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# *The EU response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine: political, cultural, religious and historical perspectives*

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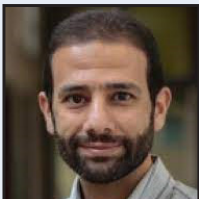
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On the 24th of February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine. The West responded with shock but also with a reasonably strong, unified condemnation. As the atrocities mounted, the European Union (EU) continued to work closely with western allies and provided a coordinated but measured response in support of Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia have not stopped the hostilities. The invasion has created a number of subsequent crises, including the largest displacement of refugees since WWII, increase in food and energy prices, and disruptions in world markets. Questions abound regarding the future of the liberal order and global security. We convene a panel of UVic-affiliated experts to provide scholarly perspective on the history, politics and ideology of the present war in Ukraine.

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