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Post-Soviet Legal Choices 5: Ukraine Lessons Learned and the Future of Law

30 January 2023

Time: 12-13:30 (Helsinki time)

In person at Metsätalo, Alexander room and via Zoom

Registration:

Please register for the event via this form: <https://forms.gle/aBqv4zgGCVtMUeG6>.

Please register no later than January 27th!

Event Description:

President Zelensky has said, “lawyers will put an end to this war after the military, after the politicians.” Russia’s war against Ukraine is a battle over territory, but it is also a battle over ideas. Law is one of those ideas. Should and do states observe principles of territorial integrity? Should, and do, states adhere to the Law of Armed Conflict? Should states be free to determine their own destiny, or have that destiny dictated by more powerful states? In this presentation, former U.S. national security official, federal judge, and now professor sets an agenda for looking at some of legal lessons we might derive from Russia’s war against Ukraine addressing, among other topics, United Nations reform, security assurances, and war crimes accountability.

Speakers:



[Judge Jamie Baker, Director of the Syracuse University Institute for Security Policy and Law](#)

Judge Jamie Baker is Director of the Syracuse University Institute for Security Policy and Law as well as a Professor at the Syracuse College of Law and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He previously served as a Judge and Chief Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. As a career civil servant, Baker served as Legal Adviser and Deputy Legal Adviser to the National Security Council. He has also served as Counsel to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and Intelligence Oversight Board, an attorney in the U.S. Department of State, an aide to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and as a Marine Corps infantry officer. In addition to teaching at Syracuse, he has taught at Yale, Iowa, Pittsburgh, Washington University (St. Louis), and Georgetown. He is the author of numerous articles and three books: *The Centaur's Dilemma: National Security Law for the Coming AI Revolution* (Brookings 2021); *In the Common Defense: National Security Law for Perilous Times* (Cambridge 2007); and, with Michael Reisman, *Regulating Covert Action* (Yale 1992).

Joakim Dungal Lecture in International Justice: Nuclear Weapons: legality and diplomacy February 9th

Welcome to the Joakim Dungal Lecture in International Justice, 2023

Nuclear weapons: legality and diplomacy

How does the threat posed by nuclear weapons affect the conflicts in which nuclear powers are involved? What tools – legal and diplomatic alike – are available to regulate these weapons and prevent their use?

Time: 9 February, 9:15 – 11:45

Venue: Zoom, link will be sent by e-mail on 8 Feb at the latest

Registration by 7 Feb [here](#).

The nuclear threat is growing. Escalating warfare, political posturing, and geopolitical shifts raise the immediacy of concerns regarding the immense destruction that the use of nuclear weapons would leave in their wake.

The 2023 edition of the Joakim Dungal Lectures in International Justice will seek to make sense of this issue as our speakers help us understand the technology, history, legality, and politics of nuclear weapons. The speakers will also draw on their extensive experience and research to shed light on efforts to regulate nuclear weapons, and what this regulation and the multilateralism it depends on mean in an increasingly conflict-prone and polarized global setting.

Read more about the programme, the speakers and the Joakim Dungal Lectures in International Justice [here](#)

Open Positions and Applications:

Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellowships 2023-2024

The [Aleksanteri Institute](#), the Finnish Centre for Russian and Eastern European studies at the University of Helsinki, is pleased to invite applications for its Visiting Fellowships for the academic year 2023-2024 from scholars holding a PhD degree and pursuing research that relates to the Institute's research profile. The Fellowship carries a monthly grant to cover the expenses related to the research visit. Fellowships are for two months (with some exceptions specified in the call for proposals, for three months). The Visiting Fellowship scheme is intended for scholars who reside outside Finland.

The deadline for applications is **12 February 2023**.

Please see call details and application instructions in the [Call for Proposals](#). You can find more information on the Visiting Fellows Programme [here](#).

Call for Applications: ISRF Independent Scholar Fellowship Competition

Eligible Applicants

Independent scholars from within Europe[†] are eligible to apply, and they will not hold an appointment – full-time or part-time, temporary or permanent – at an institution of higher education and research.[‡]

For the purposes of this competition, an 'Independent Scholar' is understood as someone, whether or not currently in (non-academic) employment, who is engaged in intellectual work of a nature and standard comparable to that of a professional academic scholar.

Applicants will usually hold a PhD but other equivalent academic or professional qualifications may be considered. Evidence of scholarly achievement at a sufficiently high level can include publications in academic journals, edited collections and monographs, as well as pieces for professional journals and the popular media.

Independent Scholars intending to pursue or complete a piece of independent research and desiring an affiliation to an institution of higher education and research within Europe are eligible to apply. They may be in professional (non-academic) employment, including in the arts, full- or part-time, or in an unpaid occupation.

The awards are intended as providing a stipend to allow applicants support for academic research and relief from non-academic work (including domestic care) for a period of up to one year.

† There is no limitation on nationality – however, the proposed institutional affiliation must be with a European institution.

‡ Newly qualified post-doctoral scholars, as-yet unemployed in academia, are not considered Independent Scholars for the purpose of this competition.

Eligible Research

The ISRF wishes to support independent-minded researchers to explore and present original research ideas which take new approaches, and suggest new solutions, to real world social problems.

Proposed research should break with existing explanatory frameworks so as to address afresh empirical problems with no currently adequate theory or investigative methodology. Innovation may also come from controversial theoretical approaches motivated by critical challenge of incumbent theories.

Interdisciplinarity in the generation of new investigative initiatives may be achieved by combining, cross-fertilising, and so transforming empirical methods and theoretical insights from the social sciences. Projects ranging across the breadth of the social scientific disciplines and interdisciplinary research fields are welcome, and relevant applications from scholars working within the humanities are also encouraged.

Duration & Timing

The awards are intended as providing a stipend to allow applicants full or partial relief from non-academic duties, for a period of up to one year; alternatively, the award may be sought by those who wish to be bought-out directly from their current (non-academic) employment contract (in whole or partially), with the prior consent of their current employer. **The award period must begin no later than the end of December 2024.**

Value

The amount of an award depends on the nature of the work proposed and individual circumstances – the ISRF expects applications for grants up to a maximum of €32,500 (or GBP equivalent)†. Within that sum, reasonable support for research expenses will be considered. Reasonable childcare or other domestic costs may be considered.

Deadline: 31st March 2023, 5pm BST - [More Info](#)

† PLEASE NOTE: Applicants based in the UK must apply in GBP (£), up to the limit of £28,750. All other applicants must apply in EUR (€), up to the limit of €32,500 (this will not be adjusted in the event of GBP/EUR currency fluctuations).