

Call for Participation in a Discussion Group on

RUSSIA V. UKRAINE: IMPLICATIONS FOR A NEW GLOBAL ORDER

Abstracts due: September 19, 2022

Introduction

The following is a Call for Participation in a Discussion Group on ***RUSSIA V. UKRAINE: IMPLICATIONS FOR A NEW GLOBAL ORDER*** to be held during the in-person AALS Annual Meeting from January 3-7, 2023 in San Diego, California.

Discussion groups allow a small group of faculty to engage in a sustained conversation about a topic of interest. This discussion group's participants are expected to write and share a short abstract (three pages, double-spaced) to begin their participation in the discussion. The rest of the session will feature a lively and engaging discussion among the small group of participants. The participants in this discussion group will be the individuals identified in the original proposal submitted to the Program Committee, plus additional individuals selected from this "call for participation." There will be limited audience seating for those not selected in advance to be discussion participants.

Call for Abstracts

The Annual Meeting Program Committee invites faculty and administrators who would like to join this Discussion Group to submit a three-page abstract that addresses whether the ongoing conflict in Ukraine has the potential to disrupt the existing global order and our understanding of the role which international institutions play in global affairs. In addition, discussants will focus on what role law schools will be able to play in terms of shaping such a possible new world order.

Space in this Discussion Group is limited; the Committee, along with the faculty organizer who proposed this discussion, will select the remaining discussion participants from the abstracts submitted. At the AALS Annual Meeting in January, the selected participants will make a one to two-minute presentation during the Discussion Group. The remaining time will be devoted to a moderated, roundtable group discussion.

Each submission for this Discussion Group should include:

- The title of the submitted presentation/paper;
- The name, school and email of the applying participant;
- A three-page, double-spaced abstract and;
- The curriculum vitae of the applying participant.

In reviewing the submitted abstracts, the discussion group organizer and selection committee will consider the following:

- The fit and overall quality of the abstract for the Discussion Group;

- The diversity that the applying participant may bring in terms of a variety of factors including viewpoint diversity, institutional affiliation and status (tenure-track, non-tenure track, tenured); and if applicable
- The applying participant's willingness to publish his or her paper along with other Discussion Group papers.

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Description of Discussion Group

This Discussion Group will be composed of experts who have studied the role of international law and international institutions in world affairs. The overall goal of this Discussion Group will be to assess whether the ongoing conflict in Ukraine has the potential to disrupt the existing global order and our understanding of the role which international institutions play in global affairs. In addition, discussants will focus on what role law schools will be able to play in terms of shaping such a possible new world order.

In the post-World War II world, the United Nations Charter, as well as accompanying customary law norms, have prohibited states to use force against each other. Although states have used force and have intervened in each other's affairs over the course of the past seven decades, states have rarely launched full-scale invasions in order to capture the territory of another state. Moreover, in the post-World War II world, international institutions, such as the United Nations and NATO, have played a key role in terms of both limiting states' ability to use force, but also in terms of allowing the most powerful states to get away with violating basic international law norms with few consequences (because of the veto structure of the United Nations Security Council). The existence of regional military alliances such as NATO has also played a key role in international affairs: NATO has both engaged in offensive or preventive action against non-NATO member states (such as the 1999 air strikes in the former Yugoslavia), has acted as counterweight to Russia, and has, most likely, prevented Russia from invading other countries which are NATO member states, such as the Baltic Republics. The Russian invasion of Ukraine calls into question the existing global order by representing an instance of overt aggression of one state against another, and also by underscoring the inability of international institutions to act in order to deter Russian conduct. In fact, the United Nations has been largely blocked from acting against Russia, because of this great power's veto power in the Security Council.

Discussants will focus on these extremely important issues by analyzing how the Russia-Ukraine conflict may be changing the existing global order and by looking further into the role of various international institutions. Discussants will explore issues such as a possible re-organization of the United Security Council, possible limitations on the use of the veto power, expanding the role of the United Nations General Assembly, reviewing the NATO charter and mission and possibly re-conceptualizing this alliance as an offensive and defensive vehicle, and studying the role of other international as well as regional organizations. Discussants will engage in conversation about these important topics while focusing on the Russia-Ukraine conflict as an example of the changing or evolving global

order. Finally, discussants will focus on the role of law schools and other educational institutions in preparing a new generation of lawyers to operate in this new global order. New lawyers need to be prepared to act in crisis situations, such as the war in Ukraine, and need to be aware of the evolving dynamics within the world's super powers, as well as ready to think creatively and propose novel ideas and solutions. Thus, discussants will address potential "remedies" – ideas that would work in terms of addressing major violations of international law in the future (such as flagrant uses of forces for the sake of territorial expansion). Such "remedies" may include a review of existing international organizations and a novel way of conceptualizing state relations.

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