



Ewelina OCHAB – Biography

Dr Ewelina U. Ochab is a lawyer, human rights advocate, and author. She is a senior programme lawyer with the IBA's Human Rights Institute and co-founder of the Coalition for Genocide Response. She works on the topic of genocide, with a specific focus on the persecution of ethnic and religious minorities around the world with main projects including the Daesh genocide in Syria and Iraq, Boko Haram atrocities in West Africa, the situation of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, the Uyghurs in China, Tigrayans in Ethiopia, and the Hazara in Afghanistan.

Dr Ochab further works on the issue of conflict-related sexual violence and the situation of children in conflict, including during Putin's war in Ukraine. She has led several UK Parliamentary inquiries, including the Gender Apartheid Inquiry in Afghanistan and Iran.

Furthermore, Dr Ochab has been raising the issue of abductions and illegal adoptions of Ukrainian children in Russia. She has written over 30 reports for the UN (including Universal Periodic Review reports) and has made oral and written submissions at the Human Rights Council, the UN Forum on Minority Issues, PACE and other international and regional fora. Dr Ochab authored the initiative and proposal to establish the UN International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief on August 22.