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Delivering Justice for War Crimes in Ukraine

Tirana Hassan, Executive Director at Human Rights Watch

Thursday 18 April 2024: 12pm for 12:30pm - 2:00pm at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the war has had a disastrous impact on civilian life, leaving thousands of civilians dead and injured. It has also destroyed Ukraine's civilian infrastructure, including homes, apartments and businesses, places of worship, hospitals, schools, and cultural monuments.



As part of the response to the war crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine, many governments, multilateral and international organisations have engaged a range of accountability mechanisms and tools to protect international human rights law and appropriately prosecute human rights violations in Ukraine.

How will the international justice system ensure that Russia will be held accountable for its actions? What are the implications for the future of global justice for war crimes and human rights? And how can we make sure justice will be delivered?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Tirana Hassan, Executive Director at Human Rights Watch, in conversation with Mohammad Chowdhury to delve into the challenges to international human rights law posed by the Russia-Ukraine War.

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***Tirana Hassan** is New York-based Executive Director at Human Rights Watch, one of the world's leading international human rights organisations, which operates in more than 90 countries and has over 500 staff members. Tirana is a qualified social worker and lawyer who has spent the past two decades working with individuals and communities pursuing their rights and fighting for justice. She was a founding member of a refugee legal service during Australia's refugee crisis in 2000 before working across the globe in international humanitarian operations specialising in child protection and civilian*

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protection in complex emergencies. Tirana has worked for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Save the Children, amongst others, across East and West Africa and South and South-East Asia. Tirana specialises in human rights protection in conflicts and crises. Between 2010-2015, she worked as a Senior Researcher in Human Rights Watch's Emergencies Division, where she carried out dozens of investigations in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. She later served as director of Amnesty International's Crisis Response Program, where she led teams of investigators and an interdisciplinary team that advanced innovative research methodologies for human rights investigations and evidence collection. She also served on the organisation's interim executive team. She has authored reports and op-eds for major publications worldwide.



Mohammad Chowdhury (Moderator) is the Founder and CEO of Long Street Advisors, and a Council Member at AIIA Victoria. Mohammad has worked in over 80 countries and focuses on the digital economy, digitisation in industries and regions and digital inclusion. Mohammad is a Trustee of the UK's Institute for the Future of Work and chairs its Finance Committee, has written for Forbes, the Sydney Morning Herald and the FT and serves the board of a technology company in Bangladesh. He works in this sector because he cares about opportunity, equality and inclusion. He is the author of [Border Crossings: My Journey as an Outsider](#) (NewSouth Books, July 2023).

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