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In 2020, the International Section of the New York State Bar Association sponsored the conference “Nuclear Weapons and International Law in the Contemporary Era.” While this conference produced an incredible account of the international law framework governing nuclear weapons, Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, along with Russia’s nuclear threats, necessitated continued dialogue on this pressing issue.

Volume 55 of the Georgetown Journal of International Law is pleased to publish the proceedings of the conference, “Nuclear Weapons and International Law: The Renewed Imperative in Light of the Ukraine War.” This conference addressed the heightened dangers of nuclear war, accentuated by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and threats to use nuclear weapons. It is our hope that the following transcripts will positively contribute to critical thinking and action in this topical area.

The Georgetown Journal of International Law did not extensively edit the proceedings of the conference produced below. Our goal was to reflect as accurately as possible the compelling discussions and presentations from this conference.

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