities, Dr. Balcerzak was a legal advisor in the office of the Polish Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights. Between 2012 and 2017 he was an alternate member of the Management Board of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union. He is currently Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Dr. Balcerzak resides in Torun, Poland with his wife and three children.



William Mahoney received a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree from Loyola University Chicago in 1975 in Political Science. He attended the John Felice Rome Center. He received a Juris Doctorate from University of Illinois College of Law in 1978. He practiced law in Chicago for 44 years. He was a founding partner of Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney and served in a leadership position, including Chairman, for over thirty years.

Today, Mr. Mahoney dedicates much of his time to social justice and international policy organizations. He is on the Advisory Committee of the National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress, the Advisory Committee for

International Policy of Human Rights Watch, for which he is Chairman. He has served on the Chairman's Council of the National Democratic Institute and the Chairman's Council of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He is a member of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute. He is a frequent speaker on a number of topics dealing with social justice, human rights, and international policy. He has been a participant and presenter in 3 prior HRJS symposiums, beginning in 2009 and today serves on its symposium planning committee.

He lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Amalia. They have one adult son, Michael.



Dr. Maciej Raś is an associate professor at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland. He received his Ph.D. (2003) and habilitation (2019), both in political science, from the University of Warsaw. Today he is the Vice-Dean for Students Affairs/Head of Educational Unit of the University of Warsaw. In the past he has served as the Dean's Representative of Foreign Ph.D. Candidates (2013-2020), the Head of the Postgraduate Cultural Marketing Studies at the University of Warsaw (2006-2014), the Head of the National Security Study at the University of Warsaw (2008-2014) and the coordinator of cooperation between the Institute of International

Relations, University of Warsaw, and universities in Russia. He has lectured abroad at universities in China and Russia. He has presented papers at conferences around the world including in Baltimore, Bonn, Chengdu, Frankfurt am Main, Heidelberg, Jerusalem, Kaliningrad, Moscow, Nashville, Odessa, St. Petersburg, San Francisco, Sofia, and Tokyo.

His research interests include International political relations, international relations in the post-Soviet area, Russia's foreign and security policy, West-Russia relations, East in Poland's foreign policy and subnational actors in IR (paradiplomacy).



Dr. Patrycja Grzebyk, Ph.D. in Political Science (2010), Habilitation in law [2018], UW Professorship [2020]; Director of the Network on Humanitarian Action at the University of Warsaw. Dr. Grzebyk is Head of the grant of the Polish National Science Center “Effectiveness of requests for advisory opinions to the International Court of Justice and of advisory opinions as such in international relations” [2021-2025] and of the Justice Institute “Polish impact on the development of international criminal law, including Polish experience in prosecuting international crimes” [2019-2021].

She was awarded the Manfred Lachs Award for the best book in international law and with scholarships of the Foundation for Polish Science, Ministry of Science, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is a member of the editorial board of ESIL Reflections and the Journal of International Humanitarian Action. She has served as a Visiting Professor at the universities of Cambridge, Bologna, Geneva, Taipei, Madrid, Barcelona, Munich, Kiev, Zagreb and Beijing. Since 2022 she has been a member of the board of the European Society of International Law.

Dr. Grzebyk's fields of expertise include: International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, Use of force, International Disaster Response Law, International Responsibility, International Security, United Nations and International Tribunals



Dr. Andrzej Szeptycki, Ph.D is a full professor in Humanities within the scope of Political Science (2004) and in Social Sciences within the scope of Political Science (2014). He has served as a Professor at the Faculty of History and International Relations of the Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University in Vinnytsia (Ukraine), co-

director of the Centre for Polish and European Studies at the Institute of International Relations of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. He is a member of the editorial boards of “Visnyk Lvivs’koho Universytetu. Serii mizhnarodni vidnosyny” (Bulletin of Lviv University. Series International Relations) and “The Bulletin of Odesa National University. Sociology and Political Science”. He has served as a Visiting Professor at the Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University (2016–2017), Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (2015–2017) and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (2017–2018).

His research interests include Ukrainian internal and foreign policy, international relations in the post-Soviet area, French foreign policy, selected aspects of European integration, Polish foreign policy and postcolonial studies.



Dr. Dorota Heidrich Ph.D is a Political Scientist and a researcher and didactic worker at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. From 2016-2019 she served as deputy director of the Institute of International Relations at Sichuan University in China and Ruhr-

Universität Bochum in Germany. Since 2020 she has served as the Dean's Plenipotentiary of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw for the development of English-speaking studies. She is the author of numerous scientific articles, book chapters and books on the issues of forced migration, transitional period justice, the responsibility of individuals for international crimes and international organizations.

