

Toogdag Ukraine
27 January 2023
Plenary panel

- Title:** The Legality, Effect and Ethics of Sanctions on Russia
- Description:** This panel will offer perspectives on the legality, effect, and ethics of the sanctions on Russia in response to its aggressive behaviour against Ukraine. It will approach the matter through the lenses of Public International Law, European Law, Criminal Law and Private Law. The panelists will discuss the legal support and critique of the sanction regimes imposed by states and the EU, as well as the legal space for possible future steps to make sanctions more effective, e.g. by means of criminalising the violations of such sanctions. A competence to adopt EU-level criminal prohibitions in this field has only recently been created, having led directly to the submission of a legislative proposal. The panelists will also examine the phenomenon of self-sanctions or moral sanctions, referring to divestment by the business sector on its motion for reputational or other motives. In relation to this phenomenon, the panel explores whether it is justified or not to (still) represent Russian business interests against the background of sanctions and/or professional ethics rules.
- Moderator:** Dr. Moritz Jesse – 5 min
- Speakers:** Prof. Larissa van den Herik (Public International Law) – 10/15 min
Prof. Armin Cuyvers (European Union Law) – 10/15 min
Prof. Jannemieke Ouwerkerk (Criminal Law) – 10/15 min
Prof. Alex Geert Castermans (Civil Law) – 10/15 min
- Conclusions:** Andrii Zhupanyyn, member of the Ukrainian parliament – 10/15 min
- Discussion:** Q&A – 30 min