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Human Rights Amidst Modern Challenges: The Ukrainian-Lithuanian Experience



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FOCUS AREAS

- 01 Global challenges: energy security, military expenditure and security, migration.
- 02 Human rights, inclusion, and access to justice.
- 03 Medical law and reproductive rights.
- 04 Right to health, mental health, and rehabilitation.

PROGRAMME

9:30-10:00 Participant Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:45 Welcome remarks

- Mykolas Romeris University Leadership – Dr. Eglė Malinauskienė, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, Mykolas Romeris University
- Representative of the Embassy of Ukraine in Lithuania
- Representative of a Ukrainian partner university: Prof. Dr Hanna Davydenko, Director of the Vinnytsia Institute of Economics and Social Sciences of the Open International University of Human Development “Ukraine”, Chair of the Board of the NGO "Ukrainian Women's Democratic Network (WDN Ukraine)", Member of the Board of WDN Europe & Eurasia
- Representative of a partner institution: Dr Zoryna Boiarska, a Researcher at the Life Sciences Center, Vilnius University; Chair of the Ukrainian Department of the Lithuanian Scientific Society (ONLINE)

10:50-12:20 Panel I: Global Challenges: Energy Security, Military Expenditure and Security, Migration

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr JOLANTA APOLEWICZ, Vice-Dean for International Relations and Studies, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Key topics:

- labour migration
- economic integration
- forced displacement
- challenges for Ukraine and the EU

1. Prof. Dr Habil. VOLODYMYR LYPOV, Leading Researcher, Department of Economic Theory, Institute for Economics and Forecasting, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (ONLINE)

The Development of Renewable Energy as a Tool for Strengthening National Economic Resilience under Military Risks

2. Prof. Dr Habil. LESYA KOLINETTS, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Economics Engineering, VILNIUS TECH

Military Expenditure and Economic Growth: Exploring the Security–Development Trade-Off

3. Prof. Dr Habil. OLGA NOSOVA, Senior Researcher, Faculty of Public Governance and Business, Mykolas Romeris University (ONLINE)

Socio-Economic Effects of Migration in Ukraine

4. Dr RITA URBANAVIČĖ, Senior Researcher, Mykolas Romeris University.

Well-Being of Ukrainians in Lithuania

12:20-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:50 Panel II: Law, Inclusion, and Access to Justice: Contemporary Challenges for Vulnerable Groups

Moderator: Prof. Dr KATARZYNA BOGDZIEWICZ, Vice-Dean for Research, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Key topics:

- ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities
- inclusive policy
- social integration
- access to justice
- veterans' rights
- international experience

1. Prof. Dr HANNA DAVYDENKO, Director of the Vinnytsia Institute of Economics and Social Sciences of the Open International University of Human Development “Ukraine”, Chair of the Board of the NGO “Ukrainian Women’s Democratic Network (WDN Ukraine)”, Member of the Board of WDN Europe & Eurasia
- and
- OLEKSII STUKOV, Lecturer, Cycle Commission of General Education, Humanities and Legal Disciplines, Vinnytsia Professional College of the Open International University of Human Development “Ukraine”

Women, Peace and Security Agenda as a Tool for Inclusive Recovery and Protection of Vulnerable Groups

2. Assoc. Prof. Dr EDITA ŽIOBENĖ, Dean of the Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Legal Challenges Faced by the Host Country in Safeguarding the Rights of Children Affected by War

3. Prof. Dr INGA KUDINAVIČIŪTĖ-MICHAILOVIENĖ, Institute of Private Law, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction under International Law: Theory, Practice, and War-Related Contexts in Ukraine

4. Prof. Dr KATARZYNA BOGDZIEWICZ, Vice-Dean for Research, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Integration and Minority-Language Education: Law, Practice, and Cross-Border Cooperation

14:50-15:10 Coffee Break

15:10-15:30 A musical gift for conference participants: a solo performance by violinist Myroslava Kotorovych, Honored Artist of Ukraine

15:30-16:20 Panel III: Reproductive Rights, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and Medical Law: Contemporary Challenges

Moderator: NASTĖ GRUBLIAUSKENĖ, Lecturer, Institute of Public Law; Adviser to the Dean, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Key topics:

- assisted reproductive technologies
- delayed motherhood
- bioethics
- medical law

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr ALONA FOROSTOVETS, Department of International Relations and Political Consulting, Institute of Law and Social Relations, Open International University of Human Development “Ukraine”

and

Assoc. Prof. Dr TETIANA FEDORENKO, Director of the Institute of Law and Social Relations, Open International University of Human Development “Ukraine”

Political and Legal Framework for the Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Ukraine

2. NASTĖ GRUBLIAUSKENĖ, Lecturer, Institute of Public Law; Adviser to the Dean, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University

Legal Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Lithuania

16:20-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:45 Panel IV: Mental Health, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration after War-Related Trauma

Moderator: Prof. Dr JUSTINAS ŽILINSKAS, Institute of International and European Union Law, Mykolas Romeris University

Key topics:

- PTSD
- psychological rehabilitation
- veterans
- moral injury
- multidisciplinary care
- civilian population

1. OLEKSII LYSAK, State University of Trade and Economics; Director of the Veteran Development Center at the National Aviation University. War veteran, Board Member of the "Interfaith Brotherhood of Military Chaplains" NGO; Developer of the "Civil Defense" project. (ONLINE)

Ukrainian–English interpreter: Diana Sytnikova, Mykolas Romeris University

Civil Defence in Wartime and under Threat of Invasion

2. Prof. Dr JUSTINAS ŽILINSKAS, Institute of International and European Union Law, Mykolas Romeris University

Respect for the Deceased on the Battlefield: Rules, Practices, Challenges

3. Prof. Dr GEDIMINAS BUČIUNAS, Institute of Law and Law Enforcement, Academy of Public Security, Mykolas Romeris University (ONLINE)

Specific Aspects of Police Communication in Domestic Violence Cases Involving Individuals with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

17:45-18:00 Summary and Conclusions | Adoption of the Conference Resolution | Group Photo | Closing Remarks