



Open Council of Europe
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Human Rights in Times of War

The role of the Council of Europe

Europa Experience David Sassoli, Piazza Venezia 6, Rome

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Programme

Monday 14

<i>h.9:00</i>	Welcome and introduction	OCEAN, CeSPI, Università di Trento
<i>h.9:30</i>	<i>Lecture 1</i> The War and the Court	Guido Raimondi , <i>former President of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)</i>
<i>h.10:30</i>	<i>Lecture 2</i> The War and the CoE	Clare Ovey , <i>Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>		
<i>h.11:30</i>	<i>Lecture 3</i> The War and the PACE	Despina Chatzivassiliou , <i>Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)</i>
<i>h.13:00</i>	<i>Lunch time</i>	
<i>h.15:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>Presentations</i>	The Impact of War on vulnerable groups: women and children
<i>h.18:00</i>	<i>Round Table</i>	The role of national Courts

[There will be two groups of presentations per day, with each group consisting of young participants presenting on a specific topic. A CoE official will introduce each topic (10 minutes), for example, the impact of war on children's rights.]

Tuesday 15

<i>Lecture 4</i>		
<i>h.9:30</i>	Human Rights and War of Aggression	Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou , <i>University of Liverpool</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>		
<i>Lecture 5</i>		
<i>h.11:30</i>	Human Rights, War and Children	Laura Guercio , <i>Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict (UNETCHAC)</i>
<i>Lunch time</i>		
<i>h.15:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>Presentations</i>	The Impact of War on vulnerable groups: journalists and activists
<i>h.18:00</i>	<i>Round Table</i>	The role of the NGO's

Wednesday 16

<i>Lecture 6</i>		
<i>h.9:30</i>	Human Rights and Grey Zones	Andrew Forde , <i>Dublin City University</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>		
<i>Lecture 7</i>		
<i>h.11:30</i>	Human Rights, War and AI	Marco Pertile , <i>Università di Trento</i>
<i>Lunch time</i>		
<i>h.15:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>Presentations</i>	The Impact of War on vulnerable groups: poor and migrants
<i>h.18:00</i>	<i>Round Table</i>	The role of national Parliaments

Thursday 17

Working groups will be formed to discuss different topics and formulate suggestions. These suggestions will be presented in a final plenary session.