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Justice and accountability for Ukraine: the compensation mechanisms and the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression

1230 – 1600 JST, 15 October 2026

Hitotsubashi University Hall, 2F, National Center of Sciences Building
2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8439, Japan

As international accountability mechanisms addressing Russia's aggression against Ukraine move from establishment to implementation, this in-person seminar will feature leading experts from the legal profession, international organisations, academia, government and civil society to discuss the latest developments. The first panel will examine the Register of Damage, Claims Commission and Compensation Fund, and the second will address the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine and its contribution to ensuring accountability for the crime of aggression. The seminar will also consider how Japan, the Asia Pacific region and the wider international community can continue to support these accountability efforts and strengthen the international legal order.

Simultaneous interpretation in Japanese and English will be provided throughout the seminar.

Registration

This is an in-person event. All participants are expected to attend in person.

Attendance is free of charge but advance registration is required. Registration closes on **13 October 2026**.

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Programme

1230 – 1240 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Yurii Lutovinov *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Japan, Tokyo*

Claudio Visco (recorded message) *Lipani Legal & Tax, Milan; President, IBA*

1240 – 1300 **Keynote speech**

Oleksandr Karasevych *State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Kyiv (TBC)*

1300 – 1415

Compensating victims of international crimes in Ukraine

Moderators

Kimitoshi Yabuki *Co-Chair, Human Rights for the Future, Tokyo*

Panellists

Markiyan Kliuchkovskiy *Executive Director, Register of Damage for Ukraine, The Hague*

Isomi Suzuki *Past President, LAWASIA, Tokyo*

1415 – 1545

Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine

Moderator

Kate Orlovsky *Director, IBA ICC & ICL Programme, The Hague*

Panellists

Mark Ellis *Executive Director, IBA, London*

Anton Korynevych (online) *Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Kyiv*

Dmytro Koval *Co-Executive Director, Truth Hounds, Kyiv*

Philipp Osten *Director, Center for International Criminal Justice and Professor at the Faculty of Law, Keio University, Tokyo*

Irene Suominen-Picht (online) *Deputy, Accountability for Ukraine Unit, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg*

1545 – 1555

Perspectives from the legal profession

Kin-ichi Takahashi *Vice President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Tokyo*

Jason Wu *Vice President, Taiwan Bar Association, Taipei*

1555 – 1600 **Closing remarks**

Rob Anderson *Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Public Diplomacy, Political and Cultural Affairs Section, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Tokyo*

Speaker biographies

Mark Ellis

Executive Director, IBA, London

As Executive Director of the IBA, Mark Ellis leads the foremost international organisation of bar associations, law firms and individual lawyers. He is a Fellow of King's College London. Ellis served as a Legal Advisor to the Kosovo Commission chaired by Justice Richard J Goldstone. He was appointed by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to advise on the creation of Serbia's War Crimes Tribunal. Ellis worked alongside the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the Iraqi High Tribunal, the Cambodia Tribunal (ECCC) and presently with the International Criminal Court (ICC). In 2015, he was appointed to the UN Advisory Panel to the Defence Counsel and, in the same year, initiated eyeWitness to Atrocities, a mobile phone application designed to capture pictorial evidence of international crimes for use in court. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Ellis has led the IBA's support efforts for Ukraine and, as a result, has been sanctioned by the Russian government. He was awarded Ukraine's *Order of Merit*, one of Ukraine's most distinguished state honours conferred by the President. His latest book, *Five Pillars for Humankind*, co-authored with Ambassador David J Scheffer was published this year by Springer. He is a member of the *Council of Foreign Relations*. Twice a Fulbright Scholar to the former Yugoslavia, he earned his JD and BS from Florida State University and his PhD in international law from King's College, London.

Markiyan Kliuchkovskiy

Executive Director, Register of Damage for Ukraine, The Hague

Markiyan Kliuchkovskiy is the Executive Director of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. He was appointed to this position by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on 1 July 2023, following the designation of the Conference of Participants of the Register at its first meeting.

As the Executive Director, Markiyan represents the Register and acts on its behalf. He has the day-to-day responsibility of overseeing and administering the work of the Secretariat of the Register, with whom he acts to ensure substantive, technical, administrative and organisational support is provided for the Conference of Participants and the Board of the Register. In addition, he liaises with relevant national and international bodies on various issues related to the Register's work and the process of collecting claims and evidence, and is responsible for forwarding claims to the Board to be recorded in the Register. Alongside other duties, he also prepares the Register's annual budget to be adopted by the Conference of Participants and reports the additional voluntary contributions that have been received by the Register.

Markiyan has more than 20 years' experience in the fields of international law and dispute resolution, earning him recognition as one of the top Ukrainian lawyers in these areas. He holds bachelor and masters degrees in international law from the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, as well as an LLM in international dispute resolution from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Dmytro Koval

Co-Executive Director, Truth Hounds, Kyiv

Chair of International and European Law at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Co-Executive Director at Truth Hounds, member of the international advisory council of the Prosecutor's General Office of Ukraine. Dmytro graduated from Odessa Law Academy in 2010 and holds a PhD in international law. Dmytro was a research fellow at Stanford University, Central European University, Jagiellonian University and the Graduate School for Social Research of the Polish Academy of Science. He gave visiting lectures at numerous universities including Yale University, Stanford University, Mississippi College, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés of Bolivia, Royal Academy of Belgium, Jagiellonian University, Universidad Panamericana, University of Zurich and more. Dmytro serves as a member of the Committee on International Humanitarian Law Implementation in Ukraine. He worked on IHL and IHRL issues in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine. He also advised the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, UNESCO, the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, the Prosecutor General's Office and Ukrainian MPs on different aspects of international law. Since 2021 Dmytro represented Ukraine in the UNESCO Protocol 1999 Committee. Dmytro is a member of the board of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize winner, the Center for Civil Liberties.

