

# Belarus 2020: Scientific and practical challenges in application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

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9:00-11:30 CET (10:00-12:30 Vilnius time; 11:00-13:30 Minsk time)

## AGENDA

**Introductory remarks** (*Dainius Žalimas*, President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania; Professor of International law at Mykolas Romeris University)

**Welcome word** (Assoc. Prof. *Jolanta Bieliauskaitė*, Head of the Academic Department of Social Sciences, European Humanities University; *Jakob Wöllenstein*, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Director Country Office Belarus)

PART I. Theoretical approach to the principle of the universal jurisdiction (Moderator: Dr. Liudmila Ulyashina, EHU Centre of the Constitutionalism and Human Rights)

1. **Impossibility to seek justice in Belarus** (Pavel Sapelko, lawyer from the human rights organization "Vyasna")
2. **Crime of torture in international criminal law and universal jurisdiction** (*Viktoria Fedorova*, Belarusian State University, researcher, director of the NGO "Legal Initiative", Minsk)
3. **Introduction to the principle of the universal jurisdiction and its compliance with international human rights standards** (*Mykola Gnatovskyy*, Professor of the international law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
4. Questions, comments

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PART II. Practical implementation of the principle of universal jurisdiction in individual jurisdictions (Moderator: Prof. Justinas Žilinskas, Mykolas Romeris University)

5. **Application of the principle of universal jurisdiction in Europe** (*Kai Ambos*, Judge Kosovo Specialist Chambers, the Hague; Professor, University of Gottingen)
6. **Main challenges in applying the principle of universal jurisdiction in individual jurisdictions** - comments from national experts (*Eric David*, Professor Emeritus at the Université libre de Bruxelles; *Andrius Nevera*, Professor at the Mykolas Romeris University)
7. Questions, comments

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