



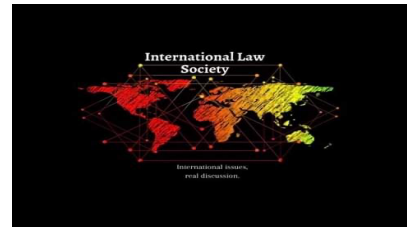
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The *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*, the *Syracuse Journal of Global Rights and Organizations*, the Student Bar Association, the American Constitution Society, and the International Law Society write to condemn the recent actions of Vladimir Putin and the Russian military and stand in solidarity with the People of Ukraine.

In the wake of World War II and the atrocities committed during that war, the international community came together to establish the United Nations. In the preamble to the United Nations Charter, the Peoples of the United Nations were determined “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,” and “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and woman and of nations large and small.”

We call on the international community to return to these ideals, reject war, and enforce international criminal law. We additionally call on the international community to condemn air raids and missile attacks, wherever they occur, as such attacks pose massive threats to the human rights of all citizens and should be rejected anywhere and everywhere they occur.

The true tragedy of war is that the warmonger does not fight the battles, instead they send our friends and family to do their bidding, while the warmonger remains safe in his fortified palace. The average person, in war time, is viewed as a commodity to be bought, used, and discarded. The People are the cost of war. The ordinary Ukrainian and Russian citizen are the hefty price that Putin has determined to be worth it for his imperialist venture. We call on the international community to provide the People of both states with the support they require during and after this conflict.

Additionally, we call on the international community to return to the path of diplomatic understanding and reaffirm the negotiation mechanisms contemplated in the Charter of the United Nations. The international community must return to this path to preserve life, peace for the inhabitants of Ukraine and Russia, and the stability of the region.

It is important to reject antiquated Cold War mentalities and take seriously, and respect, security concerns of all countries and reach balanced, effective, and sustainable security mechanisms through codified negotiation processes.

Lastly, we implore the Syracuse University College of Law and the international community to advocate for common, comprehensive, cooperative & sustainable security, that firmly upholds the UN-centered international system and an international order underpinned by international law.

As the Chancellor mentioned in his email this morning, the University's leadership and academic experts have been asked to help our community navigate the potential challenges ahead. [Resources, services, and supports](#) are available to all students, as well as to faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

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