Anton Korynevych

Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Kyiv

Anton Korynevych is Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Korynevych is the agent of Ukraine before the International Court of Justice in the Allegations of Genocide case and also served as agent in the Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination case.

Korynevych received his PhD in international law (2011) from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv.

Kate Orlovsky

Director, IBA ICC & ICL Programme, The Hague

Kate Orlovsky is the Director of the Hague Office of the IBA and of the IBA's ICC and International Criminal Law Programme. As Programme Director, Orlovsky works with ICC officials, States Parties and other stakeholders to increase cooperation with and support for the ICC and other accountability efforts, with the goal of strengthening the Rome Statute system globally and achieving fair, effective, and accessible justice for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crimes of aggression. Her work includes promoting the adoption of legislation at a national level, and providing recommendations on effective oversight of the ICC, national frameworks for domestic prosecutions of Rome Statute crimes, cooperation and universality. Orlovsky has extensive experience working in civil society organisations on international justice, where her work has focused on fair trials, gender justice and international criminal law. She has written numerous publications and has lectured widely on the ICC and transitional justice, and serves on the Organising Committee of the IBA ICC Moot Court Competition.

Philipp Osten

Director, Center for International Criminal Justice and Professor at the Faculty of Law, Keio University, Tokyo

Irene Suominen-Picht

Deputy, Accountability for Ukraine Unit, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Irene Suominen, now Deputy Head of the Accountability for Ukraine Unit at the Council of Europe, was part of the Council of Europe Secretariat servicing the Core Group on the Establishment of a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine and closely involved in the drafting process of the constitutive instruments of the Special Tribunal. Suominen has served as a legal advisor for public international law at the Council of Europe since 2016.

Prior to that she was a lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights, as well as having worked for the UNHCR Berlin and the ICTY. Suominen, a qualified lawyer in Germany, holds, in addition, an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex (UK) and an LLM from the University of Turku (Finland).

Speaker biographies

Isomi Suzuki

Past President, LAWASIA, Tokyo

Isomi Suzuki is a Japanese lawyer, also admitted to NY bar, with extensive experience in international law and dispute resolution. He served as a Member of the IBA Council, representing the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), from 2015 to 2019, and as President of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA), from 2013 to 2015.

He served as a Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission from 1998 to 2005 and as Executive Commissioner of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution concerning the Fukushima Nuclear Accident from 2011 to 2016.

He currently chairs the JFBA Working Group on International Commercial and Investment Arbitration and ADR.

Kin-ichi Takahashi

Vice President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Tokyo

Kin-ichi Takahashi was appointed as the Vice-President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) in April 2026. He was admitted as a legal attorney in 1989 and has been based in Fukushima since then. Kin-ichi also served in executive roles for the Fukushima Bar Association (Vice-President in 2000 and President in 2010) and the Tohoku Federation of Bar Association (President in 2021).

As the Vice-President of the JFBA, he mainly works with committees dealing with the JFBA's annual convention on human rights protection, international human rights, disaster recovery assistance, the Japan Legal Support Center for legal access, civil legal aid and other services and abolishing death penalty.

Jason Wu

Vice President, Taiwan Bar Association, Taipei

Jason graduated with an LLM from Duke University School of Law, Durham, USA, and a Bachelor of Laws (JD equivalent) and a Master of Laws from National Taiwan University College of Law, Taipei, Taiwan. He is admitted to practice law in Taiwan and New York, USA. Jason's major practice areas include intellectual property rights, public construction, government procurement, general corporate and commerce, cross-border transaction/investment and estate planning.

Jason won his high acclaim and recognition through his professional expertise and dedication to pro bono service in Taichung and Taiwan. He previously served as the President of the Taichung Bar Association and the Director General of the Legal Affairs Bureau of the Taichung City Government. Jason is now the Vice-President of the Taiwan Bar Association (TWBA) and the Chairperson of the Attorney Disciplinary Committee. Jason has been deeply engaged in exchanges between Taiwanese legal professionals and the international legal community by promoting mutual visits and interactions with bar associations worldwide.

Kimitoshi Yabuki

Co-Chair, Human Rights for the Future, Tokyo

Kimitoshi Yabuki is the former Chair of the Bar Issues Commission, the Credential Committee and the Asia Pacific Regional Forum of the IBA. In Japan, Kimitoshi was President of the Tokyo Bar Association as well as the Vice-President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA) in 2021-2022. At that time, the Tokyo Bar Association issued its Presidency Comment on the Ukraine-Russia military conflict, criticising Russia on its aggression against Ukraine. Kimitoshi was chairing various committees at the JFBA and the most recent role he undertook was as Chair of the Board of International Committees and Strategies. Due to his reputable experience in these roles, as well as his work as a competition lawyer in private practice, Kimitoshi was recently awarded the position of an Honorary Life Member to the IBA.

Yurii Lutovinov

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