

Conference

February 27, 2025



State Assets / Immunities & Accountability for War Damages

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Conference Overview

Accountability for grave violations of international law is a pressing issue for the global community. This includes individual accountability and state responsibility, especially the use of frozen state assets to enforce reparations.

The conference will feature panels of international experts, practitioners, and legal advisers to discuss these critical issues, focusing on accountability and reparations for violations of international law and war damages — particularly in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine.

08:00 – 08:30 / **Welcome coffee and croissants**

→ **Conference room – Mis10 01.13**

08:30 – 08:45 / **Opening Remarks**

Prof. Pascal Pichonnaz, University of Fribourg, President, European Law Institute

H. E. Iryna Venediktova, Ambassador of Ukraine to Switzerland

H. E. Carl Magnus Nesser, Ambassador of Sweden to Switzerland

Amb. Franz Perrez, Head of the Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

Session I (08:50 – 09:50) – Academic Perspectives : Interpreting Existing Laws

Prof. Andrew Clapham, Geneva Graduate Institute

Prof. Chiara Giorgetti, Columbia Law School

Prof. Astrid Reisinger, University of Vienna

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Discussant – Prof. Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

Session II (10:00 – 11:00) – Practical Perspectives and Challenges

Amb. Hans Corell, Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

Markiyan Kliuchkovskiy, Executive Director of the Register of Damage for Ukraine

Yuliya Ziskina, Legal Adviser, Razom for Ukraine

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Moderator – Prof. Pascal Pichonnaz, University of Fribourg, President, European Law Institute

11:00 – 11:20 / **coffee break**

Session III (11:20 – 12:30) – Enforcement and Efficiency

Dr. Ola Engdahl, Principal Legal Adviser, Swedish MFA

Amb. Anton Korynevych, Ukraine MFA, Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression

Iryna Mudra, Deputy Head, Office of the President of Ukraine

Amb. Franz Perrez, Head of the Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

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Moderator – Andrej Lushnycky, Honorary Consul of Ukraine, Director, ACP, University of Fribourg

12:30 – 12:50 / **Closing Remarks**

13:00 – 14:30 / **Apéro dinatoire – Hall d'Honneur**

Words of Welcome Prof. Katharina M. Fromm,
President, University of Fribourg

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Venue

University of Fribourg,
Auditorium MIS10 01.13

Address

Rue de Rome 1, 1700 Fribourg
Switzerland

Information:



Registration is mandatory

Directions and plan

Arriving on foot from Fribourg Train Station (10 minutes)

- Turn right toward Pl. de la Gare
- Slight left onto Pl. de la Gare
- Turn left onto Av. de Tivoli
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Av. de l'Europe
- Turn right to stay on Av. de l'Europe
- Turn right onto Rue de Rome, the destination will be on the left

Arriving by bus from Fribourg Train Station (6 minutes)

Bus B5: Fribourg, Place de la Gare towards Fribourg Torry, exit at Fribourg University

Arriving by car

Parking des Alpes:


245 spots, open 24/7, about a 4-minute walk from the conference room

Parking Fribourg Centre:


120 spots, open 24/7, about a 9-minute walk from the conference room



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