

# The War in Ukraine and Academic Challenges

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Russia's military invasion of and war against Ukraine has caused enormous human suffering and material destruction. Together with manmade climate change and severe drought in many places, the war in Ukraine has also contributed to energy shortages, skyrocketing energy prices and major economic difficulties, not only for the warring parties, but across most of Europe, including the entire northern sphere, comprising the Arctic and the High North. Many of these challenges are urgent and require an immediate response from politicians, industrial leaders, and other decision-makers.

In addition, these unfortunate developments also raise a number of academic and scholarly issues, such as the extent to which political shifts have occurred in the global community, where the line between violations of international law and war crimes goes, how the war in Ukraine impacts human rights in general and the rights of Indigenous peoples living in the Arctic in particular, as well as other environmental, economic, and energy-related issues. Likewise, what impact do the increasingly visible changes in climate have on these issues?

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