

Ukraine: Stop the Carnage, Build the Peace!

Introduction and Policy Recommendations

In March 2022, Just World Educational held a series of eight webinars on the international crisis sparked by Russia's February invasion of Ukraine. The sessions were co-hosted by JWE President Helena Cobban and Board Member Richard Falk; in each one, they conducted a broad public conversation on issues raised by the crisis with two—or in one case, three—superbly well-qualified and thoughtful guests. Bios of all the participants can be found at pp. 31-32.

The multimedia records of all these conversations can be viewed at bit.ly/JWE-UkraineCrisis. This Report contains digests of all the conversations, along with a list of Policy Recommendations that, in the judgment of the JWE Board, arose clearly from them.

These Policy Recommendations are as follows:

1. Ukraine-wide ceasefire now!
2. An embargo on arms shipments into Ukraine by all countries.
3. Start negotiations now, involving all relevant parties, for a lasting peace arrangement for Ukraine, and commit to completion within six months.
4. Monitoring and verification of the ceasefire and arms embargo to be led by the United Nations and the OSCE, or any other party acceptable to both Ukraine and Russia.
5. Immediate aid for rebuilding in Ukraine, including for agriculture, ports, residential areas, and related systems.
6. Immediate international talks on implementation of 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, under which all signatory states including the United States and Russia committed to complete nuclear disarmament, and a call for all governments to support the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons .
7. Leaders of NATO countries should oppose all manifestations of Russophobia.
8. The United States should give up all efforts at regime change in Russia.

Of these recommendations, we give the highest priority to the first one: an unequivocal call for an immediate halt to the fighting by all sides within Ukraine. We were very moved by the judgment expressed by our guest Anatol Lieven, a long-time expert on Russian military affairs and on Ukraine-Russia relations, when he said that the outline and many details of a workable long term settlement between the two countries are already quite clear and *the nature of this settlement would be unlikely to change much even if the fighting should continue many more years*. For his part, Richard Falk noted