



HELPING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

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Agenda for Workshops in Oravice, Slovakia and Witow, Poland

December 1-4, 2023

WORKSHOP No. 1

Helping Ukrainian Refugees: Understanding the Role of Law and Civil Society (Oravice, SK)

December 1, 2023 – Introduction to the program

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Arrival of Slovak, Ukrainian and Polish participants in Oravice, Slovakia

6:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. - Welcoming address and introduction to the workshop- Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok

6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Slovakian perspectives – Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University and Dr Miroslava Mittelmannova, Trnava University and Director, Human Rights League (HRL)

7:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m. – Polish perspectives – Prof. Izabela Krasnicka, University of Bialystok

7:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. - Ukrainian perspectives – Prof. Mirsoslava Chekh, Ukrainian Catholic University

8:00 p.m. - Welcoming dinner - Koliba Hubertka, Oravice

December 2, 2023 - The Role of Law

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast, Koliba Hubertka

10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. - Guest speaker - “Why Ukraine matters”, Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University (US)

11:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m. – Break

11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – “Introduction to Public International Law and the Russian invasion of Ukraine – key concepts and problems”, Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok

12:30 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. - “Introduction to International Refugee Law” – Dr Miroslava Mittelmanna, Trnava University and HRL

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Lunch, Koliba Hubertka

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - “Employment rights for Ukrainian refugees under EU law”, Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - “Rights of Ukrainian refugees under Polish law”, Prof. Izabela Krasnicka, University of Bialystok

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. – Break

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. – Interactive seminar/discussion: “Is law actually helping Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees?” Prof. Izabela Krasnicka, University of Bialystok, Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University, Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok, Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University

7:00 p.m. - Dinner, Koliba Hubertka

December 3, 2023 - The Role of Civil Society

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast, Koliba Hubertka

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.- Guest Speaker - “American Models: How NGOs have helped – and can help – Ukrainians during the war and after”, Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Break

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - “The response of Polish civil society to the invasion of Ukraine”, Prof. Izabela Krasnicka and Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. “The response of Slovak civil society to the invasion of Ukraine”, Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University, Dr Miroslava Mittlemannova, Trnava University and HRL

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Lunch, Koliba Hubertka

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Special guest speaker, Sofiia Tereshchenko, Winner of the 2023 Children’s Peace Prize (via video link)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - “The Human Rights League and Ukrainian Refugees – A case study of how civil society works”, Dr Miroslava Mittlemannova, Trnava University and HRL

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Interactive seminar/discussion- “Has civil society done enough to help Ukrainian refugees?” Prof. Izabela Krasnicka, University of Bialystok, Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University, Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok, Dr Miroslava Mittlemannova, Trnava University and HRL, Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University.

7:00 p.m. – Dinner, Koliba Hubertka

WORKSHOP No. 2

Helping Ukrainian Refugees: What young people can do going forward

December 4, 2023 - How Young People Can Help

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast, Koliba Hubertka

Morning free, with lunch at Koliba Hubertka at 11:30 and departure to Witow, Poland.

1:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. - “Positive examples – what young people have already done to help Ukrainian refugees”, Dr Miroslava Mittlemannova, Trnava University and HRL, Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok

2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. - “The Greatest Generation: Chapter II” – Guest speaker – Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. –

Breakout session 1: Polish students with Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of Bialystok – Coming up with ideas on what students can do to help Ukrainian refugees

Breakout session 2: Slovak students with Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University,
Coming up with ideas on what students can do to help Ukrainian refugees

Breakout session 3: Ukrainian students with Prof. Miroslava Chekh, UCU,
Coming up with ideas on what students can do to help Ukrainian refugees

4:15 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. – Combined session/discussion – “Top 10 ideas to help
Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Slovakia”, All students with Prof. Miroslava
Chekh, UCU, Dr Martin Bulla, Trnava University, Prof. Charles Szymanski,
University of Bialystok, Dr Miroslava Mittlemannova, Trnava University and
HRL, Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. -Closing address – Prof. Charles Szymanski, University of
Bialystok

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. - Closing thoughts “Act Well the Given Part: The Road to
Recovery” - Prof. James Baker, Syracuse University

6:00 p.m. – Closing dinner at Witowianka

December 5 - departure

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Witowianka

8:30 a.m. - Departures

