

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EASTERN EUROPE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO UKRAINE

Summary

Today, Eastern Europe is going through a crisis that has many characteristics: social, political, economic, ideological, cultural. Russia's aggression against Ukraine is an event that will mark the future of Europe and the global world order. The current situation in Eastern Europe, that is, the armed conflict in Ukraine, has mercilessly, brutally and intentionally trampled and violated all international law, humanitarian and other rules, which regulate the behavior of sovereign and independent states in international relations. In the paper, the authors point out that the international community, that is, the European Union, plays a key role in the stability and security of Eastern Europe. The development of regional relations in the Eastern neighborhood depends on the approach of the European Union to key actors such as Ukraine. Therefore, it is necessary to recognize Ukraine as an important economic and political actor in Europe, which should also lead to deeper engagement with the European Union. On the other hand, it is important to respect and gradually implement democratic reforms that will bring Ukraine closer to the European Union and ensure its status as a democratic leader in the region.

Key words:

Eastern Europe, European Union, International relations, identity of Ukraine, Ukrainian crisis.