

# Human rights and the Ukraine War.

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## QUESTIONS FOR WEBINAR ON 8.02.23

This webinar will focus on the Council of Europe and the approach taken to the War in Ukraine. The Council of Europe was founded in 1949 to protect and uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe. Frequently confused with the European Union, the Council of Europe's institutions play a significant role in safeguarding European human rights. These institutions have had a 'coming of age' moment generated by the War in Ukraine, with the exclusion of the Russian Federation on 16 March 2022. In this webinar Carole will bring her expertise in human rights and the European legal landscape to the discussion of Russia's exclusion and what it means for the future of human rights in Europe.

1. What is the main focus of the talk this evening?
2. What the main functions of the Council of Europe?
3. Is the Council of Europe part of/connected to the EU; is the UK still a member state of the Council of Europe?
4. Quick reminder re the facts of the invasion of/war in Ukraine?
5. Quick reminder of Russian and Ukraine background at the CoE/at the ECtHR before the 2022 invasion?
6. How did the Council of Europe institutions respond to the Ukraine invasion?
7. What is the position now of Russia before the ECtHR since expulsion from CoE?
8. Has there been any caselaw involving Russia/caselaw involving Ukraine/involving Ukraine and Russia since Russian expulsion?
9. What about other CoE MS? How have they responded to the expulsion of Russia?
10. How can this be said to be a "coming of age"/landmark moment for the CoE? Have there been any similar situations involving the CoE and its MS in the past?
11. What is likely to be the future for Russia and the CoE?
12. What impact will/might the expulsion of Russia have for/on the CoE and its future?