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The Russia-Ukraine War: Law and Religion Context

University of Tartu School of Law, Estonia | February 17-18, 2025

Monday, February 17

10:00-10:15 Opening remarks
Merilin Kiviorg & Dmytro Vovk

10:15-11:45 Session I

Merilin Kiviorg & Yaroslav Halieiev, University of Tartu School of Law

Freedom of Religion or Belief and National Security in the Former USSR: Impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on Legal Discourse

Marietta van der Tol, University of Cambridge

Unity in Diversity: Ukraine's Equivalent of *Vivre Ensemble* in France

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

12:10-13:30 Session II

Pasquale Annicchino, University of Foggia

The Interaction of the "*Russian World*" Ideology and the Law

Elizabeth A. Clark, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Religious Freedom and National Security in Times of the War: The Case of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

13:30-14:30 Lunch (speakers, discussants and invited guests)





14:30-16:00 Session III

Michelle Coleman, University of Swansea

Exploring the Potential Liability of Religious Leaders and Groups for International Crimes Committed During the War in Ukraine

Robert C. Blitt, University of Tennessee College of Law

Recognizing and Responding to Religious Support for Illegal War

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:15 Concluding remarks

Dinner (speakers and discussants)

Tuesday, February 18

09:00-10:30 Session IV

Alar Kilp, University of Tartu

The Russian Orthodox Church and Patriarch Kirill's Weaponization of Human Rights Teachings and Ecclesial Social Doctrine to Justify the Russian War of Aggression in Ukraine

Dmytro Vovk, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Conscientious Objection, Ministerial Exception, and the Russia-Ukraine War

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:30 General Discussion and Publication Plans

12:00-13:00 Lunch (speakers, discussants and invited guests)

Excursion

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