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Dr. Larysa Zhdankina is a Visiting academic with the School of Law at The University of Glasgow and a lecturer at the University of Strathclyde as well as an Associate Professor at the Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (Ukraine). Previously she was a Research Fellow of The Scottish Council on Global Affairs. Furthermore, she worked with the Institute of Legislation of Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine and the Constitution Court of Ukraine. She is a Ukrainian-qualified attorney and a member of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

Larysa’s work focuses on the interplay of international law and national constitutional law. She explores the problem of peacebuilding, and transitional justice in Ukraine by considering the interdisciplinary approach to resolving interstate conflicts through the formula of interaction and offset of mutual obligations. She emphasises on necessity of improving the national legislation of Ukraine regarding the protection of human rights in the transitional and post-war periods. The purpose of such actions should be to confirm the contribution role of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine to restoring human rights as well as adopting and amending laws. Moreover, she investigates the teachings of the Ukrainian sage and thinker Hryhorii Skovoroda on the concept of truth. She analyses his ideas in the context of the right of victims of armed conflicts to the truth and information about the motives, grounds, and method of committing crimes during the war and the criminal’s identity.