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Laurier expert alert: Russian invasion of Ukraine

WATERLOO – Following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Wilfrid Laurier University has experts available to discuss a range of related topics, including the protection of civilians, the impact on global financial markets and how children are impacted by war.

For further commentary, all are welcome to attend [The Russian Invasion of Ukraine: A Catastrophe and its Implications](#), a virtual panel event on March 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Peace and conflict

[Timothy Donais](#) is an associate professor in Laurier’s Department of Global Studies. He is also the director of the Master in International Policy program and co-director of the PhD program in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. Donais’s primary research interests lie in post-conflict peacebuilding and peace operations. He is available to comment on issues related to conflict resolution and protection of civilians. Contact: tdonais@wlu.ca

[Ann Fitz-Gerald](#) is a professor in Laurier’s Department of Political Science and the director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs. She is an expert in global security, security sector governance, and peace and conflict. Fitz-Gerald has advised, and has been seconded to work with, a number of countries on issues relating to national security policy and strategy issues. Fitz-Gerald is available to speak about the role of the international governments, including Canada’s, in de-escalating the crisis. Contact: afitz-gerald@balsillieschool.ca

[Derek Hall](#) is an associate professor in Laurier’s Department of Political Science and at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. His research interests include international political economy and the history of capitalism. Hall is available to discuss the political-economic and international security aspects of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Contact: dehall@wlu.ca

[Edmund Pries](#) is an associate professor in the Department of Global Studies’ Peace and Conflict concentration. His current research is focused on religion and peace/conflict, and on the historical practice of, and social contracts derived from, citizenship oaths and military loyalty oaths. Pries is available to speak about issues related to peace and conflict. Contact: epries@wlu.ca

Human displacement and migration

[Bree Akesson](#) is an associate professor in Laurier’s Faculty of Social Work, the Canada Research Chair in Global Adversity and Well-Being, and associate director of the Centre for Research on Security Practices. She recently published a book about forcible displacement titled *From Bureaucracy to Bullets: Extreme Domicide and the Right to Home*. Akesson is available to comment on how families and children are impacted by war, family separation and forced migration, and the impact of home loss and destruction, known as domicile. Contact: bakesson@wlu.ca

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Economic impacts of war

[Pierre Siklos](#) is a professor in the Lazaridis School of Business and Economics. He specializes in macroeconomics with an emphasis on the study of inflation, central banks and financial markets. Siklos is available to discuss how Russia's invasion of Ukraine is impacting global financial markets. Contact: psiklos@wlu.ca

Geopolitics and history

[Simon Dalby](#) is a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies who teaches at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. He is a senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation. Dalby is an expert on governance, security and climate change, and he is available to comment on larger patterns of geopolitics and history, as well as strategy issues related to military action. Contact: sdalby@wlu.ca

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