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NECS Statement on Russian War on Ukraine

The European Network for Cinema and Media Studies, strongly condemns Russia's ongoing attack on Ukraine. This war hits a country which is home to some of our members and upholds the same values on which NECS is also founded. This invasion is not only an attack on Ukraine, but on our shared values of tolerance, peace and care. We stand with the people of Ukraine and their country. We also support all Russian and Belarusian citizens who are courageously protesting against the invasion, just as we stand with all people willing to act, share and help war refugees. The NECS Steering Committee joins organizations such as ECREA in their [appeal](#) to its members to actively influence the politics of their respective countries to aid Ukraine and make their contribution to ending the armed confrontation.

Furthermore, the SC has passed the following resolution as a reaction to the current situation.

1. We are preparing a donation plan to support the survival of Cinema and Media Studies institutions in Ukraine.
2. We are offering a waiver of our membership fees for all Ukrainian colleagues, who want to become a member and use our network and international job market service. If you want to use this opportunity or need assistance with what's possible, please write to supportATnecs.org.
3. We have initiated a collaboration with our academic colleagues from the Lviv Urban Media Archive, which has now been turned into a shelter. NECS is organizing an online seminar with UMA to help them with a currently initiated project. The aim is to preserve the public information, as well as the individual voices and experiences about the war developments and refugee crisis in

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Ukraine for future researchers, archives and prospect legal procedures. More information about this initiative will follow.

4. To assist Ukrainian colleagues and students in Cinema and Media Studies fleeing the war, we have assembled the following open list with information, potential stipends, or other forms of support. Anyone wanting to add info is welcome to send further links (supportATnecs.org), particularly if your university offers possibilities for students, too. This might also apply to colleagues from Russia and Belarus, who are openly opposing the war and, as such, face consequences in their home countries.



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