

Russia's War Against Ukraine: "In Focus" Syllabus Supplements (2022-2026)

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Overview: This supplement includes materials that examine Russia's war against Ukraine through the lens of international humanitarian law, reparations and compensation, the crime of aggression, NATO's role, and litigation before the International Court of Justice, alongside the most recent developments in the conflict (last updated August 2026; additional relevant analysis may also have been published since then, available on Just Security's [website](#)). As with all articles on Just Security, the articles represent the views of the individual authors.

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