

One Year After the ECtHR Grand Chamber Judgment in *Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia*: Implications for Accountability and Justice in Occupied Territories

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Format:

Participation is **free of charge**, but registration is required.

- **In-person venue:** Kyiv (details will be shared with registered participants)
- **Online:** Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)

Registration link: [click here](#)

Date & Time: Saturday, **11 July 2026**, 11:00–14:00 Kyiv time (including reception for in-person participants)

Language: Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

About: On 9 July 2025, the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) delivered its landmark judgment in the inter-State case *Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia*. The judgment addresses Russia's responsibility for serious and systemic human rights violations in the context of the international armed conflict against Ukraine, including in territories under effective Russian control, as well as issues related to the downing of flight MH17.

For this event, we will focus on the parts of the judgment relating to **Ukraine and the situation in occupied territories**. One year on, the key questions are: what does the judgment really change in law and practice, and how can its findings be used in concrete cases (domestically and in the international fora)?

In a **moderated conversation**, Ukrainian and international experts will discuss how the judgment can support accountability and victim-centred justice for crimes committed in occupied parts of Ukraine since 2014, with particular attention to **administrative patterns of violations**.

Agenda

11:00–11:15 – Welcome Remarks

- Gabriela Radu, T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- Dr Gurgen Petrossian, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
- Onysiia Syniuk, ZMINA Human Rights Centre

11:15–12:20 – One Year On: From Judgment to Practice in Occupied Territories

Moderator: Gabriela Radu, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- **The broader significance of the judgment for Ukraine: international law, State responsibility and accountability beyond Strasbourg**

- Dr Marko Milanovic, Professor of Public International Law, University of Reading (*online*)
- **The judgment from the Agent's perspective: challenges and outcomes one year on**
 - Speaker to be confirmed
- **Impact on prosecutorial strategic planning and case prioritisation**
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- **Patterns of violations and administrative practices in occupied territories and civil society's role in documenting them and the judgment's findings on the coercive atmosphere in occupied territories and their relevance for assessing voluntariness in collaborationism proceedings**
 - Onysia Syniuk, Head of Research Department, ZMINA Human Rights Centre
- **Impact on individual applications and victim-centred justice**
 - Alina Pavliuk, Legal Coordinator, Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group
- **Broader accountability processes and reparations mechanisms**
 - Kyrilo Kyrlytsev, Chief Specialist, Division for Cooperation within International Mechanisms for Reimbursement of Damages Caused by Armed Aggression in the Territory of Ukraine, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine

12:20-12:45 - Q&A and Open Discussion

12:45-12:50 - Closing Remarks

12:50-14:00 - Reception (in-person)