

Food (In)Security

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Russia's invasion and blockade of Ukraine will have ramifications on food security far beyond the immediate warzone.

Housing some of the most crucial ports for the global food economy, restricted access to the Sea of Azov poses significant challenges for civilian welfare. Forecasts of global food insecurity warrant concerns of mass starvation, as approximately 26 countries rely on predominantly Ukraine and/or Russia for grain supplies.



The global food crisis has already contributed to social instability and a risky geopolitical climate, inciting widespread civil unrest. The increasing price of exports has exacerbated disparities between poorer and wealthier households, demonstrating the numerous humanitarian concerns that have arisen from the ongoing war. Unfortunately, the complete ramifications of global food insecurity are yet to be witnessed.

How bad is global food insecurity? How has Russia's invasion of Ukraine worsened the situation? What are the ramifications of food insecurity on political and social stability? How are governments likely to cope? What laws and international rules protect civilians experiencing the collateral damage of Russia's invasion?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Alexander Gillespie as he focuses on the current global food crisis, its links to Russia's blockade and being on the edge of a global famine.



Professor Alexander Gillespie obtained his LLB and LLM degrees with Honours from The University of Auckland. He did his PhD at Nottingham and post-doctoral studies at Columbia University in New York City. His areas of scholarship pertain to international and comparative environmental law; the laws of war; civil liberties; and several pressing issues of social concern. Alexander has published seventeen books. His most recent work is Volume IV of his Causes of War (1650-1800) series which was published in 2021 by Bloomsbury/Hart in Oxford, UK. He has also written over forty academic articles. Alexander has been awarded a Rotary International Scholarship, a Fulbright Fellowship, a residency at the Rockefeller Bellagio Centre in Italy, and the New Zealand Law Foundation International Research Fellowship. He was the recipient of a Francqui Foundation award with which he held a professorship at Ghent University, Belgium, for six months during 2018/2019. In 2021 he was the joint winner of the Critic and Conscience of Society Award.

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