

War, Displacement, Atrocities: and the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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Saturday, October 15, 2022 – The University of Warsaw

Nowy Swiat 69, Warsaw

The Politics and Social Implications of the War in the Ukraine

Opening welcome

Michał Balcerzak, Associate Professor, Department of International Security, Faculty of Political Science and Security Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University

3:00 p.m. A Conversation with Maciej Wierzynski

Maciej Wierzynski, Noted Polish print and television journalist in Warsaw; Emigrated to the United States in 1984 after the declaration of martial law in the 1980s; Former head of Radio Free Europe in Warsaw (1989) and later the Polish Voice of America (1992-2000) in Washington D.C.; Associated with TVN 24 in Poland since 2005; moderator of Polish presidential debates.

Maciej Wierzynski and John Kurowski

3:45 p.m. A conversation with Ryszard Schnepf

Ryszard Schnepf, former diplomat and Polish Ambassador to the United States (2013-2017), Uruguay and Spain; professor at the University of Warsaw teaching in areas of global threats and conflict and history and politics.

Ryszard Schnepf and William Mahoney

4:30 p.m. A conversation with Iwo Dalder

Iwo Dalder, President of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, US ambassador to NATO (2009-2013); former senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution and professor at University of Maryland School of Public Policy.

Iwo Dalder and William Mahoney

5:15 p.m. Panel discussion with Ambassador Schnepf, Mr. Wierzynski and Ambassador Dalder; Questions from the audience

Sunday, October 16th, 6.00 p.m. (Od Nowa), Torun, Poland

Jurija Gagarina 37a, 87-100 Toruń, Poland

The “Winds of War”: Two Life Stories facing the opening of the war

6:00 p.m. A conversation with Ukrainian Judge Tetyana Antsupova

Tetyana Antsupova, Judge of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine (2019-present); Judge of the Supreme Court of Ukraine (2017-present). Former professor of International Law at Odesa University, Ukraine; native of Mariupol, Ukraine.

Judge Antsupova and John Kurowski

7:30 p.m. Presentation of John Corrigan and Iryna Voronoz

John Corrigan, American entrepreneur and social activist and **Iryna Voronov**, Ukrainian lawyer and native of the Donbas in Ukraine.

Upon the outbreak of the war on February 24, 2022, while living in the United States, John and Iryna immediately traveled to Poland and Ukraine for 35 straight days to help rescue, comfort, feed and otherwise assist Iryna’s countrymen throughout Ukraine.

**Monday, October 17th, 9.00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Conference room,
Main Library of NCU)**

9.00 a.m. Opening welcome

Michał Balcerzak, Associate Professor, Department of International Security, Faculty of Political Science and Security Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University

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

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. “The Shock of War: 5 Million Refugees (and counting)”

John Kurowski and Michał Balcerzak will lead this panel.

A Ukrainian Mother’s Story: A conversation with Marika Gvagvaliia

Marika Gvagvaliia, Lawyer, mother and refugee from Kyiv; escaped shelling of the war with two children; husband remains in Kyiv supporting the war effort. Has resided in Camillian monastery in Warsaw since early March with children. She will tell her story.

Making way for sheltering refugees in Warsaw

Father Roman Zajac, Director of Camillian monastery in Warsaw who has led an effort to house and feed up to 50 refugees and families since the outbreak of the war.

The Humanitarian Response: an assistance center in Torun, Poland

Tatiana Dembska, self-employed business owner living in Torun. Dedicated her business and employees to run a humanitarian aid center in Torun once the war began.

The perspective of Ukrainian Refugees in Poland: Panel Discussion with Judge Antsupova, Ms. Gvagvaliia, Father Zajac and Ms. Dembska

11:30- 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45- 12:45 War Crimes, Violations of Human Rights and Russian Accountability

Richard Weir, Researcher, Crisis and Conflict Division, Human Rights Watch; an award winning senior researcher on the ground in Ukraine will discuss and provide eye witness accounts and video documenting atrocities and war crimes in places such as Buca and Iziun.

Richard Weir and William Mahoney

12:45 – 2:15 Security Crisis in Europe and Beyond: The Aftermath of the Russian Aggression on Ukraine in 2022

Atrocities, War Crimes and Violations of Human Rights: Bringing Perpetrators to Justice"

Tomasz Lachowski, Assistant Professor at the Chair of International Law and International Relations, Faculty of Law at the University of Lodz, Poland. He will speak on victims' justice and mass atrocities.

"The Political and Social Future of Ukraine - Good and Bad Scenarios"

Agnieszka Bryc, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and Security Studies at Nicolaus Copernicus University. Regular commentator on international affairs in the Polish media.

2:15 pm Conclusions and Closing