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Dr. Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala is a full professor Political Sciences as well as a researcher and lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. She has served as the Vice-Director for Academic Research and International Cooperation at the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw (2008–2012); Chief specialist and analyst at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (2006–2008); and manager of the project entitled “Zapobieganie masowym naruszeniom praw człowieka” (Prevention of mass human rights violations) funded by the National Science Centre (2013–2017). She has also been a contributor to the joint activities within NOHA, (Network on Humanitarian Action) She was a recipient of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation Scholarship at the Georgetown University Leadership Seminar in 2016. She has authored numerous scientific publications and papers presented at scientific conferences. Her principal areas of research include Poland’s foreign policy, international organisations, international humanitarian issues, human rights, human security and international crimes.



Anne Wingenter [awingen@luc.edu] is an assistant professor of History at Loyola University, Chicago's John Felice Rome Center. Her research interests include: gender and women's history; fascist movements; and the politics of history/memory. Her most recent publications include "Finding Subjectivities in Fascist Italy" in *Subaltern Political Subjectivities and Practices in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, Routledge, 2023 "Benito Mussolini in Italian High School Textbooks" *Globalisation and Historiography of National Leaders: Symbolic Representations in School Textbooks*. Springer: 2017; "From Soldier's Guides to Student Handbooks: Rome as Classroom during the Early Cold War," in *A Tale of Two Cities: Florence and Rome from the Grand Tour to Study Abroad*. Edisai: 2017; and "Politics of Grief: War Widows and Mothers in Interwar Italy," *Veuves, veufs et veuvages en Europe à l'époque contemporaine*. [forthcoming] She is currently working on a project that looks at the city of Rome in the transition between "Hot" and Cold War.



Dr. Aleksandra Jarczewska Ph.D. is a scholar at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw. Since 2016, she has served as Co-President of PEACER (Polish and European Academic Center for Exchange and Research) in cooperation with Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She graduated from the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, and the American Studies Center at the University of Warsaw, and has also been a Fulbright fellow. She has co-authored various projects implemented together with non-governmental organizations that support and promote women. She also serves as a mediator, consultant and trainer in personal data protection.

Her research interests include the US economy and politics, transatlantic relations, problems of operations of international companies, and the functioning of the global economy as well as the role of women in international relations.



Dr. Anton Korynevych is a Ukrainian lawyer specializing in public international law, international humanitarian and international criminal law. Since May 25, 2022 he has served as Ambassador-at-large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. On February 26, 2022, Dr. Korynevych was named as the Agent of Ukraine before the International Court of Justice in the Allegations of Genocide case.

Dr. Korynevych is the head of the working group on reintegration of temporarily occupied territories within the Commission on Legal Reform of Ukraine. Recently, he was also appointed as member of the working group on the development and implementation of international legal instruments of reimbursement of damage caused to Ukraine by armed aggression of the Russian Federation within Office of the President of Ukraine. Dr. Korynevych is coordinating the issue of the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine on the Ukrainian side. Before the outbreak of hostilities in February, 2022, he served as the Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (June 2019 – April 2022).



Marcin Kaldunski is a Professor of Law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University School of Law and Administration in Torun, Poland. He has been engaged, in particular, in international law as well as international economic law. He has been conducting research at The Hague Academy of International Law and in the World Trade Organization. He also acts as counsel in international arbitration and domestic litigation.



Ryszard Schnepf graduated in history at the University of Warsaw and defended his doctoral thesis there. Since 1978 he has been working as a lecturer at the University of Warsaw. In the early 1990s Schnepf joined the diplomatic service. Between 1991 and 1996 he served as Ambassador to Uruguay and Paraguay and between 2001 and 2005 to Costa Rica. From 2007 to late 2008 he served as the under-secretary of state of Poland in the Foreign Ministry.

From 2008 to 2012 he was ambassador to Spain. In January 2013, Ambassador Schnepf presented his credentials to U.S. President Barack Obama in a formal ceremony at the Oval Office, marking his official recognition as Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United States. He served as Poland's Ambassador until July 31, 2016.



Richard Weir is a Senior Researcher in the Crisis and Conflict division at Human Rights Watch. Richard was awarded the 2016-2017 Arthur R. and Barbara D. Finberg fellowship at Human Rights Watch and previously worked as the researcher in Myanmar for Human Rights Watch. During both assignments from 2016-2018 he investigated and documented violations of international humanitarian and human rights law and abuses in Myanmar and Bangladesh, including crimes against humanity, violations of the right to freedom expression and religion, and land confiscations, among others. In 2018-2019, he worked as a legal advisor for Diakonia's Global International Humanitarian Law Centre on issues of both international humanitarian and human rights law in the Middle East with a focus on Israel and Palestine. Richard has also worked on US refugee policy and resettlement for those fleeing conflict and persecution in the Middle East and South Asia. Richard holds a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law and a B.A. in political science, summa cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles.